

**Principals Staff Committee Meeting  
Actions and Decisions  
March 16, 2016**

**Attendees:**

Molly Ward, PSC Chair	Mike Slattery, USFWS	Rachel Felver, Alliance for the Bay
Nick DiPasquale, MB Chair	Chuck Hunt, NPS	Michael Suppler,
Ann Swanson, CBC	Col. Jason Kelly, USACE Norfolk	Carl Blankenship, Bay Journal
David Paylor, VA DEQ	Susan Conner, USACE Norfolk	Peter Marks, CCWC
Ben Grumbles, MDE	Jeff Laitila, Navy	Karl Brown,
Mark Belton, MD DNR	Scott Phillips, USGS	Kristen Saunders, UMCES
Frank Piorko, DE DNREC	Janine Burns, LGAC	Greg Barranco, EPA
Russell Redding, PA Dept. of Ag.	Mary Gattis, LGAC	Jim Edwards, EPA
Scott Mandirola, WV DEP	Verna Harrison, CAC	Rich Batiuk, EPA
Sam Towell, VA Ag & Forest	Jessica Blackburn, CAC	Carin Bisland, EPA
Jackie Lendrum, NY DEP	Nicole Lehmer, CRC	Jon Capacasa, EPA
Ben Sears, NY DEP	Amy Handen, NPS	Tom Wenz, EPA
Nicki Kasi, PA DEP	Jason Dubow, MDP	Doreen Vetter, EPA
Kristen Wolf, PA DEP	Jason Kepler,	Lucinda Power, EPA
Chris Borsch, DE	Jennifer Greiner, USFWS	Linda Miller, EPA
Marel King, CBC	Lee Currey, MDE	Stephanie Santos,
Tim Garcia, USDA	James Davis- Martin, VA DEQ	
Peyton Robertson, NOAA	Shawn Garvin, EPA (phone)	

**Actions and Decisions**

**Independent Evaluator and CBARA funding reporting**

Decision: Agreed to further discuss the process for selecting an Independent Evaluator and the reporting of partner funding during the May PSC meeting. The PSC will make a final recommendation in time for the 2016 Executive Council meeting. **On the May agenda.**

**Final Agreement Work Plans Update**

Action: PSC members agreed to talk with their staff to ensure that each partners' contributions are adequately identified in the workplans.

**Water Quality Issues**

**Midpoint Assessment Update**

Note: The Water Quality GIT cautioned the PSC that there may be changes to the mid-point assessment priorities due to delays in two areas: Land Use (due to delays collecting/processing high resolution land cover data); and BMP Expert Panels (some panes may not deliver final recommendations in time to meet calibration deadlines).

Decision: Agreed that at the next PSC meeting, the Water Quality GIT will provide the PSC with an update on the ongoing BMP expert panels and identify which BMP panels may have potential policy concerns or implications for future PSC consideration. **On the May agenda.**

## **BMP Verification Framework**

Note: The PSC was informed that there are four challenges to full BMP verification framework implementation: adequate resources/investments; full participation by all implementation partners; verification of nutrient management beyond an approved plan; and development of smarter, less resource intensive protocols through the Partnership.

Decision: Agreed that the partnership will work to overcome the four recognized challenges to realize full implementation of the CBP's BMP verification framework.

Action: The PSC charged the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's BMP Verification Workgroup to work collaboratively to bring forward to the Water Quality GIT, Management Board, and the PSC viable, yet innovative, options for solutions to these recognized challenges over the next two years.

Action: Rich Batiuk, CBP BMP Verification Committee chair, will work with James Davis Martin, CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team chair to review the current Committee membership and to fill any recognized gaps in representation and to update the Committee's charter to reflect the PSC's new charge.

## **Non-Tidal Monitoring Trends**

Action: Agreed to include a follow-up presentation and discussion at the May PSC meeting about the non-tidal water quality monitoring trends report. Consideration should be given to how local government representatives can be a part of the discussion. The discussion should also focus on how the CBP partnership can take a more comprehensive approach to working with local government and elected officials as we move forward with the TMDL mid-point assessment work. **On the May agenda.**

Action: The PSC requested that STAR's Integrated Trends Analysis Team continue to work on determining at which different scales the Team could present the results of the long-term water quality trend analyses and the subsequent explanation of these observed trends. **In progress.**

## **EC Planning**

Action: PSC members agreed to email recommendations for potential Executive Council meeting dates, topics and locations to Carin Bisland before March 30. **Completed.**

## **Next Meeting**

Potential topics for the May 26, 2016 PSC meeting:

- Independent Evaluator
- Financial Symposium Results
- Prince George's County P3 Initiative
- Local Governments
- BMP Expert Panel Briefings/Update