



Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2021
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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AGENDA

10:00 Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Bill Dennison (UMCES) and Scott Phillips (USGS)- STAR Co-Chairs, Peter Tango (USGS) and Emily Trentacoste (EPA), STAR Co- Coordinator

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, & Webinars-

- [The 31st Annual Environment Virginia Symposium](#) - March 23-25, 2021 (Virtual)
- [National Watershed & Stormwater Conference](#) - April 13 – 16, 2021
- [National Monitoring Conference](#) - April 20 – 22, 2021 (Virtual)
- [Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Winter Session](#) - December - March (Virtual) (Arlington, Va.) (Lancaster, Pa.) (Annapolis, Md.) (Norfolk, Va.) (Fredericksburg, Md.) (Columbia, Md.)

10:05 CBP Communications Update – Marisa Baldine (CRC)

Theme: Indicators

Today's meeting will showcase indicators within the CBPO and from partners in the watershed. Discussion will focus on the application of these indicators and understanding their utility to partners so they may help inform decisions. Peter Tango will open the theme with reminders of the need to be selective for indicators and how they need to inform decision making, and the CBP indicators framework.

10:15

Status and Trends Workgroup – Katheryn Barnhart (EPA)

Materials: Status and Trends Workgroup Presentation

The Status and Trends Workgroup reconvened in November 2020 after a two-year hiatus that resulted from competing program priorities and staff turnover. It is led by the new indicators coordinator, Katheryn Barnhart. The Status and Trends Workgroup is the keeper of the Indicator Framework which provides a way to describe the CBP information needs as they relate to adaptively managing progress toward each outcome in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Discussion for STAR: Katheryn will provide an overview of the workplan priorities for the newly convened workgroup, identify which needs are applicable to the Status and Trends Workgroups, and discuss which needs may need additional resources from STAR or other CBP workgroups.

10:45

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Report Card Indicators – Alexandra Fries (UMCES)

Materials: CB Watershed Report Card Indicators Presentation

Alexandra will provide an update on the indicators for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Report that they have made progress on with help from CBP staff and may be included in the 2020 Report Card.

11:30

CBP Climate Change Indicators – Julie Reichert-Nguyen (NOAA) & All

Materials: Climate Change Indicators – Cross Outcome Utility Presentation

During the Climate Change and Resiliency Cohort Quarterly Progress Meeting, the Climate Monitoring & Assessment and Climate Adaptation Outcome leads asked the Management Board to identify utility behind climate indicators being selected for development and updating on Chesapeake Progress. The Management Board in return asked the leads to come back to a future meeting with a list of climate change indicators for consideration. Julie will present the short list of climate change indicators that the Climate Resiliency Workgroup (CRWG) is currently advising on that have cross-outcome utility and cross-workgroup support.

Discussion Questions for STAR:

- Does STAR agree with the selected climate change indicators that CRWG is focusing on?
- Are there any other indicators that STAR would like to see included? If so, what is the climate resilience utility of the indicator(s) related to the Watershed Agreement outcomes?
- Are there resources to support the development and updates for proposed climate change indicators?
- For the list of climate change indicators, are there agencies/workgroups that have the capacity to take responsibility for developing and updating them?
- Is there utility and importance in the other climate indicators for STAR to assist finding additional resources to support it?

- Would another workgroup be interested in supporting it?

12:30 Adjourn

Next Meeting Dates: March 25, 2021 (Local Action Cohort Science Needs; Discussion prior to the Biennial Meeting on the status of the Strategic Science and Research Framework and look ahead on ways to improve the process.)