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**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM  
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM  
JUNE 27, 2022 CONFERENCE CALL**

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**Meeting Materials:** [Link](#)

1:00 Welcome & Announcements – WQGIT Chair (15 min.)

*A formal roll call will be taken for members on today's call. Participants who join late are asked to enter their name and affiliation in the WebEx chat. Anyone participating by phone is requested to verbally identify themselves.*

*Announcements or new business:*

- New CBP Director: Dr. Kandis Boyd!
- Status of Agriculture Modeling Team – Tom Butler, EPA
- Management Board update on communications plan – Ed Dunne, DOEE and Suzanne Trevena, EPA
- Thank you, Karl Berger, LUWG Co-Chair – KC Filippino, LUWG Co-Chair
- Workgroup Updates (2 min. each)
- **Next WQGIT conference call:** July 25, 2022

*Prior Business/ Outstanding Action Items:*

- Reminders:
  - See latest Log of WQGIT Actions & Decisions
  - Last day to submit feedback on the GIT homepage is June 30<sup>th</sup> (*Survey Link:* <https://forms.gle/iane7x7uFiJKoQvK9>) – Hilary Swartwood, CRC
  - Members are encouraged to brainstorm ideas for 2022 GIT Funding Proposals
- Verbal updates:
  - *None at this time*

1:15 Conowingo WIP Steering Committee Modeling Request – Matt Rowe, MDE (20 min.)

Matt Rowe will brief the WQGIT on a request from the Conowingo WIP Steering Committee to use a model-based approach to evaluate Conowingo dredging as a BMP. Concurrence from the WQGIT and Watershed Technical Workgroup on the process is requested so that the Modeling Workgroup can pursue this modeling effort while continuing to collaborate with the WQGIT, consistent with BMP protocols.

**Decision Requested:** WQGIT agreement with the CWIP Steering Committee's proposed model-based process to evaluate dredging as a BMP.

1:35 Revised Forestry Workgroup (FWG) Method for the Tree Canopy Outcome Indicator – Julie Mawhorter, USFS (15 min.)

Julie Mawhorter will brief the WQGIT on the Forestry Workgroup's revised method for calculating the Tree Canopy Outcome Indicator, which the Forestry Workgroup approved at their June 1 call. With the WQGIT's endorsement the FWG will proceed to calculate the indicator over the summer. The indicator status can be shared with the WQGIT prior to release.

**Decision Requested:** WQGIT endorsement of the revised method for the Tree Canopy Outcome Indicator, to empower the FWG to proceed and calculate the indicator over the summer.

1:50 BMP Protocol Revisions - Lucinda Power, EPA (5 mins.)

Lucinda Power will recap the latest revisions to the BMP Protocols. The WQGIT will be asked to reach consensus at their July meeting.

1:55 SRS WIP 2025 Outcome – Hilary Swartwood, CRC, and Ed Dunne, DOEE (45 min.)

Hilary and Ed will lead the WQGIT through an SRS working session for the 2025 WIP Outcome. They will update participants based on the initial check-in that WQGIT leadership and volunteers had with the SRS team. Discussion and input from the WQGIT will be sought to continue updating the relevant SRS materials (Logic & Action Plan, Narrative Analysis) in advance of the dry run in July and the Quarterly Progress Meeting with the Management Board on August 11.

*Note:* Updated SRS materials are in development and will be uploaded to the calendar page as soon as they are available, though it may be late in the preceding week or day of the call.

Materials from the previous SRS cycle are available on *ChesapeakeDecisions* or through the links below: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/decisions/meetings-deadlines> (filter for “clean water” cohort)

- *2025 WIP Outcome Logic and Action Plan:*
- [https://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel\\_files/22734/2025\\_wip\\_outcome\\_srs\\_logic\\_and\\_action\\_plan\\_v1.6.2021.pdf](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/22734/2025_wip_outcome_srs_logic_and_action_plan_v1.6.2021.pdf)
- *2025 WIP Outcome Management Strategy:*
- [https://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel\\_files/22734/wq\\_ms\\_2021-22\\_v1.6.2021.pdf](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/22734/wq_ms_2021-22_v1.6.2021.pdf)

**Action(s) requested:**

1. Engaged participation from participants for live feedback.
2. Feedback via email on the materials is also welcome by **COB July 8** to be considered in time for the dry run, **or by COB July 21** to be considered in time for the materials due for the Quarterly Progress Meeting.

2:40 Update and Presentation on CAST 2021 – Lee McDonnell (30 min.)

Lee McDonnell will present the latest results of 2021 progress under both CAST 2019 and CAST 2021. He will also show the differences between CAST 2019 and CAST 2021 with using the accurate fertilizer data, as well as the full list of data inputs that have been incorporated into CAST 2021. This presentation will be provided to the Management Board and the PSC during their July meetings.

- 3:10 End of CAST-21 Workplan and Transitioning to New Workplan for Next Version –Helen Golimowski, Devereux Consulting and Jeff Sweeney, EPA (25 min.)

Helen Golimowski and Jeff Sweeney will recap items included or addressed in CAST-21 and items where consensus was not reached. They will preview the existing list of items for the next CAST update that will be reviewed in fall 2023 and released in 2024.

- 3:35 Preparing for a CBP Beyond 2025 – Lew Linker, EPA (20 min.)

Lew will describe plans for a release of a Request for Applications (RFA) this summer to support a forward-looking CBP analyses of future impacts and challenges due to climate, growth, and energy generation that can inform options for changes to CBP programs and restoration efforts at federal, state, and local levels beyond 2025. In addition, climate ready BMPs will be assessed and quantified for use in the CBP partnership’s Phase 7 suite of modeling tools. Feedback from the WQGIT on ranking potential elements of the RFA will be gathered live through Mentimeter.

- 3:55 Recap of Actions and Next Steps – Hilary Swartwood, CRC (5 min.)

Hilary Swartwood will recap the actions and next steps from today’s meeting.

- 4:00 Adjourn

## ACRONYMS

BMP	Best Management Practice	CBP	Chesapeake Bay Program
CAST	Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
CRC	Chesapeake Research Consortium	WQGIT	Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
FWG	Forestry Workgroup	MDE	Maryland Department of Environment
WIP	Watershed Implementation Plan	SRS	Strategy Review System
USFS	Unites States Forest Service	CWIP	Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan
LUWG	Land Use Workgroup		