



Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership
Principals' Staff Committee
400 Blandy Farm Lane
Boyce, VA 22620
March 16, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Molly Ward, will open the meeting and welcome PSC members.
Nick DiPasquale, CBPO Director, will review highlights from the Program Update and the actions and decisions from the October 16, 2015 Principals' Staff Committee meeting.
Materials:
I.a. Actions and Decisions, October 16, 2015 PSC meeting
I.b. Program Update
- II. Independent Evaluator and CBARA Report Funding** 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
An overview of the two key requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act ("the Wittman Bill"): partner funding reporting and establishing an independent evaluator. Three options for establishing the independent evaluator will be presented and discussed as well as current legislation in Virginia that would partially fund it.
Presenter: Carin Bisland, Director, CBP Office of Partnerships and Accountability
Requested Decision: 1) Approval of a recommendation for a plan to establish an Independent Evaluator function for the CBP. 2) Approval of a method for reporting funding as required under CBARA.
Materials:
II.a. Presentation
II.b. Options paper
II.c. CBARA language
- III. Final Agreement Workplans Update** 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
An update on the final workplans, comments provided during the public input period and a discussion about any outstanding or unresolved issues.
Presenter: Greg Barranco, CBP Office of Partnerships and Accountability
Materials:
III.a. Presentation
- IV. Water Quality Issues** 11:15 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.
a. Midpoint Assessment Update
An overview on decisions and issues coming before the partnership over the next few months, as well as an update on current findings and implications of key midpoint assessment priorities.

Presenter: James Davis-Martin, Water Quality GIT Chair

Materials:

IV.a. Presentation

b. Presentation of Phase III WIP Stakeholder Assessment Action Plan 11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

An overview and discussion about the Phase III WIP Stakeholder Assessment Action Plan, which recommends steps to build programmatic capacity at the state and local jurisdictional levels and to increase local participation in the development of the Phase III WIPs. The Action Plan was approved by the WQGIT during their February 22 meeting.

Presenter: Lucinda Power, Water Quality GIT Coordinator

Materials:

IV.b. Presentation

IV.c. Phase III WIP Stakeholder Assessment Action Plan

c. BMP Verification Framework 11:55 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

An update on progress being made to implement the basin wide BMP Verification Framework and an identification of the forthcoming challenges to full implementation of the framework for feedback and direction on next steps.

Presenter: Rich Batiuk, Associate Director for Science, Analysis and Implementation

Materials:

IV.d. Presentation

----- **LUNCH** (Break and pick up lunch; 12:05 P.m. – 1:00 p.m.) -----

d. Non Tidal Monitoring Trends 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

An update on the nutrient and sediment trends throughout the watershed. There will be future discussions about using monitoring to help assess progress toward the Bay TMDL.

Presenter: Scott Phillips, USGS

Materials:

IV.e. Presentation

IV. f. Handout

V. EC Planning 1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

A discussion about dates and locations, ideas for theme and topics including a review of two-year milestone evaluations, workplans, independent evaluator, EC Chair and outcomes or recommendations resulting from the Environmental Finance Symposium.

Presenter: Secretary Molly Ward, PSC Chair

VI. Concluding remarks, review of decisions, next meeting 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

VII. Tour of the Arboretum (optional) 2:00 p.m.