



**Principals' Staff Committee
March 2, 2020**

Actions/Decisions

Letter to USDA Secretary on Funding

- Note: Ann Swanson advised that the Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC) sent a letter co-signed by VA, WV, PA, MD and NY to US Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack commending USDA on its decision to provide Direct Hire Authority for over 1500 new entry-level field office technical staff. The letter further urged that Critical Conservation Areas, especially the Chesapeake Bay, be prioritized for the new positions, along with the Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) and program funding to support them directly. Partners were advised to keep an eye out for additional positive provisions in the pending economic stimulus package.

DEIJ Implementation Plan and Community Action Board

GIT-funded Project

- Action: The PSC requested that the Diversity Work Group report to the PSC at the next possible PSC meeting (either the May meeting or the September meeting) on the status of the GIT-funded project, "Cultivating and Strengthening Relationships with Underrepresented Stakeholders." Included in that report will be a summary of the feedback from community members. (Note: The project has not been awarded to a grantee as of 3/8/21.)
- Action: EPA agreed to provide the PSC with the set of questions that will be used as part of the GIT-funded outreach project.

CAB Proposal

- Action: The DEIJ Action Team provided initial recommendations and options for the establishment of a community advisory board (CAB). The PSC requested that the DEIJ Action Team provide another option that evaluates the merits of incorporating the vision for a stand-alone CAB into existing CBP advisory committees, including evaluating the governance documents (or bylaws) for CAC, LGAC and STAC to broaden their missions to better support DEI principles.

Chesapeake Bay Program Budget/Monitoring Funding

- Action: The PSC Chair requested that the CBPO make an assessment of what level of funding is needed to provide "good" monitoring program capacity (as referenced in the presentation) and report back to the PSC. The CBPO will also poll jurisdictions to determine if/how funding for monitoring has changed since the COVID pandemic.

Executive Order on Climate Change/EC Climate Directive

- Decision: The PSC supports moving forward with an Executive Council directive on climate change for action at the Fall 2021 EC meeting. PSC members suggested that the directive focus on adaptation considering cobenefits and the nexus between climate, water quality, flooding,

forest buffers, land conservation, wetlands, and soil health. The directive should speak to how climate change will impact the effectiveness/sustainability of water quality BMPs. The directive should focus on green infrastructure and blue carbon and consider the linkage between CO2 and NOx. The language used in the directive should engage all partners including those focused on energy development.

- **Action:** The PSC requested that the Climate Change Action Team provide draft language for the directive at the next PSC meeting (May). Ann Jennings agreed to contact Andy Miller for details about two new relevant STAC reports (complete).

Conowingo WIP

- **Action:** The CWIP Steering Committee agreed to provide an update and summary of comments and responses to the comments on the public draft of the CWIP.
- **Action:** EPA will provide a response to Delaware’s question: When the Center for Watershed Protection’s objective is development and implementation of a CWIP, is implementation defined by administrative work only or also for on-the-ground work?
- **Action:** EPA agreed to provide a date certain for its review of the draft CWIP.

Remediation BMP Expert Panel

- **Action:** The PSC Chair directed the CBP to act on the request from Sec. Grumbles to establish an expert panel to assess remediation/dredging as a BMP.

Environmental Literacy Summit

- **Note:** Pennsylvania is hosting the biennial Environmental Literacy summit in June or July 2021. Sec. Cindy Dunn is co-chairing the event. The summit is invitation only and the PSC members will be asked to help reach out to their departments of education counterparts to help ensure coordinated attendance.

PSC Roll Call March 2, 2021

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