

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

April 13, 2015 Face-to-Face Meeting

CBPO Fish Shack, 410 Severn Avenue, Annapolis

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- 9:00 Welcome/Confirm Call Participants/Workgroup Updates – Jenn Volk, Chair
- 9:10 Oyster Panel Recommendations – Ward Slacum & Julie Reichert, Oyster Recovery Partnership
Ward and Julie from the Oyster Recovery Partnership will present their recommendations for convening an Oyster BMP Expert Panel.

Decision: WQGIT members will be asked to approve the formation of an Oyster BMP Expert Panel.
- 10:00 BMP Protocol Revisions – Lucinda Power, EPA
Lucinda will review the changes to the Protocol based on partnership comments, and will lead a discussion to resolve any concerns. Specific points of discussion will include: conflict of interest, BMP verification, unintended consequences, and BMP Expert Panel composition.
- 10:50 BREAK
- 11:00 Optimization Tool and STAC Workshop – Ben Hobbs, JHU
Ben will present on optimization and its usefulness for Bay TMDL planning. James Davis-Martin will be asking for WQGIT buy-in on the STAC workshop proposal and the incorporation of an optimization tool into CAST for use with WIP III planning.
- 11:40 EPA's Animal Agriculture Program Assessments – Kelly Shenk, EPA
In March 2015, EPA released its completed evaluations of animal agriculture programs in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The assessments looked at the jurisdictions' implementation of federal and state regulatory programs, as well as voluntary incentive-based programs to meet the nutrient and sediment reduction commitments in the jurisdictions' WIPs. Kelly will provide an overview of the assessments' findings from those three Bay watershed jurisdictions, as well as the timeline for conducting the remaining assessments in Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia.
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 12:30 Federal Facility Targets – James Davis-Martin, VADEQ and Jim Edward, EPA
James and Jim will update the WQGIT on the progress towards establishing a protocol for developing federal facility targets.

12:45 Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee Update – Curtis Dell, USDA and John Rhoderick, MDA
Curt will provide a detailed update on the decisions that resulted from the March 13th Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee meeting, as well as the overall timeline and progress in completing their specific priority tasks under the Bay TMDL’s midpoint assessment. Curt will also present the revised Agriculture Land Use list and the Poultry Litter Subcommittee report, both approved by the Agriculture workgroup on March 18th.

Decision: WQGIT members will be asked to approve the Poultry Litter Subcommittee report and the revised Agriculture Land Use list.

1:35 Revised Land Use Loading Rates – Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting
Olivia will provide a briefing on the revised land use loading targets for the approved land use categories in the Phase 6 Watershed Model. The Modeling Workgroup will approve the loading targets during their April quarterly meetings.

2:05 Agriculture BMP Panels – Mark Dubin, UMD
Mark will brief the WQGIT on the Expert Panel Establishment Group (EPeg) reports and the proposal for approving recommendations from Ag BMP Expert Panels both pre- and post-October 2015. He will ask WQGIT members for their questions and feedback on the proposal.

2:30 BREAK

2:40 Climate Change Update and Next Steps for Local Impoundments – Lew Linker, EPA
Lew will provide an update on the climate change analyses currently underway. He will address topics including tidal water temperature, increased salinity, sea level rise, and changing precipitation levels. In addition, Lew will discuss the next steps for collecting data on local impoundments.

3:00 Mid-Point Assessment Schedule – Lucinda Power, EPA
Lucinda will present the current midpoint assessment timeline to the WQGIT members, as well as the key decisions that will be made over the next several months. If there have been any significant delays that have changed timelines and may impact deliverable deadlines, they will be discussed.

3:30 Adjourn

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