



Principals' Staff Committee Meeting
January 24, 2020

Actions and Decisions

Phase III WIP Sediment Targets

- Decision: The Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) approved the final Phase III WIP sediment targets.

Two-year Water Quality Milestones

- Decision: The PSC approved the two-year water quality milestone language and schedule.
- Action: James Martin, Water Quality GIT Chair, will place the schedule into a swimlane flowchart format to improve ease of viewing.

Conowingo WIP Development

- The PSC should expect to receive the Conowingo WIP on February 21 for review and comment.
- Action: The Conowingo WIP steering committee will place the schedule in a swimlane flowchart format and reshare with the PSC.
- PSC members suggested the WIP should have an emphasis on cross-outcome benefits and should have a climate component.

Federal Legislation and Budgets

- Action: USACE is requesting letters of intent from jurisdiction partners to identify shovel ready projects. Amy Guise (USACE) will provide additional detail on how to submit a letter of intent.

Changes to Partnership Outcomes

- Decision: The PSC approved the following Watershed Agreement Outcome changes and agreed that final approval by the Executive Council was not necessary:
 - Diversity: "Identify ~~minority~~ stakeholder groups not currently represented in the leadership, decision-making or implementation of current conservation and restoration activities and create meaningful opportunities and programs to recruit and engage these groups in the Partnership's efforts."
 - Fish Passage: "Continually increase available **access to** habitat to support sustainable migratory fish populations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed's freshwater rivers and streams. By 2025, restore historical fish migration routes by opening ~~1,000 additional stream miles~~ **an additional 132 miles every two years to fish passage**. Restoration success will be indicated by the consistent presence of alewife, blueback herring, American shad, hickory shad, American eel and brook trout, to be monitored in accordance with available agency resources and collaboratively developed methods."

- Land Use Methods and Metrics: “Continually improve our knowledge of land conversion and the associated impacts throughout the watershed. By ~~2016~~ **December 2021**, develop a watershed-wide methodology and local-level metrics for characterizing the rate of farmland, forest and wetland conversion, measuring the extent and rate of change in impervious surface coverage and quantifying the potential impacts of land conversion to water quality, healthy watersheds and communities. Launch a public awareness campaign to share this information with local governments, elected officials and stakeholders.”
- **Action**: CBP staff will create an amended version of the Watershed Agreement that includes these changes. And, the changes will be published for public input for 30 days on the CBP website and ChesapeakeProgress.

Forest Buffer Action Team Recommendations

- **Action**: The Forest Buffer Action Team will return to the next PSC meeting with more specific details for next steps. To prepare for that meeting, the action team will coordinate a call with interested CBP Advisory Committee and PSC members.

Executive Council Meeting

- **Decision**: The PSC approved the formation of an action team to begin planning the 2020 Executive Council (EC) meeting.

Executive Council EC Directive Process

- **Decision**: PSC approved the following language for the Chesapeake Bay Program Governance Document:

Process for Issuance of Executive Council directives:

EC directives specify the will of the EC on future actions that the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership should undertake. EC directives do not necessarily represent a commitment of resources by any individual EC member, but rather define the collective desire of the EC for work by the partnership.

Proposed EC directives are first submitted to MB for approval. If approved by the MB, the directive is then forwarded to the PSC for approval. The proposed directive must be received by the PSC at least 2 weeks in advance of the PSC meeting at which it will be discussed. After discussion, all PSC members will be polled for the record on a) their EC member’s position on issuance of the directive as per the CBP Consensus Continuum and, b) their EC member’s commitment to sign the directive no less than one month in advance of the EC meeting.

In all cases, EC member signatures only are permitted on EC directives. Designee signatures are not allowed.

If the PSC approves the directive ***unanimously***:

- If at least seven of the nine EC member signatures have been obtained one month in advance of the EC meeting, the directive may still be issued at the EC meeting without all nine signatures. The missing signature(s) may be obtained either at the EC meeting or up to two months after the meeting. If the missing signature(s) are still not obtained two months

after the EC meeting, the directive will be considered final and the unsigned signature lines will be struck from the document.

- If less than seven of the nine EC member signatures are obtained one month in advance of the EC meeting, the directive will **not** be issued.

If the PSC approves the directive **without unanimity** as per the Consensus Continuum (i.e. not all members support the directive, but no member “Holds” or “Stops” the directive) with a minimum of seven EC members willing to sign the directive, the directive may still move forward for signature by those members who support its issuance at the EC meeting. Signatures of all seven or eight EC members who agreed to sign it must be obtained one month in advance of the EC meeting or the directive is not issued.”

Attendance

Cosmo Servidio Dana Aunkst Jim Edward Carin Bisland Lee McDonnell Greg Barranco Lucinda Power Lew Linker Tom Damm Chad Nitsch Cathy Libertz Diana Esher Jennifer Fields	US Environmental Protection Agency
Ann Swanson Marel King	Chesapeake Bay Commission
Ben Grumbles Lee Currey Dinorah Dalmasy Matthew Rowe	MD Dept of the Environment
Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio Dave Goshorn	MD Dept of Natural Resources
Robert McCord	MD Dept of Planning
Jason Keppler	MD Dept of Agriculture
Tommy Wells Katherine Antos John Maleri	DC Dept of the Environment
Patrick McDonnell Jill Whitcomb	PA Dept of Environmental Protection
Karl Brown Greg Hostetter	PA Dept of Agriculture
Matthew Keefer	PA Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources
Matt Strickler Ann Jennings	VA Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources

James Martin	
David Paylor	VA Dept of Environmental Quality
Greg Evans Brad Copenhaver	VA Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry
Scott Mandirola (via phone) Teresa Koon (via phone)	WV Dept of Environmental Protection
Joseph L. Hatton	WV Dept of Agriculture
Shawn Garvin Terry Deputy Britany Sturgis	DE Dept of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
Kenny Bounds	DE Dept of Agriculture
James Tierney (via phone) Lauren Townley (via phone)	NY Dept of Environmental Conservation
Sean Corson Julie Reichert-Nguyen	NOAA
Sally Claggett	USFS
Wendi Weber Genevieve LaRouche Jennifer Greiner	USFWS
Jon Meade (via phone) Wendy O'Sullivan	NPS
Mike Tupper Scott Phillips	USGS
Amy Guise	USACE, Baltimore District
Patrick Kinsman	USACE, Norfolk District
Kevin Du Bois Sharon Baumann	DOD: Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Environmental Department
Julie Lawson Chuck Herrick Jessica Blackburn	CAC
Terron Hillsman	USDA/ NRCS
Ann Simonetti Jennifer Starr	LGAC
Andrew Miller	STAC
Laurel Abowd Chantal Madray	CRC
Rachel Felver	CBPO communications
Ridge Hall	Chesapeake Legal Alliance
Chris Pomeroy Ellen Egen	AquaLaw

Beth McGee Lisa Feldt	Chesapeake Bay Foundation
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