



Management Board

January 13, 2022

Actions/Decisions

Partner Updates:

- **Chesapeake Bay Commission Election Results:** Ann Swanson (CBC) shared that State Senator Sarah Elfreth of Maryland was elected as the 2022 CBC Chair; Pennsylvania State Representative Keith Gillespie and Virginia State Senator Linwood Lewis were elected as vice-chairs.
- **Annual STAC Workshop RFP Open to Submissions:** Kathy Boomer (STAC) shared that the RFP for the FY2022 STAC workshop proposals is open for partner suggestions.
 - **Post meeting note: there are two due dates listed in the RFP and in various announcements:
 - *February 4:* Preliminary proposals are due for initial review. STAC Staff will review to ensure all required information and attachments are in the proposal and provide feedback if needed.
 - *February 16:* Final proposals are due. Any changes made after the initial review should be incorporated and final proposal submitted by Feb. 16. Those proposals will then be distributed to all STAC members for scoring. Funding allocations will be decided at the March STAC meeting. The [entire RFP](#) should be carefully reviewed to ensure proposals meet all requirements
- **CAC Seeks Members from DC and Pennsylvania:** Julie Lawson (Citizens Advisory Committee Chair) requested that attendees representing the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania work with their executives to identify candidates to represent those jurisdictions on CAC.
- **Virginia Executive Appointments:** Newly Inaugurated Virginia Gov. Glen Youngkin nominated former EPA Adm. Andrew Wheeler as Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources and Michael Rolband as the new Director of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The Virginia Senate is expected to vote on their confirmations in late January/early February.

December 15 EC Meeting Debrief

Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director, provided a brief recap of the December 15 Executive Council Meeting. CBP Acting Director Michelle Price-Fay led a discussion responding to the 2021 Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Chesapeake Executive Council. During the discussion, a draft table of responses to the advisory committee's recommendations was created.

- **Action:** CBP Staff will reference the meeting recording to edit the draft for clarity and accuracy. The updated draft will be distributed to the Management Board for comment and approval with the meeting's actions and decisions. (**see attached table below of Advisory Committee Recommendations and Responses)

Accelerating Progress: Follow up on Forest Buffers and Wetlands Workshops Planning

Sally Claggett and Chris Guy presented outlines of the proposed Forest Buffers and Wetlands workshops including preliminary agendas, goals of the workshops and potential meeting dates.

- Forest Buffers:
 - Decision: The Management Board supported the outline of the Forest Buffers Workshop.
 - Action: The Forest Buffers Workgroup asks the Management Board to provide feedback on what attendees want to get out of the workshop.
 - Action: The Forest Buffers staff are looking to April 27 as a possible meeting date to avoid potential scheduling conflicts.
- Wetlands:
 - Action: The Wetlands Workgroup planners will pursue the following actions and return to the Management Board with an update at a future meeting.
 - Refine questions to be answered at workshop and develop agenda.
 - Determine if tidal and non-tidal wetlands should be discussed at separate workshops.
 - Identify date for workshop(s): Looking for dates in July 2022
 - With the help of the Management Board, identify individuals who can affect governance and financial priorities to participate in the workshop.
 - Action: Management Board representatives from relevant jurisdictions and agencies are asked to assist in identifying and contacting individuals who can affect governance and financial priorities to participate in the workshop.

Business Meeting

During the business meeting, CBP Acting Director Michelle Price-Fay led provided updates and discussions on the following topics:

- Critical Agenda Topics for 2022-2023
- Approval of 2022-2023 Calendar
 - Action: Management Board Members and interested parties are asked to review the proposed 2022-2023 Calendar and notify Greg Barranco (barranco.greg@epa.gov) and Garrett Stewart (stewart.garrett@epa.gov) if they identify any conflicts with proposed meeting dates.
- Update on Partnership Response to EC Climate Directive
- Monitoring Needs Team Update
- Program updates
- Other Partner issues/updates
- MB/SRS Calendar

**Advisory Committee Recommendations to the CBP Executive Council
December 15, 2021**

* Note: Responses are due by March 15

	Recommendations	Lead for draft response
STAC		
	Support CBP Management to advance science-based decision-making to address risks from priority issues including: 1) achieving wetland and riparian buffer restoration targets, and 2) increasing focused effort on the terrestrial-estuarine transition zone.	This recommendation will be addressed through the Riparian Forest Buffer Workshop planned for April 27, 2022 and the Wetlands Workgroup Workshop planned for July 2022. The planning teams for both workshops will coordinate with STAC to ensure that STAC is represented at both meetings.
	Identify opportunities to fully embrace the CBP's commitment to DEIJ.	The Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO) is following the DEIJ Implementation Strategy approved by the PSC in December. The CBPO is working to identify a cross partnership DEIJ coordinator as part of that effort and will provide an update on their progress at the February Management Board Meeting.
	Align CBP Priorities with national priorities to enhance climate resiliency and other climate co-benefits.	The CBP is currently pursuing this recommended action through various avenues and at all levels of the partnership. This effort will be ongoing into the future. NOTE: The Climate Resiliency workgroup is emersed in this work, SRS Cohorts have been asked to address climate resiliency concerns through their updated logic and action plans, the Federal Office Directors (FOD) is working towards a final draft of their climate commitments to be shared with the Management Board in advance of the March 2 PSC Meeting. The CBPO and MB volunteers are working towards developing a cross jurisdictional workplan.
LGAC		
	Convene a one-day summit of flood, climate and disaster experts to discuss ensuring that flood mitigation efforts and Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts work in conjunction with one another. (Second request for summit)	The CBPO, Management Board Volunteers and LGAC will collaborate to organize this summit in the near future.
	Invest in workforce development programs to support green infrastructure design and construction efforts.	The Management Board stands ready to work with LGAC to support these programs as infrastructure funding becomes available.
	Address jurisdiction regulatory bottlenecks related to localized flooding – specifically, streamline permitting requirements, adopt a more balanced formula for stormwater	The Management Board as a body must defer to jurisdictions but will relay this feedback to State and Local jurisdictions, the EPA Water

	runoff from jurisdiction-maintained highways and act on long-term infrastructure efforts.	Division and Federal Land Managers including DoD.
CAC		
	<p>Make Bay related funds from recently passed infrastructure and funding acts available as quickly as possible. Recommend a transparent process in spending the funds that delivers co-benefits for water quality, healthy habitats and living resources in a changing climate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a framework that outlines how the partners plan to use their remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and new infrastructure funds to maximize impact. 	The Management Board will hold a meeting where infrastructure funding opportunities will be identified and discussed.
	Direct jurisdictions to ensure their policies are aligned with CBP Climate Resiliency Goal.	CBPO will draft a response and share with the management Board
	Request that federal agencies review publicly funded Bay-related grant opportunities with stringent matching fund stipulation for modification to a more equitable process (DEIJ consideration)	CBPO will draft a response and share with the management Board