



## Management Board Meeting

September 17, 2020; 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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## Agenda

- I. **Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.)  
*Dana Aunkst*, CBP Director, will review the Actions and Decisions from the August 13, 2020 Management Board (MB) meeting.  
Materials:  
I.a. Management Board Actions & Decisions, August 13, 2020
- II. **Executive Council Report-out and Follow-up** (10:20 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)
  - A. Incorporating DEIJ Commitments into Partnership Work  
At their meeting in August, the Executive Council announced a *CBP DEIJ Statement* that reaffirms our commitment to embrace diversity, equity, inclusion and justice in all areas of the Chesapeake Bay Program to achieve our mission. To accompany this *Statement*, the PSC announced a *DEIJ Action Statement* with actionable and timebound commitments to implement recommendations from the CBP DEIJ Strategy. MB members will:
    - i. Discuss and agree on a schedule for moving forward with implementation of commitments made by the PSC in the *Action Statement*.
    - ii. Discuss possible MB recommendations to the PSC on the *Action Statement* commitments which include:
      - Within 6 months of the signing of the EC DEIJ Statement, draft an implementation plan for the DEIJ Strategy;
      - Within 3 months of the signing of the EC DEIJ Statement, explore a process for a community advisory board; and
      - Advancement of the DEIJ Strategy through work plan development and implementation for all GITs and Workgroups.
    - iii. Discuss forming a MB action team charged with developing the implementation plan for the *DEIJ Strategy* and ensuring the PSC *Action Statement* commitments are met.
    - iv. Discuss a template to be filled out by MB members in time for the October MB meeting to help facilitate a round table discussion on jurisdictions' efforts to incorporate DEIJ

into their work. The template will provide a baseline assessment of ongoing DEIJ efforts and help facilitate an important discussion on DEIJ at the October meeting.

Decisions requested: 1) Agreement on a schedule for implementing the *Action Statement* commitments. 2) Agreement on recommendations to the PSC on the *Action Statement* commitments including agreement on the formation of a community advisory board. 3) Agreement on the formation of an action team.

*Presenters:* Jim Edward, Diversity Workgroup Chair; Wendy O’Sullivan, Vice Chair

Materials:

II.a. PSC *DEIJ Action Statement*

II.b *CBP DEIJ Strategy* (Final v2)

II.c Draft DEIJ Schedule

B. Address Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Executive Council

(11: 15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)

A review and discussion of the CBP Advisory Committee’s recommendations to the Executive Council including assignments and leads.

Decisions requested: Agreement on the process and next steps for addressing the Advisory Committee recommendations.

*Presenter: Dana Aunkst*

Materials:

II.d. CAC 2020 Annual Recommendations

II.e. LGAC 2020 Annual Recommendations

II.f. STAC 2020 Annual Recommendations

II.g. Advisory Committee Recommendations 2020 Table

III. **Climate Change Policy Decision Overview**

(11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

The PSC agreed in 2018 that Phase III WIPs would address climate change narratively and include numeric pollutant reduction loads due to 2025 climate change conditions. Specifically, the WIPs would include a narrative strategy describing the jurisdictions’ current action plans and strategies to address an increase in nitrogen and phosphorus across the watershed as a result of climate change as well as changes in the tidal Chesapeake. On September 10, the WQGIT reached consensus on a primary climate recommendation for 2025, including a special case for NY; however, they have not yet reached consensus on a recommendation related to 2035. The WQGIT Chairs will provide an update on the current status of their discussions in preparation for the October 15 MB where they will seek consensus on a recommendation to the PSC for an increased reduction effort starting with the 2022-23 milestones to account for climate change through 2025. **(Note: the Oct. MB meeting will take place after the next PSC meeting being planned for early October).**

*Presenters:* James Martin, Ed Dunne, Water Quality GIT Cochairs

Materials:

III.a. Presentation: WQGIT Climate Recommendations

III.b. WQGIT Climate Decision Narrative 2020

**LUNCH**

(12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

**IV. CBP Response to STAC Workshop Recommendations on Toxic Contaminants of Concern in Agricultural and Urban Settings**

As a follow up to the August 13 MB meeting, the Toxic Contaminants workgroup will seek MB approval of proposed CBP responses to STAC's Contaminants of Concern (CEC) Workshop recommendations. The STAC recommendations included (1) having a research investment to understand the co-benefits or negative impacts of nutrient and/or sediment BMPs, and (2) creating a close working relationship between researchers and the management community is needed to develop tools. The TCW developed 5 proposed actions to address the STAC recommendations, which have also been approved by the WQ GIT.

*Presenter:* Scott Phillips, USGS

Materials:

IV.a. STAC letter to CBP re: CEC Workshop

IV.b. CBP Response to STAC Recommendation for CEC Workshop

IV.c. Overview of STAR workshop findings and proposed CBP responses

**V. SRS Wrap-up and Follow-up actions from August Clean Water Cohort Review**

(1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

A discussion and resolution of the unresolved items from the August Clean Water QPM.

- 1) Forest Buffers: *The MB members* will report back on: a) what landowner assistance programs could include or require buffers and there will be further discussion regarding a coordinated TA action strategy, and next steps in developing a Natural Filters Restoration Program for each state (see additional data requested by MB).  
*The Forestry Workgroup* will report back on several issues including: a) a completed list of MB requests, an update on the Natural Filters Restoration Program webinar.
- 2) 2025 WIPs: Jurisdictions will review their WIPs and provide: needs for additional staff, increased funding and finer-scale decision tools to accelerate implementation particularly in the agricultural sector.
- 3) WQ Standards Attainment and Monitoring: Workgroup will provide a one-page document explaining needs related to monitoring support for existing programs: alternative finance strategies; commitment to assessing application of matching funds in 117e grants; a request for WQGIT and STAR to formally incorporate new data streams into attainment assessments and to work with partnership community to extend monitoring capacity.
- 4) Toxics, Policy and Prevention: MB members will report back on any DEIJ funding opportunities that could help provide additional staff and resources to move PCB TMDLs forward
- 5) Toxics Research: MB members will provide the workgroup with contacts for PFAS science and how the partnership can coordinate PFAS science.

*Discussion lead:* Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair, and Outcome leads

Materials:

V.a. Riparian Forest Buffers Placemat

V.b. Natural Filters Restoration Program Concept Paper

V.c. Recording of NFRP concept webinar (held Sept 3):

[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/management\\_board\\_meeting\\_september\\_2020](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/management_board_meeting_september_2020).

V.d. NFRP concept webinar slides

V.e. WQ Standards Attainment SRS Review Summary of Requests

**VI. Business Meeting** (2:30 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.)

Discussion about future agenda items, key issues and program updates.

A. **Communications updates** – *Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director*

B. **Conowingo WIP** - An update on the status of the development of the draft Conowingo WIP and finance strategy. (note: The 60-day public review of the WIP will begin Sept. 24; the PSC is expected to review the draft WIP Sept. 16-23) – *Matt Rowe, Jill Whitcomb, Conowingo WIP Steering Committee Co-chairs.*

C. **Program updates** – *Dana Aunkst, CBP Director*

D. Other Partner issues/updates

*Discussion Lead: Dana Aunkst, CBP Director*

Materials:

VI.a. Program Update

**VII. Wrap Up and Adjourn** (2:55 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)