



Virtual Meeting
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10:00AM - 3:15PM

Meeting Goal: Strategize the best use of time for the September 16-17 Quarterly Meeting. The September Meeting is the final full Committee gathering to develop annual recommendations for the Chesapeake Executive Council by November 2026.

Meeting Objectives:

- (1) Learn and discuss the primary elements of the approved Management Strategy template for the four *Watershed Agreement* Goals.
- (2) Hear briefings on initial priorities for the Goal Teams as they begin drafting their Management Strategies.
- (3) Identify the September Quarterly Meeting theme for a “deep dive” topic to support the development of the annual report of recommendations.

- 10:00am Call to Order and Welcome.....Abel Olivo, Chair**
- Member Introductions
 - Welcome New Maryland Member, Olivia Martin
 - Guests introduce themselves in the chat
 - Chair’s Opening Remarks
 - Overview of meeting agenda and objectives
- 10:15am Business Meeting.....Abel Olivo, Chair**
- Approval of draft February 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - Coordinator’s Report (Jess Blackburn)
 - Committee Membership Updates
 - Member and Signatory Jurisdiction Meetings
 - Advisory Committee Coordination
 - September Quarterly Meeting
 - Member Announcements (All)

Materials: [Draft February 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

- 10:45am Briefing on the Management Strategies.....[Sarah Brzezinski](#)**
Environmental Protection Specialist, Strategy Review System Coordinator
EPA, Chesapeake Bay Program Office

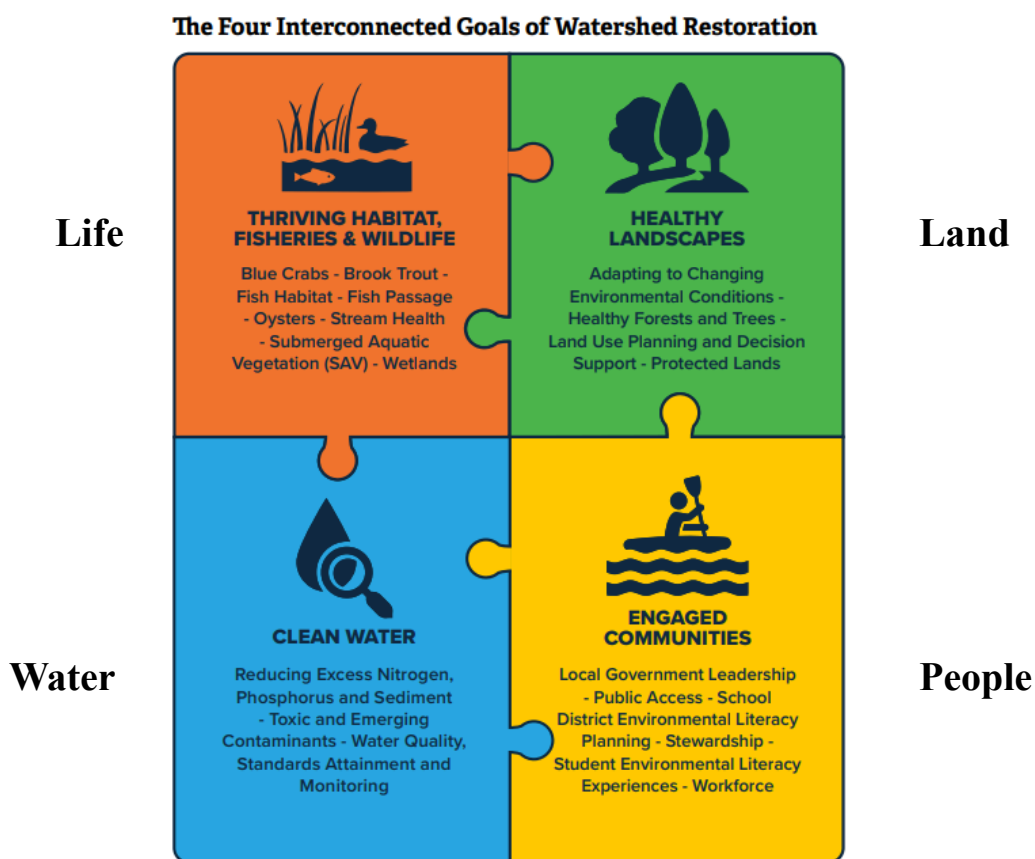
Context: The [Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement](#) calls for the development of 6-year commitments to Management Strategies that outline the implementation of the four Goals. Management Strategies

shall “describe how signatories, other state and federal agencies, local governments, Indigenous representatives, nonprofit and private partners are engaged; where actions, tools, financial support and technical assistance are needed to empower local governments and others to do their part; and what steps are necessary to facilitate greater participation in achieving the Outcomes”.

Sarah will brief the members on the approved CBP strategic plan outline, the Management Strategy template nestled within, and the timeline for drafting and public feedback. She will explain the difference between the 6-year Management Strategies and the more detailed 3-year Workplans. Additionally, Sarah will present an illustrative example of “backyard birds”, which is not an Outcome in the *Agreement*, but serves as a sample Management Strategy to demonstrate the details expected for each of the four Goal Teams to model.

Materials: [CBP Strategic Plan Outline](#); [Management Strategy Timeline](#), [Management Strategy Template](#), [Management Strategy Example- Backyard Birds](#)

**11:30am Setting the Stage for the Afternoon Briefings and Discussion.....Jess Blackburn
Coordinator, Stakeholders’ Advisory Committee**



Goal Teams (GTs) are groups of cross-sector government leaders, subject matter experts, and key stakeholders who coordinate and steer the implementation of work to achieve Goals, Outcomes, and Targets under the *Watershed Agreement*. They provide guidance, direction and in some cases, decision-making for the work under the Goal. The GTs receive direction from and report directly to the

Policy Steering Committee (PSC). They serve as a bridge connecting and translating high-level policy decisions into measurable on-the-ground action.

- Each Goal Team has a seat for one advisor from each of the Advisory Committees.

Noon Lunch Break

12:45pm Preliminary Management Strategy Priorities for the Four *Agreement* Goals
Each Goal Team Chair will offer a 10-min briefing. At the conclusion of the briefing session, members are invited to ask questions.

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| Kevin Schabow Director Chesapeake Bay Office National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Thriving Habitat, Fisheries & Wildlife Goal Team Co-Chair | Ken Hyer Coordinator Chesapeake Bay Office U.S. Geological Survey Healthy Landscapes Goal Team Co-Chair |
| Lee McDonnell Chief Science, Analysis and Implementation Branch EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office Clean Water Goal Team Co-Chair | Julie Patton Lawson Program Analyst Green Economy Branch District Dept of Energy and Environment Engaged Communities Goal Team Co-Chair |

1:40pm Q&A/Discussion

2:00pm Break

2:15pm Identify the September Quarterly Meeting Theme
Excerpt from the *draft* CBP Governance and Management Framework:

“The four Advisory Committees (AC) provide independent, informed recommendations to the EC and PSC and may actively engage with the GTs throughout the year to provide advice in their areas of expertise and help support implementation of the CBP directives and strategic priorities identified by the EC and the PSC, as time allows. Membership of the ACs should be as broad and inclusive as possible. The ACs serve a unique role as sounding boards within the partnership while being key contributors to accountability by participating in evaluations of progress and advising on alignment of funding priorities.”

Part One: Refining the Scope of Advice.....Lucinda Power
Chief, Partnerships and Accountability Branch
EPA, Chesapeake Bay Program Office

- Lucinda serves as the EPA Liaison to the Stakeholders’ Advisory Committee.
- She will offer some guidance on how to distinguish policy and actions that are within the control of the Chesapeake Bay Program partners and represent common priorities versus the purview of individual state or federal agencies.

2:30pm **Part Two: Member Feedback on a September Meeting Theme.....Jess Blackburn**
Members are invited to consider the briefings they heard from the Goal Team Co-Chairs.

- Member Poll: Determine a Broad Meeting Theme
 - What Goal Team does your proposed topic primarily fall under?
 - What is your proposed topic for the September Quarterly Meeting?
 - Member Discussion

Majority Vote: Establish the broad theme

- Member Poll: Refine the Meeting Theme
 - What information do you want to learn to develop a recommendation?
 - What perspectives do you want to hear?
 - Member Discussion

Consent: Establish a refined meeting theme

3:05pm **Wrap up and Action Items**

3:15pm **Adjourn**

Stakeholders' Advisory Committee 2026 Meeting Dates

September 16-17, 2026 (location TBD)

December 11, 2026 (virtual)

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