



**Management Board**  
October 14, 2021

**Actions/Decisions**

**Outcome Attainability**

The Outcome Attainability Action Team (OAT) provided an update on its progress to frame outcome attainability issues and synthesize what the partners discussed at the September PSC and MB meetings. The action team focused its presentation on updates to the dashboard in response to Management Board and Goal Implementation Team feedback.

- **Action:** The OAT will work with outcome leads to refine the drafted outcome attainability tables and create brief summaries characterizing the status of each outcome. The OAT will then work with the Communications Team to format that information into the State of the Program Report to the EC to fulfil the Watershed Agreement to update the EC biennially on the status of all outcomes. The Report will be prepared by Dec. 1 for presentation at the Dec. 15 EC meeting. The OAT request flexibility in the requirement for having materials at least two weeks in advance of the PSC and EC meetings to allow time to complete their work. In addition, a track-changes version and a visual interpretation of the development timeline and interim deadlines was requested.
- **Action:** A track-changes version of the state of the program will be circulated to the MB as it progresses before final delivery on 12/1.
- **Note:** MB members are asked to work with the Wetlands Workgroup to help make sure the right people are at the table for their upcoming workshops.

**Follow-up Items from Quarterly Progress Review of Healthy Watershed Cohort**

**Protected Lands:**

Following the August QPM, the Protected Lands Outcome was assigned three actions which are referenced in the August Action Table. The Protected Lands Workgroup produced the requested materials and submitted requested actions to the Management Board two weeks in advance of the October Management Board Meeting.

- **Requested Action:** Implement actions to focus resources on providing accessible green space to benefit public health and improve equity in under-resourced communities.
- **Requested Action:** Identify and implement opportunities for land protection/restoration that will contribute to the Protected Lands Outcome target including the wetlands and forest subgoals, and focus on activities on conserved land that contribute to water quality BMPs including restoration of wetlands and establishing riparian forest buffers. Utilize mapping resources provided through the CCP to support decision-making.

- Action: PLWG will work with the nine signatories to add their commitments to the logic and action plan by October 28 (there is an additional window for additions until December when the document is finalized).

In addition, during its September meeting, the Management Board suggested the PLWG consider upgrading the Protected Lands outcome to “30% of lands protected by 2030”; however, the PLWG concluded that they were not ready to make such a recommendation.

- Decision: The MB agreed that the partnership should strive toward the updated target (30% by 2030) and to reflect that updated target in the Protected Lands logic and action plan, but it would not change the outcome at this time. The Management Board encourages the PLWG to work with jurisdiction partners to add language to their logic and action plan regarding any efforts beyond those set in the current outcome language

### **Fish Habitat, Brook Trout, Stream Health:**

During the September Management Board meeting, the partners discussed aligning requests across the Healthy Watershed Cohort’s outcomes to create action items to address each outcome’s needs. Gina Hunt, Allison Santoro and Stephen Faulkner were tasked with assembling a document with the questions, members, and member contacts for Stream Health and Fish Habitat workgroups. This document was completed by the October Meeting but was not shared with the Management Board prior to the meeting.

- Action: The Healthy Watersheds cohort leads, and Management Board Volunteers will share the finalized document with the Management Board by October 15, 2021. Management Board Jurisdiction representatives are asked to carefully review the document and thoughtfully engage with the members of the workgroups whose contacts are provided to help meet the needs of and foster long term support of each outcome.

### **DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan and Management/Accountability Framework**

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Action Team Co-Chairs provided an update on the final draft DEIJ Implementation Plan and a draft set of recommendations for a complementary Management and Accountability framework for Management Board input.

- Decision: The Management Board agreed to support the DEIJ Action Team’s recommendation to the PSC and Executive Council that a formal coordinator role be created to help foster implementation of DEIJ values throughout the Program. The DEIJ Action Team will revise the strategy based upon the public comments received (comments were described as minor) and submit for MB approval at the November meeting.
- Action: CBPO Deputy Director Martha Shimkin volunteered to act as a champion for the DEIJ action team as it prepares to present to the PSC in November and the Executive Council in December.

### **Executive Council Meeting**

CBP Communications Director, Rachel Felver provided an overview of the October 1, 2021 Executive Council meeting and plans for the upcoming December 15, 2021 EC meeting in Richmond, Virginia.

- Decision: Agreed that climate change vulnerability efforts should be captured in the SRS process, specifically in the logic and action plans.

- Note: The Chesapeake Bay Commission is working on a gaps analysis related to climate change; specifically, the policies that its three jurisdiction members have in place.
- Note: MB members discussed having a more focused discussion in late winter or early spring which would bring in outside speakers to talk about the latest science that directly impacts our work (possibly before or after the meeting).

#### **Partner Announcements**

- **STAC Seeks Candidates for at large membership positions**  
Deadline for self-nominations is November 8, 2021. For more information click [here](#).
- **Chesapeake Bay Commission Climate Change Gaps Analysis**  
In response to Chesapeake Executive Council Directive No. 21-1 *Collective Action for Climate Change*, the CBC is performing a gaps analysis to compare the existing climate-related regulations and programs between jurisdiction partners and identify the best paths forward for each jurisdiction to advance climate objectives. Contact Ann Swanson for more information.
- **Chesapeake Bay Commission Resilient Farms Initiative Update**  
The CBC Resilient Farms Initiative has received unanimous support from Agriculture Secretaries and farm bureaus from every state within the watershed. The CBC continues to champion the initiative as a tool for increasing climate resiliency in rural areas and achieving 2025 TMDLs.
- **Healthy Watersheds Goal Team Chair**  
The Healthy Watersheds GIT recommended Jeffery Lerner to the position of GIT Chair.
  - Decision: The Management Board concurred with the nomination via unanimous assent.
- **President Biden Appoints Regional Administrator for EPA Region 3**  
On October 12, EPA Administrator Michael Regan announced that President Biden will appoint Adam Ortiz to become EPA's Regional Administrator for Region 3. For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-appointment-adam-ortiz-regional-administrator-epa-region-3>