

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday March 25th, 2024
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Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s)
	1:00	<u>Welcome and Introduction</u> <i>We will use Webex for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the WebEx participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. If multiple participants are joining through the same location, please enter your names in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.</i>	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair
	(15 min)	<u>Announcements & Verbal Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WQGIT Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC• Workgroup Updates (2 min or less, open to workgroup chairs or coordinators)	

Cross-partnership	1:15 (20 min)	<p><u>DEIJ Coordinator Introduction</u></p> <p><i>Melissa will introduce herself to the WQGIT and describe her role. This will be followed by Q&A with participants.</i></p> <p>Materials: Slides or materials TBD</p> <p>Informational.</p>	Melissa Sines, Colmena Consulting
GIT Funding	1:35 (45 min)	<p><u>GIT Funding Update</u></p> <p><i>WQGIT Leadership will provide an update on the GIT funding process based on the latest communications from CBPO Leadership.</i></p> <p>Materials: Slides or materials TBD</p> <p>Informational.</p>	WQGIT Leadership
	2:20 (10 min)	<u>Break</u>	
Phase 7 model development	2:30 (40 min)	<p><u>Follow up from Phase 7 Update</u></p> <p><i>Isabella will provide an overview of the progress made in gathering water quality data to expand the Phase 7 calibration dataset for CalCAST and the dynamic watershed model. This will be followed by an update from Peter on the 4D Interpolator.</i></p> <p>Materials: Presentation</p> <p>Informational.</p>	Isabella Bertani, UMCES Peter Tango, USGS
Beyond 2025	3:10 (25 min)	<p><u>Beyond 2025 Update</u></p> <p><i>B25 Clean Water Small Group co-leads will provide an update on Small Group recommendations coming out of the Beyond 2025 Small Group Symposium in February.</i></p> <p><i>Please note: the approach and content of this item is still in flux and may change. We greatly appreciate the efforts and flexibility of the speakers, as well as the patience of WQGIT members/participants.</i></p> <p>Materials: Slides or materials TBD</p>	TBD

Informational.

Monitoring	3:35 (20 min)	<u>USGS Paper and Takeaways</u> <i>Jimmy will present on a recent study he led about water-quality patterns in three agricultural Chesapeake Bay showcase watersheds. There are some important findings in this paper that are relevant to the GIT and align with the CESR report- messages about BMP effects, mass imbalances, and achieving water-quality goals.</i> <i>Materials: Slides or materials TBD</i>	Jimmy Weber, USGS
	3:55	Recap of Actions and Decisions	Sushanth Gupta, CRC
	4:00	ADJOURN	

Written announcements or reminders

- **Announcements or upcoming opportunities that occur prior to our meeting:**
 - **CAST webinar:** This month's CAST webinar will provide an overview of the plethora of tools and information available on CAST. This will be an excellent webinar to attend if you are new to CAST, or if you are interested in learning more about what CAST has to offer. We will start by going through CAST's resources, including new tools that can be used for targeting practice types and locations for BMP planning. Then, we will walk through how to create your own scenarios using CAST and run reports to track the effects of those plans.
 - Topic: Intro to CAST
 - Time: March 28, 2024 at noon EDT
 - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
 - Meeting ID: 835 1087 6553
 - One tap mobile +13017158592,,83510876553
 - **Choose Clean Water Coalition (CCWC) webinar series:**
 - Topic: 'Back to the Future: Chronicling the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Effort'
 - Time: March 12th 11am-12pm, March 19th 10am-11am, April 2nd 11am-12pm
 - Speakers:
 - March 12th – Carin Bisland, CBP (ret.), Peter Marx, CCWC
 - March 19th – Jeff Corbin, EPA (ret.), Hilary Falk, CBF
 - April 2nd – Rachel Felver, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Kristin Reilly, CCWC, Keisha Sedlacek, CBF

- Description: For some of us, we have uneasily counted down the years to 2025. But for others, the significance of 2025 to the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort is murky. At this critical juncture in our work for clean water throughout the Bay watershed, the Coalition is planning a three-part webinar series on the history of the Bay restoration effort, the role of the Chesapeake Bay Program, and how the TMDL and Chesapeake Bay Agreement connect to the upcoming 2025 deadline.
 - Register: [here](#)
- **March [CRC Roundtable](#)** on Wednesday, March 20th, noon to 1:00pm, is titled “How to protect local waterways.” In 2019, the Local Government Advisory Committee and Local Leadership Workgroup began work on a suite of learning materials that frame the Chesapeake Bay Program’s goals through the lens of a very important audience: local government officials. Elected officials make decisions for their communities that impact restoration progress. This past year, a second phase of work culminated in Protect Local Waterways, an online learning library chock full of resources about how environmental goals intersect with a thriving economy, resilient infrastructure, protected public health and safety, and improved education. While originally intended for local officials, the resources are valuable across audiences. Join the speakers – Laura Cattell Noll (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay) and Shannon Moore (Frederick County MD) – to learn about the resources available and how to make the most of them. [Register](#) to add to your calendar and join live.
- **Additional announcements or opportunities:**
 - ICYMI, the February TMDL Indicator webinar recording is now available on the Chesapeake Bay Program YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLA2491w92Y>
 - The 45-minute recorded webinar is a helpful resource/refresher about the new TMDL indicator and [Monitored and Expected Total Reduction Indicator for the Chesapeake \(METRIC\) tool](#) that were previously presented to the WQGIT in 2023. The indicator is available under [Water Quality Standards attainment on Chesapeake Progress](#).
 - **NFWF Small Watershed Grants (SWG) [Program](#)**. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, is soliciting proposals through the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams. **All proposals must be submitted no later than April 3rd, 2024**
 - **NFWF WILD Grant Program**. The RFP is available [here](#) and proposals are due **no later than April 10th, 2024**.

Additional instructions or info:

- **This meeting will be recorded for internal purposes.** Current EPA policy does not allow for distribution of the recordings.
- Closed captioning will be available for this meeting. To turn on the closed captioning, select the “cc” button in the bottom left corner of the screen. To show a live transcript of the meeting, go to the bottom right-hand corner of the screen and select “captions”.
- If you have any other accessibility concerns, please contact Jackie Pickford (pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov).

Acronyms

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)

CBF: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office

CESR: [Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response](#)

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium

[PA] DEP: Pennsylvania
Department of Environmental
Protection
EPA: Environmental Protection
Agency
GIT: Goal Implementation Team

HRPDC: Hampton Roads Planning
District Commission
NFWF: National Fish and Wildlife
Foundation
STAC: [Scientific and Technical
Advisory Committee](#)
TMDL: Total Maximum Daily Load

UMCES: University of Maryland
Center for Environmental Science
USFS: United States Forest Service
USGS: United States Geological
Survey
WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal
Implementation Team](#)