



Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership
Principals' Staff Committee
Virginia DEQ, No. Virginia Regional Office
13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193
December 13, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Molly Ward, will open the meeting and welcome PSC members.
Nick DiPasquale, CBPO Director, will review progress on the October 26, 2016 Principals' Staff Committee's actions and decisions and selected items from the December Program Update.
Decision requested: Approval of actions/decisions from October 26 PSC meeting.
Action: Updates on partner plans to develop public service announcements (PSAs) to support local government engagement pursuant to the Executive Council Resolution.
Materials:
I.a. Actions & Decisions, October 2016 PSC meeting
I.b. Program Update
- II. 2017 Midpoint Assessment Decision-Making**
- Introduction: Fitting all the Places Together** 10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
An overview of planned framework for how the Midpoint Assessment decisions, scheduled to be made in the spring 2017, will build upon the foundation laid by the decisions being requested today.
Presenter: Molly Ward, PSC Chair
- A. Phase III WIP Planning Targets Methodology** 10:35 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
Decision Requested: Agreement by the PSC on the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's (WQGIT) and Management Board's recommended Phase III Watershed Implementation Planning (WIP) planning targets methodology.
Presenter: James Davis-Martin, CBP WQGIT Chair
Materials:
II.a. Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans Planning Targets Methodology Briefing Paper
II.b. Phase III WIPs Planning Targets Methodology Presentation
- B. Allocation of Conowingo Infill of Nutrient and Sediment Loads** 10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
Overview of possible options for how the additional nutrient and sediment loads now passing through the Conowingo Reservoir due to the infill conditions may be allocated amongst the jurisdictional partners and when.

Action Requested: Identify additional information PSC members would like to have to help them make Conowingo infill allocation decisions addressing who, how and when.

Presenter: Lee Currey, CBP Scientific, Technical, Analysis and Reporting (STAR) Team Modeling Workgroup Co-Chair

Materials:

II.c. Understanding the Effect of the Conowingo Dam and Reservoir on Bay Water Quality Briefing Paper

II.d. The Influence of the Conowingo Reservoir Infill on Expectations for States' Nutrient and Sediment Pollutant Load Reductions Presentation

II.e. Webinar on Conowingo Dam: Understanding the impacts to Chesapeake Bay water quality changes from the loss of the Dam's trapping capacity.

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C. Narrowing Down the Range of Options for Accounting for Climate Change in the Phase III WIPs

11:20 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Decision Requested: Agreement by the PSC on the proposed climate change assessment procedures for determining the projected mid-term (2025) and long term (2050) impacts on Chesapeake Bay watershed loads and Chesapeake Bay water quality.

Decision Requested: Agreement by the PSC on the proposed guiding principles to be considered by the jurisdictions during development of their Phase III WIPs.

Decision Requested: Agreement by the PSC on the narrowed range of options for when and how to factor climate change considerations into the jurisdictions' Phase III WIPs. Final Partnership decisions, expected in spring 2017, will be informed by the outcomes of the proposed climate change assessment procedures.

Presenter: Zoe Johnson, CBP STAR Climate Resiliency Workgroup Coordinator

Materials:

II.f. Guiding Principles and Options for Addressing Climate Change Considerations in Phase III WIP's

II.g. Climate Change Assessment Procedures and Scenarios for the 2017 Midpoint Assessment

II.h. Factoring Climate Change into the Phase III WIP: Narrowing Down the Options Presentation

II.i. Webinar on Climate Change:

http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/24332/climate_change_webinar_-_final_version_10_18_16.pdf

----- LUNCH 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. -----

D. Local Area Planning Goals Task Force's Preliminary Recommendations

12:30 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

A presentation of final recommendations from the Partnership's Local Planning Goals Task Force on options for expressing local planning goals in the jurisdictions' Phase III WIPs.

Decision Requested: Agreement by the PSC that the Task Force's final recommendations will be incorporated into EPA's January 2017 Phase III WIP Expectations document.

Presenters: Lisa Schaefer and Joan Salvati, Local Planning Goals Task Force Co-Chairs

II.j. Local Planning Goals Task Force Recommendations

II.k. Local Planning Goals Task Force Recommendations Presentation

E. EPA's Phase III WIP Expectations 12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

An overview of the schedule and process for development of EPA's final Phase III WIP Expectations.

Action Requested: Commitment to move forward following the proposed schedule and process.

Presenter: Shawn Garvin, EPA Regional Administrator

II.l. Final Phase III WIP Expectations Schedule and Process Presentation

III. Environmental Finance Symposium – MB Charge to Action Team 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

An overview and discussion about the results of the exercise where individual PSC members identified their top three Environmental Finance Symposium Report recommendations that are most likely to benefit from a coordinated CBP partnership approach.

Decision Requested: Agreement on the recommendations that should be the focus of the Environmental Finance Action Team's work.

Presenter: Jim Edward, EPA

Materials

III.a. Report

III.b. Survey Results

III.c. Symposium Recommendations

III.d. Budget and Finance WG Charge

IV. Continuing Efforts to Engage State Depts. of Education Leaders 1:45 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

A discussion about continuing efforts to engage state departments of education leadership to advance environmental literacy, including their plans to use the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* to aid state efforts. The new law includes authorizing language for more than \$1.5 billion in grants for which environmental literacy programs are eligible. The Environmental Literacy Workgroup would like the partnership to consider options for motivating jurisdictions to develop plans and to apply for the funding.

Action Requested: Agreement on PSC actions to advance environmental education through greater involvement in the CBP by state departments of education and to promote efforts for securing funds through the *Every Student Succeeds Act*.

Presenter: Shannon Sprague, NOAA

Materials:

IV.a. Presentation

IV.b. ESSA Letter for Leaders

IV.c. Education Initiative CLEAN

IV.d. Education Initiative Markup

- V. PSC Role in CBP Strategy Review System (SRS)** 2:10 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.
- A follow-up discussion to identify the role of the PSC in the program’s biennial review process. An overview of the process and timeline for reviewing management strategy and workplan progress and challenges was provided at the October PSC meeting.
- Decisions requested: Identify the desired PSC role in the SRS process.
- Presenter:* Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair
- Materials:
- V.a. Presentation
- V.b Biennial Strategy Review System Overview
- VI. Concluding Remarks** 2:25 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.