



Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership
Principals' Staff Committee
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10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** 10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Molly Ward, will open the meeting and welcome new PSC members.
Jim Edward, CBPO Deputy Director, will review the highlights of the Program Update and progress on the March 16, 2016 Principals' Staff Committee Actions and Decisions.
Materials:
I.a. Actions and Decisions, March PSC meeting
I.b. Program Update (include the final agreement on workplans and CBARA update)
- II. Independent Evaluator** 10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Requested by the PSC at their March meeting
The Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act (CBARA) calls for an independent evaluator for the Chesapeake Bay. More information will be provided on the options for a Chesapeake Bay Independent Evaluator that were presented to the PSC during the March meeting. This information will focus on the concerns and questions raised at the March meeting. The PSC will discuss which option to pursue with recommended next steps to prepare for a nomination at the September 27 Executive Council Meeting.
Presenter: Carin Bisland, CBP Office of Partnerships and Accountability
Requested Decision: Approval of a recommended option and approach to establish an Independent Evaluator for the CBP.
Materials:
II.a. Presentation
II.b. Options Paper
II.c. STAC Letter
- III. Environmental Finance Symposium Update** 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Requested by the EC at their 2015 meeting
The Executive Council called for an Environmental Finance Symposium at their 2015 EC meeting, with recommendations coming back to the EC for their consideration in 2016. The symposium was held April 25-26, 2016. The PSC will discuss preliminary findings from the Environmental Finance Symposium. This input will help guide the final recommendations to be presented to the EC at their September 27, 2016 meeting.

Presenter: Dan Nees

Materials:

V.a. Preliminary findings

IV. Water Quality Issues

a. Preliminary findings from Watershed and Tidal WQ Monitoring Trends

Requested by the PSC at their March meeting

11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

A follow up presentation from the March PSC meeting including observed trends in the Bay watershed's streams and rivers as well as the tidal waters will be presented in the context of successes to be communicated as well as policy implications for the Partnership. PSC members will be asked for their direction and specific requests for follow through analyses, evaluations, and more specific information in response to the monitoring-based findings.

Presenter: Rich Batiuk, CBP Office of Science, Analysis and Implementation

Materials:

IV.a. Presentation

IV.b. Handout – Questions for PSC Members' Feedback

b. The Changing Nature of Watershed Pollutant Loads—Sources and Location—and Policy Implications

11:20 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

With the long term successes on reducing nutrient pollution from wastewater and atmospheric deposition, the Partnership faces continued challenges to secure the remaining pollutant reductions from the agricultural and stormwater sectors. In the context of the Midpoint Assessment and the priority issues identified by the Partnership, PSC members will be asked for their direction and specific requests for follow through analyses, evaluations, and more specific information in response to source sector-based findings.

Presenter: Rich Batiuk, CBP Office of Science, Analysis and Implementation

c. Engaging our Local Partners

11:45 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Requested by the PSC at their March meeting

As a follow up to LGAC's 2015 Report and Recommendations to the Executive Council, LGAC will lead a discussion on engaging the support of local governments and enhancing the partnership's interactions with them.

Discussion Lead: Penny Gross, LGAC

Materials:

IV.c. LGAC 2015 Report and Recommendations to the Executive Council

IV.d. EC Response to LGAC's 2015 Report and Recommendations

----- **LUNCH** (Break 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.) -----

d. Completing Our Work on the Partnership's BMP Expert Panels During 2016

Requested by the PSC at March meeting.

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

With 19 very diverse BMP expert panels convened and working on their respective charges, programmatic and policy issues continue to emerge beyond the challenges of converting available scientific finding and technical data into pollutant load reduction estimates by

practice. PSC members will be briefed on the forthcoming and anticipated policy issues from these expert panels and the process for issue resolution. PSC will be asked which set of policy issues they would want to weigh in on and which they would want to be kept informed on.

Presenter: [TBD, WQGIT]

Materials:

IV.e. List of BMP Expert Panels

e. Refining the Midpoint Assessment Schedule and Preview of PSC Decisions Needed–

Need approval for change in schedule

1:00 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Given the recognized challenges of mapping land cover at the one-meter resolution for the entire 64,000 square mile watershed, the WQGIT is recommending adjustments to the Midpoint Assessment schedule previously agreed to by the Partnership. PSC members are being asked for decisions on changes to the Midpoint Assessment schedule. Looking ahead to the next 6-9 months, policy issues to be brought forward to the PSC will be previewed with an ask for direction of what information will be required to be positioned to make these decisions.

Presenter: [TBD, WQGIT]

Materials:

IV.f. Presentation

V. Discussing the Bay Partnership Moving Forward

1:20 p.m.-1:35 p.m.

- a. Bay Partnership Organization & Coordination, and
- b. Bay Communications.

Presenter: Shawn Garvin, EPA Region III Administrator

Materials:

V.a. Organizational Chart

V.b. Communication Products

VI. EC Planning

1:35 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

A discussion about the date and location selected, theme and topics that will be included.

Presenter: Russ Baxter, Virginia Department of Natural Resources

Requested Decision: Approval of the theme and approach in order to move forward with planning.

Materials:

VII.a. Current potential topics

VII. Concluding remarks, review of decisions, next meeting

1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Due to the Executive Council meeting in September the PSC will need to reschedule their September meeting. Discussion about potentially having a conference call on September 19th to discuss important issues and schedule a full, in-person meeting later in October or November.