



Management Board Meeting

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Agenda

- I. **Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.)
Dana Aunkst, CBP Director, will review the Actions and Decisions from the August 13, 2020 Management Board (MB) meeting.
Materials:
I.a. Management Board Actions & Decisions, September 17, 2020

- II. **Climate Change Policy Decisions** (10:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.)
The WQGIT Chairs provided an update to the MB during the September 17 meeting on the current status of their discussions to seek consensus on several climate change policy recommendations including: Allocating the additional nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) loads due to 2025 climate change conditions to each of the jurisdictions using the recommended methodology and addressing these loads through the Programmatic Milestones no later than the 2022-2023 milestones, with all actions to achieve those reductions in place by 2025; including a narrative in the Milestones that describe the current estimated jurisdiction-specific nutrient loads due to 2035 climate change conditions [WQGIT consensus was reached during its 9/28 call]; and continuing efforts to improve understanding of the science and refine estimates of pollutant load changes due to 2035 climate change conditions.
Requested decision: Seeking consensus on a set of recommendations to the PSC related to climate change.
Presenters: Ed Dunne and James Martin, Water Quality GIT Cochairs
Materials:
II. Presentation

- III. **Clarifying the Process for Updating CAST-21** (11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
The Management Board approved CAST-19 during its July 9 meeting and discussed several governance issues related to the partnership's 2016 decision to update the model every two years (to coincide with the two-year milestones). The WQGIT is seeking clarification on that decision to inform updates to and the release of CAST 2021 and future versions of the model.

Specifically, is approval of an updated model implicit in the decision to update CAST every two years? Or, did the Management Board intend for there to be an official approval process in place after updates are incorporated and before CAST is released for application? If so, which governing body has final approval of an updated version of CAST?

Requested decisions: Clarification on the questions above that would guide and direct the work on updating the model every two years.

Presenter: Ed Dunne and James Martin, Water Quality GIT Cochairs

Materials:

III. Presentation

IV. CBP Response to STAC Workshop Recommendations on Toxic Contaminants of Concern in Agricultural and Urban Settings (11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

This is a follow up to the presentation during the September 17 MB meeting. The Toxic Contaminants workgroup is seeking MB approval of proposed CBP responses to STAC's Contaminants of Concern (CEC) Workshop recommendations. The STAC recommendations included (1) having a research investment to understand the co-benefits or negative impacts of nutrient and/or sediment BMPs, and (2) creating a close working relationship between researchers and the management community is needed to develop tools. The TCW developed 5 proposed actions to address the STAC recommendations, which have also been approved by the WQ GIT.

Presenter: Scott Phillips, USGS

Materials:

IV.a. STAC letter to CBP re: CEC Workshop

IV.b. CBP Response to STAC Recommendation for CEC Workshop

IV.c. Overview of STAR workshop findings and proposed CBP responses

LUNCH (12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.)

V. Incorporating DEIJ Commitments into Partnership Work (12:20 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

During the September 17 MB meeting, the partners agreed to help assess current efforts by jurisdictions and federal agencies to advance DEIJ. The MB will have a round robin discussion about the responses received (by October 5) to a request to report program information. The workgroup will also provide an update on efforts to form an action team to plan implementation of PSC DEIJ Action Statement commitments.

Presenters: Jim Edward, Diversity Workgroup Chair; Wendy O'Sullivan, Vice Chair

Materials:

III. Presentation

VI. STAC Efforts to Assess Impact of Covid-19 on Partnership Outcomes (1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.)

STAC is in the process of planning an effort aimed at identifying impacts, changing dynamics, and novel insights that may have come from COVID-19 to inform current and future efforts to reach management targets for the Chesapeake Bay. This includes both short-term and longer-term dynamics. STAC is seeking MB feedback, prompted by the following questions:

- What COVID-19 risks, dynamics, and learning opportunities do you see (short term, longer term)? In what ways? In what locations and/or scale?
- What would be useful for a deeper focus/workshop?

Presenter: Andrew Miller, STAC Chair

Materials:

III. Presentation

VII. **SRS Wrap-up and Follow-up actions from August Clean Water Cohort Review**

(1:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

A discussion and resolution of the unresolved items from the August Clean Water QPM.

- 1) Forest Buffers: As requested at the August 13 2020 Clean Water cohort meeting, the MB members will report back on: a) what landowner assistance programs in their jurisdiction / agency could include or require buffers and b) what potential public funding streams could be used to leverage private funding to make both go further toward Natural Filter/ nature-based practices. Based on MB member responses, there will then be further discussion regarding a coordinated TA action strategy and next steps in developing a Natural Filters Restoration Program for each state.
Requested MB Action: MB report-out on items a and b above. See previously provided Materials V.b, V.c., V.d., and V.e.
- 2) 2025 WIPs: Jurisdictions will review their WIPs and provide: needs for additional staff, increased funding and finer-scale decision tools to accelerate implementation particularly in the agricultural sector. Water Quality GIT will briefly summarize responses for MB information.

Requested MB Action: Pennsylvania and Maryland have provided information. Other jurisdictions are welcome to provide information if available.

- 3) WQ Standards Attainment and Monitoring: Workgroup will provide a one-page document (Material V.e.) explaining needs related to monitoring support for existing programs: alternative finance strategies; commitment to assessing application of matching funds in 117e grants; a request for WQGIT and STAR to formally incorporate new data streams into attainment assessments and to work with partnership community to extend monitoring capacity.

Requested MB Action: MB members will come prepared to respond either verbally or in writing on behalf of their jurisdiction / agency on each of the items identified in Material V.e.

- 4) Toxics, Policy and Prevention: MB members will report back on any DEIJ funding opportunities that could help provide additional staff and resources to move PCB TMDLs forward.

Requested MB Action: MB members will report out on the request above.

- 5) Toxics Research: MB members will provide the workgroup with contacts for PFAS science and how the partnership can coordinate PFAS science.

Requested MB Action: MB members will report out on the request above.

Discussion lead: Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair, and Outcome leads

Materials:

V.a. Action and Decisions document from August 13, 2020 Management Board Meeting

V.b. Riparian Forest Buffers Placemat

V.c. Natural Filters Restoration Program Concept Paper

V.d. Recording of NFRP concept webinar (held Sept 3):

https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/management_board_meeting_september_2020.

V.e. NFRP concept webinar slides

V.f. WQ Standards Attainment SRS Review Summary of Requests

- VIII. SRS Biennial Meeting Planning** (2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.)
An update on efforts underway to plan for the 2021 Biennial SRS meeting (virtual).
Discussion lead: Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair, and Outcome leads
Materials:
Presentation
- IX. Business Meeting** (2:40 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)
Discussion about future agenda items, key issues and program updates.
- Communications updates – *Rachel Felver*
 - Program updates
 - Updates from October 8 PSC meeting
 - Conowingo WIP - Reminder that the schedule for WIP review was changed in mid-September. PSC members received a draft Conowingo WIP for review on September 16 for their review and comments by October 1. From Oct.1-9 grantee Center for Watershed Protection will review the WIP, based on comments received, and are expected to release the draft on Oct. 16 for a 60-day public review (ending on Dec 21).
 - Other Partner issues/updates
- Discussion Lead:* Dana Aunkst, CBP Director
Materials:
IX.a. [Program update](#)
- X. Wrap Up and Adjourn** (3:15 p.m.)