



**Principals' Staff Committee
Conference Call
January 31, 2019**

Actions and Decisions

Principals' Staff Committee Planning Committee

- Decision: The Principals' Staff Committee approved an Executive Council Meeting Planning Committee to convene for the 2019 meeting.

Discussion of Any Impacts to Phase III WIPs with Government Shutdown

- The Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) discussed any impacts from the partial federal government shutdown on the progress of the Phase III WIPs. The PSC agreed the draft and final WIP deadlines will remain the same, with the draft and final Phase III WIPs due by April 12, 2019 and August 9, 2019, respectively.
- In the event of another federal shutdown, CBPO staff will provide the partners with a comprehensive list of who will be working during the furlough along with contact information.

Chesapeake Bay Related Funding Sources and Appropriations

- The Chesapeake Bay Commission provided an overview of key Chesapeake Bay related funding programs and the Chesapeake Bay Commission's related federal appropriations efforts. The presentation emphasized the 2018 federal farm bill, fiscal year 2020 appropriations requests and the WRDA stormwater infrastructure financing task force.

Conowingo RFA and Related Framework Revisions

- Decision: The Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) approved the proposed "surgical" revisions to the Conowingo WIP (CWIP) framework per EPA comments, as well as New York state's suggestion to add, "or private sources," to the end of the following framework sentence: "Additional funding is anticipated through public private partnerships."
- Action: EPA will, within the next week, issue the Conowingo Request for Proposals (RFA).

Updates

- Governor Hogan nominated Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio as the new Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources and will serve on the Principals' Staff Committee. Mark Belton, the former secretary, has been appointed as the new County Administrator for Charles County, Maryland.
- Dana Aunkst started his position as the Director of the Chesapeake Bay Program. Aunkst serves on the Principals' Staff Committee as the Chesapeake Bay Program representative.