

## Federal Facilities Workgroup Agenda

**Date:** December 10, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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| <b>Introductions</b> (Sarah Diebel)                  | 10:00-10:10   | <p><u>Summary of Action Items from last meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair nominations input by January 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Check with your federal office director on what your office is prioritizing for the next 2-year period, how you can support numeric 2-year water quality milestones and come prepared to discuss with the rest of the workgroup.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>New Co-Chair Nominations</b> (James Davis-Martin) | 10:10 – 10:30 | <p><b>Discuss nominations received and/or volunteers willing to accept chair-ship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unfortunately received no nominations. Discussed that groups and states with the most land and federal facilities would be the best possible chairs and continue to have one chair from federal facilities and one chair from the jurisdictions. Danny Filer from NPS and Katie Brownson from USFS will take the ask to their organizations and discuss potential nominees appropriate for the chairmanship.</li> <li>• John Maleri from DC stated that he is potentially interested and will discuss with his jurisdiction.</li> <li>• January 14<sup>th</sup> will be Sarah's last call, please send input <b>by January 7<sup>th</sup></b>.</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>2-Year Milestone Recommendation Update</b> (James Davis-Martin and Sarah Diebel)</p> | <p>10:30- 11:00</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Numeric Milestones Recommendation</u></a></li> <li>• Federal agencies have joined in with the jurisdictions to establish 2-year WQ milestones to support the strategy and CBW agreement. Jurisdictions submit 2-year milestones in odd years to the EPA, outlining the amount of load reductions that will occur in the next 2 years using CAST scenarios.</li> <li>• Right now, agencies and jurisdictions are working on commitments for 2020-2021</li> <li>• Over the past few months, the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) worked on potential changes to the submission decks and proposed developing numeric milestones that are more intuitive and align more closely with the programmatic actions, instead of developing CAST scenarios.</li> <li>• The recommendation provides two options for the development of numeric milestones (for both agencies and jurisdictions) – continue to submit CAST scenarios with planned BMP implementation and load reduction or use Phase III WIPs EPA evaluation. Jurisdictions were concerned that it would take the authority out of their implementation since it would be based on the EPA evaluation. Second concern was that there wasn't enough time to vet the new language, and WQGIT did not come to consensus.</li> <li>• Federal office directors are working on updates to the 2018-2019 milestones and will be maintaining the current schedule. Updates to programmatic milestones will still be due on January 15.</li> <li>• Development of 2020-2021 milestones schedule has shifted since assessments and evaluations of Phase III WIPs are not complete. Deadline has shifted to March 1<sup>st</sup> for developing the new milestones, subject to Management Board and PSC approval in January. <b>Update: Evaluations were released on December 19, 2019, they can be read <a href="#"><u>here</u></a>.</b></li> <li>• Upcoming meetings: WQGIT on January 13<sup>th</sup>, Management Board on January 16, and Principals' Staff Committee January 24<sup>th</sup> , view meeting information <a href="#"><u>here</u></a>.</li> </ul> |

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|   |              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a concern that federal agencies don't have the resources for CAST submissions, and the new recommendation provides a way for the agencies to account for their planning goals, provides an opportunity to highlight main BMPs without having to go into CAST and submit an input deck, and agencies that don't have impervious surfaces to highlight their implementation strategies. In the draft language, EPA will identify what BMPs the jurisdictions will report on.</li> <li>• <b>For our next workgroup meeting, check with your federal office director on what your office is prioritizing for the next 2-year period, how you can support numeric 2-year water quality milestones, and come prepared to discuss with the rest of the workgroup.</b></li> </ul>  |
| <b>Workplan Development</b> (Sarah Diebel)                                | 11:00- 11:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Water Quality Logic and Action Table</a> to use as a guide</li> <li>• Workgroup members will begin including actions/items/topics for 2020</li> <li>• Sarah suggested creating a workplan for the Federal Facilities Workgroup to help guide future meetings and help agencies with data collection and reporting to jurisdictions.</li> <li>• The FFWG is a part of the WQGIT so this will be used as an initial guide.</li> <li>• Greg Allen suggested that federal actions in the WQGIT table should be tagged. A workplan for the FFWG would include progress tracking and reporting, deliverables, agency reporting, and any work coming up for 2020. There is a new version of the Logic and Action table that allows for more detail that could be used.</li> <li>• Sarah agrees that FFWG actions should be tagged in the WQGIT table and that the workgroup should produce its own action plan.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Brown and Caldwell Update</b> (Greg Allen or other EPA Representative) | 11:30– 11:50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope of Work as part of EPA Assessment of Federal Progress</li> <li>• The scope of work for this project covers progress, local planning goals, and a gap analysis, and is currently being negotiated with Brown and Caldwell. This will be similar to the work they did with</li> </ul>   |

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|   |               | <p>DoD. The focus will be on historic data collection and verification, helping the agencies to identify gaps and give a complete and accurate representation of progress to help inform work to reach 2025 federal planning goals. Here are short summaries of the three main areas of work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Loads associated with the 9 federal agency codes in the 2019 progress scenario.</b> When the phase 6 model was produced, we identified 9 agencies that had almost all land in the watershed, and an ‘other’ category that picked up some small land holdings. To understand what the current loads are, we need a complete BMP record.</li> <li><b>2. Current credited implementation by BMP type.</b> This is probably where we will find gaps and the agencies would need to collect and submit historic BMP data.</li> <li><b>3. Remaining reductions from 2019 to reach the 2025 targets.</b> Implementation by BMP type incorporated in final Phase III WIP scenarios to achieve 2025 loads. Expecting gaps there as well.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agencies will need to provide data once the gaps are identified, but the project is still in early development so there is no time frame for a formal request or specific format for the data.</li> <li>New members of the workgroup requested additional information on the role of the workgroup and past meeting minutes to get a better understanding of the work. The whole workgroup would benefit from an update of those training slides and further discussion and background on the 2-year milestones.</li> </ul> |
| Update, Wrap-up, Next Meeting                       | 11:50 - 12:00 | <p><u>Looking Ahead:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting in January 2020, we will be moving to an alternating monthly schedule.</li> <li>Workplan development</li> <li>Update on federal facilities progress in developing numeric milestones</li> <li>Update training slides for new members</li> </ul>   |

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|   |      | <b><u>Next Meetings:</u> Tuesday, January 14, 2020 and March 10, 2020</b> |

**Attendees:**

Sarah Diebel, DoD, *Chair*  
Katie Brownson, USFS  
James Martin, VA DEQ, *Chair*  
Liz Dawson, USFWS  
John Maleri, DC  
Nick Robinson, USGS  
Greg Allen, EPA, *Coordinator*  
Nora Jackson, CRC, *Staffer*  
Sarat Calamur, NASA  
Danny Filer, NPS  
Mike McMahon, MDE  
Cathy Broad – USDA