

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

March 14, 2016 CONFERENCE CALL

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1:00 Welcome/Confirm Call Participants/Workgroup Updates – James Davis-Martin, Chair

1:10 Confirmation of Agriculture Workgroup Chair and Vice Chair – Mark Dubin, UMD

Decision: The WQGIT will be asked to confirm the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Agriculture Workgroup.

1:20 Revised Tree Canopy Land Use Relative Loading Rates – Rebecca Hanmer, FWG, Justin Hynicka, MD DNR and Olivia Devereux, DEC

In September 2015, the WQGIT conditionally approved the inclusion of up to three proposed tree canopy land uses in the Beta version of the Phase 6.0 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model, pending a re-evaluation of the science on the relative loading rates of the tree canopy land uses. Rebecca, Justin and Olivia will present the revised tree canopy relative land use loading rates for inclusion in the Phase 6.0 Watershed Model.

Decision: The WQGIT will be asked to approve the proposed relative land use loading rates for the Tree Canopy over Pervious and Tree Canopy over Impervious land uses in the Phase 6.0 Watershed Model.

2:15 Overview of GIT 3 Workplans – Greg Allen, EPA, Julie Mawhorter, USFS, Renee Thompson, USGS, and Peter Claggett, USGS

Final versions of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement Management Strategy Workplans are due to the Management Board on March 25th. Greg Allen will provide overviews of the Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Workplan and Research Workplan, and Julie Mawhorter will provide overviews of the Riparian Forest Buffer Workplan and the Tree Canopy Workplan, and Peter Claggett and Renee Thompson will provide overviews of the Land Use Methods and Metrics Workplan and the Land Use Options and Evaluations Workplan.

3:30 Water Quality Workplan Funding Information Needs – Lucinda Power, EPA

In January 2016, the Management Board decided to exclude funding information from the Management Strategy Workplans. However, in order to comply with CBARA, that funding needs to achieve the key actions identified in the Workplans will be needed by September 2016. Lucinda will lead a discussion of options for obtaining the required level of funding information.

3:45 Adjourn