



Principals' Staff Committee

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June 2, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Agenda

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Matt Strickler, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda.

- II. **Approval of Executive Council Directive on Climate Change** 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Presentation and discussion about the draft Executive Council Climate Change Directive.
Decision: PSC approval of the proposed directive and agreement to seek Executive Council signatures prior to the fall EC meeting.
Presenter: Ann Jennings, Climate Action Team Chair
Materials:
II.a Draft EC Directive on Climate Change
II.b EC Climate Directive Presentation

- III. **Chesapeake Bay Program Budget Discussion (Continued)** 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
A continued discussion from the last two PSC meetings about the Chesapeake Bay Program budget with a focus on competitive non-earmarked funds.
Decision: For discussion only; no specific decisions requested.
Presenter: Diana Esher, Acting Region III Administrator
Materials:
III. Presentation on CBP competitive, non-earmarked funds

- IV. **Approval of Plan for Assessing CBP Monitoring Funding Needs** 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
During the March 2 PSC meeting, the CBP partners were asked to assess the level of funding needed to improve the capacity of CBP monitoring programs. The traditional CBP water quality and living resource monitoring networks (i.e., tidal and nontidal water quality, SAV and benthic macroinvertebrates) have been reduced and stressed while accommodating inflation, program vulnerabilities and flat funding over the past decade. Currently, monitoring needs exceed network capacities with some long-standing gaps. CBP leadership will provide an

overview of the plan which includes: (1) An evaluation of current networks' capabilities and vulnerabilities, and (2) Information on what is needed to improve the monitoring networks that includes incorporation of new tools, data collection and data evaluation methods.

Decision: Approval of the plan for evaluating monitoring program status and needs with formal recommendations expected in early 2022.

Presenters: Lee McDonnell, Chief, Science, Analysis, and Implementation Branch

Materials:

IV.a Presentation on Response to PSC Request to Improve CBP Networks

IV.b Discussion Paper to Improve CBP Networks

V. Update on Conowingo WIP Development 2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

The CWIP Steering Committee Co-Chairs will provide an update on progress toward finalizing the Conowingo WIP (CWIP), including notable changes since the release of EPA's evaluation.

Decision: No decision will be requested at the meeting; however, PSC members should anticipate receiving the final CWIP by email and members will be asked to approve the final submission of the CWIP to EPA.

Presenter: Matt Rowe and Jill Whitcomb, Co-Chairs, CWIP Steering Committee

Materials:

V.a Draft CWIP Implementation Plan

V.b Conowingo WIP Public Outreach Update

V.c Summary and Response to Public Comments on Draft CWIP

VI. Discussion of Next Steps for Conowingo WIP Financing Strategy 2:50 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A presentation from the Conowingo WIP Finance Strategy grantee on the latest draft of the Strategy and a discussion about options for the creation of a finance authority.

Decision: PSC approval of the grantee's proposed approach and timeline for finalizing the CWIP financing strategy.

Presenters: Joanne Throwe, Throwe Environmental and Dan Nees, Center for Global Sustainability

Materials:

VI.a Conowingo WIP Draft Financing Strategy

VI.b Presentation: Conowingo WIP Draft Financing Strategy

****5 minute break****

VII. Update on DEIJ Implementation Plan 3:35 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

An update by the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Action Team Co-Chairs on the draft DEIJ implementation plan.

Decision: For discussion only; no decision will be requested at the meeting.

Presenter: Jeff Seltzer (DC) and Meryem Karad (VA), Action Team Co-chairs

Materials:

VII.a DEIJ Action Team Update

VII.b Draft DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan

VII.c DEIJ Outreach and Communication Plan

VIII. Update on Executive Council Planning Efforts 3:50 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

Presentation on planning efforts for the fall Executive Council meetings and climate workshop.

Decision: No decisions requested.

Presenter: Rachel Felver, Chesapeake Bay Program Communications Director

Materials:

VIII. EC Planning Presentation

IX. Business Meeting 4:05 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

PSC Chair Matt Strickler will facilitate discussion on the following topics:

- Partner Updates
 - 2021 Environmental Education Summit – update on planning efforts
- Report out from May 12-14 CBP Biennial Strategy Review System meeting
- CBP Program Update
- Future Agenda Items

Materials:

IX.a. Actions/Decisions from the March 2021 PSC meeting

IX.b. CBP Program Update

X. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn 4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.