



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Management Board

November 2, 2023

9:00am-12:00pm

Actions/Decisions

Reflections and Follow-up on the Executive Council Meeting

MB Feedback: Overall, there was strong positive feedback about the meeting. Attendees found the tour and one-on-one time during meetings very helpful since it allowed for networking/relationship building. The EC has been looking at CESR recommendations with 2025 goals and is focused on working with local communities, governments, nonprofits, and underserved communities. Despite livestream issues, the meeting was successful. A recording of the meeting can be found [here](#).

Updates/Feedback/Discussion Only: No actions/decisions required.

Reaching 2025: Comments Summary and Resolution

MB Feedback: Rachel Felver presented the Reaching 2025 report's three high-level recommendations: accelerating investments, integrating emerging science and monitoring, and fast-tracking all the action plans that we have. The final report is ready, but some formatting adjustments are still needed. Once formatted, the report will be released to the MB via email on Monday, November 6 for one last red-flag review (not wordsmith changes). Feedback with any significant comments will be due by Friday, December 1. The report was presented to the ECI—no significant issues were raised.

Important Note: This is a time to concur/not concur whether this report is ready to post and is not meant for other comments. **Actions/Decisions:** None; update only.

Recommendation to Create an Agriculture Advisory Committee

Summary: The MB was reminded that the PSC, during its September meeting, generally supported the idea of creating an agriculture advisory committee. The PSC also agreed with the idea of creating an action team to conduct due diligence work and before moving ahead with the idea. This information was presented to the EC during their October meeting. CBP will work with the new PSC chair to develop a strategy for organizing the action team and identify next steps.

Actions/Decisions: None; update only.

Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Executive Council.

MB members will be asked to review the draft responses and their specific actions. CBPO STAFF intends to have a final draft responses by January 2024. **Actions/Decisions:** CBPO staff have begun their review of the three advisory committee recommendation letters and will begin drafting responses in the coming weeks

Beyond 2025: Steering Committee Updates

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee has confirmed the creation of several small groups, each tasked with developing recommendations around five, high-level topics: climate, healthy watersheds, clean water, people, and shallow water habitats. The steering committee is also developing plans for public engagement and public comments throughout the Beyond 2025 work. **Actions/Decisions:** None; update only. .

Update on Revisions to the SRS Process in Advance of December Fourth Cycle Review

The first SRS quarterly progress review meeting of the next cycle is scheduled for December 14, 2023. The SRS planning team has made multiple changes to the review process with the intention of lightening the workload of both the workgroups and the MB, including: reducing the number of required steps; consolidated templates into a single outcome review summary; and no required PowerPoint templates. Additionally, the calendar of cohorts has been revised to encourage greater collaboration. The process will still be once every two years, but cohorts have the opportunity to go before the MB every year. "Off-track" cohorts will be prioritized. The QPM scheduled for December 14 will be a 5-6 hour meeting, in-person at CBPO. There is also a new polling mechanism with a decision support tool.

Decision: Each outcome group will be asked to consider what the future of the outcome should be for the partnership beyond 2025.

Overview of CBP Strategic Engagement Team (SET) Efforts

The CBP S.E.T was formed in Fall 2022 as a partnership between communications workgroup and local engagement action team with a plan to include social science, stewardship, and DEIJ representation. The S.E.T will provide goal teams assistance with community outreach/engagement. There have been various successes including tributary summaries, workforce development, rising water temperatures report, and tree canopy fact sheets. S.E.T has listened to partners on how to improve. S.E.T is currently working on developing a formal website.

Actions/Decisions: None; update only.

Overview of Strategic Communications Plan Findings

The CBP Communications Office is developing a five-year strategic communications plan. They have conducted research, created findings documents, and developed a plan. They interviewed Bay Program partners, NGOs, State Government, Federal Government, etc, and have assessed engagement, strengths/weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. There have been challenges with audience engagement and they are asking for help to narrow down. Goal is to go deep, not wide. Various goals and tactics within recommendations document.

Action: Requesting feedback by November 24, 2023.

Final Resolution of PSC Charges and Next Steps for Release of CAST 2023

Collective effort for partnership to provide recommendations for updates to CAST. They have addressed the last issue of nutrient application and put it into CAST. They are accepting comments through December 3rd, but have not received any comments so far. They plan on responding to comments between December 3rd and 17th. A version of CAST out now for evaluation. Plan is to have a wrap up presentation at PSC and a release of Cast 23 in the 2nd Quarter of 2024.

Updates/Feedback/Discussion Only: No decisions actions/required.

Business Meeting

- Maryland DNR Social Scientist Position Now Open
- [Communications press release](#) about Protected Lands Outcome - On track. 82% of target acreage done
- Dan Goetz from MDNR is new co-chair of Brook Trout Action Team
- December 8th is next PSC meeting
- December 9th is 40th anniversary of Bay Agreement
- December 14th is Management Board/QPM Meeting