



Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership
Principals' Staff Committee
Conference Call
October 30, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Ben Grumbles, will open the meeting and welcome PSC members.
Materials:
I. PSC Actions & Decisions, October 3, 2017
- II. Letters Concerning Recent Congressional Actions** 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
A review and discussion about several draft letters by the PSC during the October 3 meeting:
1. Regional Conservation Partnership Program – A letter from Governor Hogan on behalf of the non-fed members of the Executive Council in support of Senator Van Hollen's bill on the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.
 2. Goodlatte Amendment – A letter from Governor Hogan on behalf of the non-federal members of the Executive Council CBP jurisdictions opposing Rep. Goodlatte's appropriations rider prohibiting backstop actions related to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.
- Decision requested: Concurrence with each of the draft letters.
Presenter: Ben Grumbles, PSC Chair
Materials:
III.a. Regional Conservation Partnership Program letter (draft)
III.b. Goodlatte Amendment letter (draft)
- III. Letter to Exelon** 10:45 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
During the October 3 PSC meeting, the PSC recommended drafting a letter from the PSC to Exelon, calling on them to be an "active partner in addressing the additional loads" due to the Conowingo Dam infill. This discussion would help clarify the intent of such a letter, the specific ask of Exelon and what their role would be as a "partner".
Decision requested: Clarification on the intent of a letter to Exelon and specific requests.
Presenter: Ben Grumbles, PSC Chair
- IV. Letter regarding State 401 Authority** 11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
During the October 3 PSC meeting, the PSC recommended drafting a letter showing support for preserving State CWA 401 Authority, especially given recent information regarding the infill of the Conowingo reservoir and downstream Chesapeake Bay water quality impacts.. On October 5, The Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA), Environmental

Council of States (ECOS), and The Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) sent a letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi regarding pending legislation and its effect on similar concerns. In light of this letter, the PSC should reconsider its intent on a similar letter.

Decision requested: Clarification on the intent of a letter on expectations for addressing increased loads associated with Conowingo infill as part of the Clean Water Act 401 certification.

Presenter: Ben Grumbles, PSC Chair

Materials:

IV. October 5 letter from ACWA, ECOS and ASWM.

- V. Environmental Literacy Directive** 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- During the October 3 PSC meeting, the partners agreed that the draft, updated version of the Executive Council’s Education Directive 98-1 should be signed by the Executive Council. All jurisdictions except West Virginia and New York tentatively support the updated directive.
- Requested decisions: Concurrence on a draft transmittal letter and revised Environmental Literacy Directive.
- Presenter:* Sean Corson, NOAA
- Materials:
- V.a. Updated draft Education Directive
V.b. Transmittal letter requesting EC signature on the Directive.
- VI. December 19-20 PSC Retreat** 11:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.
- A check-in on the two-day PSC Retreat scheduled for December 19-20.
Presenter: Ben Grumbles, PSC Chair
- VII. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn** 11:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.