

CBP Management Board
Actions and Decisions
April 11, 2013

Program Updates

- Decision: The Management Board approved, by acclamation, Kristin Saunders as the Stewardship Goal Team Chair.

BMP Verification Schedule

- Decision: The Management Board approved the revised BMP schedule. An updated BMP Review table can be found on ChesapeakeStat:
http://stat.chesapeakebay.net/?q=node/130&quicktabs_10=3

Executive Council Meeting and 30th Anniversary Timeframe

- Decision: Agreed to recommend to the PSC that the 2013 Chesapeake Executive Council (EC) meeting be held in late- September to early-October. The Management Board also recommends that the focus of this year's meeting will be the signing of the new Chesapeake Bay Agreement and will also include a 30th anniversary celebration.

The Principals' Staff Committee agreed that the 2013 Executive Council meeting will be delayed until late-September/early-October to provide time for development of the new Chesapeake Bay Agreement and to plan a celebration for the 30th anniversary of the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Agreement Options

- Decision: The agreement options presentation used for today's MB meeting will be revised for the upcoming Principals' Staff Committee meeting. The revised presentation will reflect the Management Board's recommendations to the PSC including:
 - A comprehensive agreement including a participatory agreement as well as goals & outcomes.
 - The non-TMDL option 1 will be removed and the second option will be presented as the only TMDL-related option.
 - The principles section of the agreement will identify the need for a governance document and management strategies.
 - The Management Board is looking for a decision from the PSC on whether signing on to the outcomes by agencies and jurisdictions is done within the agreement or separately in management strategies.

The Principals' Staff Committee agreed to pursue a comprehensive Chesapeake Bay Agreement with overarching goals and specific, time-bound outcomes. Signatories to the Agreement will include all seven jurisdictions, the Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of the federal government and the Federal Leadership Committee (FLC).

- The outcomes will be adopted by the Chesapeake Executive Council upon signature of the agreement with an understanding that those outcomes may be updated or revised by the Principals' Staff Committee in the future.
- A section on "principles" will call for a governance document and management strategies.
- Management strategies for each outcome will be developed by the Goal Implementation Teams and managed at the Management Board level. The strategies would identify the jurisdictions and federal agencies who agree to work toward that outcome, actions that would be taken, metrics and how progress would be measured.

- The governance document would be developed at a later date and through a separate process. It would delineate the overall governance of the partnership, the relationship and role of the federal agencies and clarify EPA's role as a partner separate from its oversight role for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.
- The Partnering, Leadership, and Management Goal Implementation Team (GIT 6) is charged with developing initial drafts of the Agreement and the Management Board and Goal Implementation Teams will continue to lead the development of the goals and outcomes.

Environmental Finance Advisory Committee

Decision: Additional discussion about an Environmental Finance Advisory Committee is needed before a decision can be reached. Revised materials that answer questions raised during today's meeting will be developed and discussed at an upcoming Management Board meeting. Any comments, suggestions, or recommendations can be sent to Kevin DeBell at debell.kevin@epa.gov.

In progress.

Oyster Restoration in Harris Creek

- Potential Action: Goal Implementation Teams will collaborate on Harris Creek oyster restoration to protect investments and provide multiple benefits.

In progress.

New Water Quality Indicator

- Decision: The new draft Water Quality Indicator will be further developed by the Water Quality Goal Team and returned to the Management Board with progress updates, including the assumptions of criteria for the indicator, considerations of how to best show non-attainment, recommendations on the kind of monitoring needed, and cost estimations necessary to address this indicator.

In progress. The Water Quality GIT will address MB suggestions in a presentation during the May 16 MB meeting.