



**Principals' Staff Committee
DEQ Northern VA Office
March 1, 2017**

Actions/Decisions

Midpoint Assessment

Action: CBP staff will bring back to the PSC information about how the individual policy issues—accounting for growth, Conowingo and climate change—influence Bay water quality and as well as how changes in land use due to continued growth through 2025 could influence the additional load due to more intensive rainfall patterns on 2025 projected land use.

In progress.

Note: The PSC agreed that it needs to provide leadership on Conowingo Dam issues, population growth and climate change, including setting the relative priority and importance.

Note: The PSC was advised that the current Midpoint Assessment schedule will be changing based on the delays in the start of calibration of the Partnership's Phase 6 models due to a series of reasons including the high resolution land use data, ensuring we are crediting all the states' BMP implementation progress, and resolving how we modeling issues like phosphorus saturated soils.

Note: PSC Chair and others suggested we may want to consider a different term from "climate change" given the changes in the federal administration.

Water Quality and Communications

Note: PSC members recommended that CBP staff, in a concise manner, provide a clear communication of the Phase III WIP expectations and the differences between Phase 5.3.2/Phase 6 watershed models presented in a very public friendly way.

In progress.

Report Out and Biennial Review/SRS Kickoff Meeting Update

Note: PSC members suggested that for the EC meeting, one or two actions that were taken in the states that helped promote progress could be showcased.

2017 Executive Council Meeting Planning Kickoff

Action: CBP staff will summarize suggestions for EC topics and provide them to the EC planning team for consideration and based on feedback develop a draft agenda for PSC approval.

On the agenda for the PSC April 25 conference call.