



**2021 Strategy Review System (SRS)  
Biennial Meeting  
May 12-13, 2021**

**Remote Access Info: You must register in advance of the meeting.**

After clicking on the link below and registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting including a Zoom link.

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**Biennial Meeting Purpose and Desired Outcomes**

Purpose: Clarify actions and roles for the next two years to meet the Outcomes in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Outcomes:

- 1) Understanding of the [status in meeting the Agreement Outcomes](#), particularly [where we are behind](#) in achieving our targets.
- 2) Incorporation of [new approaches based on what we have learned through the SRS process](#) (e.g., DEI, social sciences, local engagement, climate resiliency, and ecosystem services) into the partnership's processes and efforts.)
- 3) Application of additional lessons learned (particularly related to new understanding of science, policy or economics) and best practices in our [future actions in addressing our gaps in progress](#).
- 4) Participants have a [renewed commitment and collective call to action](#) for their [unique roles](#) in achieving the Agreement Outcomes.

**AGENDA – DAY 1**

**MAY 12, 2020** – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- I. **Welcoming Remarks** 10:00 am – 10:20 am  
*Presenters:* Michelle Price-Fay, CBPO Acting Director and Denice Wardrop, CRC Executive Director and Biennial Meeting Cochair
  - o Video message from Virginia Governor Ralph Northam
  
- II. **Status of Achieving the Watershed Agreement Outcomes** 10:20 am – 10:45 am  
An overview of the status of the Watershed Agreement's 31 outcomes with highlights on different categories they currently fall into based upon our ability to measure progress  
*Presenter:* Katheryn Barnhart, CBPO Indicators Coordinator  
Meeting materials:  
II. Presentation
  
- III. **Where is the Learning Happening?** 10:45 am – 12:30 pm  
A brief overview of some of the top-tier partnership successes and advancements since our last Biennial meeting and a constructive discussion about what the partnership is learning from its adaptive management framework.

PORIONS OF THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED FOR INTERNAL USE TO ASSURE THE ACCURACY OF MEETING NOTES.

*Goal: Identification of constructive, contributory lessons and applications of the SRS process which we can now use to help accelerate progress on our Watershed Agreement Outcomes.*

**A. Introduction (5 min.)**

A brief overview of the session, its goals, how it will operate and what to expect.

*Presenter: Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair*

**B. Showcase of Successes (15 min.)**

An overview of some of the top-tier partnership successes and advancements since the 2019 SRS Biennial meeting focusing on new knowledge, new tools, new resources including some of the challenges faced because of the Covid pandemic.

*Presenters: Denice Wardrop, CRC Executive Director and Kirk Havens, STAC*

**C. Breakout Group Session: Identifying the Learning (45 min.)**

Small groups will identify and record answer to the following questions Each group will be asked to address two sets of questions, one set in each of two 15-minute segments:

1. What have you learned **from** the SRS process and what actions have resulted from those lessons? Discuss what you have learned from past implementation and how those lessons might improve future progress in our efforts to meet our Watershed Agreement Outcomes.
2. What have you learned **about** the SRS process and how has it helped? Which steps in the process have resulted in the most learning, and how has that learning been applied?

*Instructions and logistics: Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair*

**D. Breakout Groups Report-out (40 min.)**

Identification and discussion of common themes, and areas of disagreement.

*Presenter: Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair*

**LUNCH**

**12:30 pm- 1:00 pm**

**IV. Our Roles in Achieving the Agreement Outcomes**

**1:00 pm – 2:45 pm**

An overview and discussion about how individual roles in the partnership contribute to its collective success.

*Goal: Reach a collective understanding and embrace each other's roles in meeting our Watershed Agreement Outcomes.*

**A. Introduction and Presentation: How does the partnership work? (15 min.)**

An overview of roles of EC, PSC, MB, GITs, Workgroups, Action Teams, Advisory Committees, STAR as defined in Governance Document and how each contributes to meeting our Watershed Agreement Outcomes. Governance Document:

[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/CBP\\_Governance\\_Document\\_version\\_3.1\\_%28updated\\_03.31.2020%29.pdf](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/CBP_Governance_Document_version_3.1_%28updated_03.31.2020%29.pdf)

*Presenters: Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair and Kristin Saunders, Cross-Program Coordinator*

**B. Breakout Group Session #1: Defining our roles (20 min.)**

Each breakout group will answer the following three questions (1-3 sentence answers):

1. What is your role in achieving Watershed Agreement Outcomes? Has your experience aligned with the description of your role in the governance document?

2. If your role and experience do not align, what changes would you make to close that gap?
3. What is your understanding and expectation of Chesapeake Bay Program office staff (inclusive of all staff including all coordinators, staffers, etc.) in meeting the Watershed Agreement Outcomes?

**C. Breakout Groups Report-out #1 (20 min.)**

A quick review of each group’s findings to identify common themes and notable differences between breakout groups descriptions of the 3 roles.

*Facilitators:* Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair and Kristin Saunders, Cross-Program Coordinator

**D. Breakout Group Session #2: Refining our roles (20 min.)**

An exercise to help refine and strengthen partnership roles. Based on the discussion and general agreements identified in the previous session on the roles of the MB members, GITs/Workgroups members, and Staff members in meeting our Watershed Agreement Outcomes, groups will answer the following questions:

1. What specific tasks should each of those groups be implementing?
2. Which of those tasks are unique to that group vs. shared with another group(s)?
3. Are there any gaps (missing tasks) that don’t fit under one of these 3 groups and where should they be assigned?

**E. Breakout Groups Report-out #2 (30 min.)**

Do we have a shared understanding? Is this combination of our shared roles and tasks going to lead to the achievement of meeting the Agreement goals and outcomes?

*Facilitators:* Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair and Kristin Saunders, Cross-Program Coordinator

**V. Summary, Wrap-up and Preparation for Day 2**

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

*Presenter:* Michelle Price-Fay, Interim EPA CBPO Director and Sherry Witt, Facilitator

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AGENDA – DAY 2**

**May 13, 2021**, 10 am – 3 pm

**VI. Opening Logistics**

10:00 am – 10:15 am

*Presenter:* Sherry Witt, Facilitator

**Opening Remarks**

A recap of lessons learned and themes from Day 1 and a launch into Day 2.

*Presenter:* Denice Wardrop, CRC Executive Director and Biennial Meeting Co-chair

**VII. What’s on the Horizon: Lightning Rounds on Future Trends in Science, Policy and Economics**

10:15 am – 12:00 pm

What external factors can we expect in the next 2-5 years that might impact the management actions we take and our ability to meet outcomes. Top-tier developments in the science, policy, and economic arenas that we need to be aware of and embrace.

**A. Policy**

1. Jurisdiction Policy: An overview of the major policy initiatives that are expected in each jurisdiction in the coming year.

*Presenter:* Greg Barranco, CBP Partnerships Team Lead, Biennial Meeting Co-Chair

2. Tribal Engagement: How do we embrace the role of Tribes in the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership?

*Presenter:* Brian Hamilton, Tribal Program Coordinator, EPA Region 3

**B. Science**

3. STAC's CESR Initiative: An overview of STAC's Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response within the partnership and how might we utilize the report.

*Presenter:* Kurt Stephenson, STAC, Virginia Tech

4. Social Science – How the partnership is embracing and incorporating social science into its efforts.

*Presenter:* Amy Handen, Local Implementation Programs Coordinator

**C. Economics**

5. Innovative Finance: How changes in procurement laws can help propel robust innovative financing infrastructure and conservation.

*Presenter:* Tim Male, Environmental Policy Innovation Center

6. USDA Funding programs: An overview of USDA state conservation programs that will have an impact on Chesapeake Bay Program activities.

*Presenter:* Jackie Byam, USDA

**Lunch**

**12:00 pm – 12:30 pm**

**VIII. Opportunities for Accelerating Progress in Outcomes**

12:30 – 2:15 pm

**IX.** This brainstorming and problem-solving session is designed to engage positive, constructive and creative thinking to accelerate the progress of our Outcomes. Participants may draw ideas from successful Outcomes, as well as from their own experiences and out-of-the-box thinking and apply them to two case studies which in turn can be applied to their own individual areas of focus.

**A. Adaptive Management Successes and Challenges (30 min.)**

Presentations on Land Conservation and Oyster Restoration will demonstrate actions through time that they believe changed the trajectory of progress towards Outcome attainment. A brief presentation on the challenges of Forest Buffers and Wetlands Outcomes will assist participants in their breakout group session discussions.

*Presenters:* (1) Land Conservation, Joel Dunn, Chesapeake Conservancy President and CEO; (2) Oyster Restoration, Sean Corson, Sustainable Fisheries GIT Chair; (3) Forest Buffers, Sally Claggett, Forestry Workgroup Coordinator; and (4) Christine Conn, Wetlands, Habitat GIT Co-Chair

**B. Breakout Group Session #2 (40 min.)**

Small groups will consider the lessons learned from the examples and brainstorm how changes and additional efforts or resources may help change the trajectory of Outcome progress. Breakout groups will focus on a single Outcome (Forest Buffers, Tidal Wetlands, or Non-tidal Wetlands) and consider the following questions:

1. Which solutions and/or best practices from successful Outcomes can be applied to Forest Buffers and Wetlands? How and why?

2. What new, creative and/or big ideas should we consider for Forest Buffers and Wetlands that could significantly change the rate of trajectory in the short term?

**C. Breakout Group Report Outs (35 min.)**

Following a review of each group's responses, discuss themes and identify how to apply these solutions to other Outcomes. *Facilitators:* Outcome Attainability Team

- X. The Journey Forward** 2:15 pm – 2:35 pm  
Speaker: Nainoa Thompson, Native Hawaiian navigator and the president of the Polynesian Voyaging Society
- XI. Renewed Commitment and Collective Call to Action** 2:35 pm – 2:50 pm  
An interactive session to help focus on resolutions at the individual and collective levels to improve the work of the partnership. Reflecting on conversations over the past two days, small groups will focus on applying lessons learned and best practices. Based on what you have heard, learned, and reflected on during the last two days: What are you going to do differently and how can we work collectively to meet our vision? What things can we do differently instead of doing more?  
*Introduction:* Denice Wardrop, CRC Executive Director and Biennial Meeting Co-chair  
*Facilitators:* Sean Corson and Carin Bisland
- XII. Wrap up and Closing Comments** 2:50 pm – 3:00 pm  
Issue resolution, review, reflection, take action/make commitments, evaluations, how we met the purpose and outcomes of meeting.  
*Presenter:* Michelle Price-Fay, CBPO Acting Director