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Policy Steering Committee Meeting
Nov 5, 2026
Actions and Decisions

VI. Governance and Operations (GO) Team - Priority Setting Framework and At Large Membership Approval

DECISION: The PSC approved the Priority Setting Framework.

DECISION: The PSC approved the Governance and Operations Team At-Large membership nominations:

- Keisha Sedlacek- Senior Policy Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Carin Bisland – Retired, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office Branch Chief
- Katie Brownson – USFS, Liaison to the Chesapeake Bay Program
- Kristen Wolf – Retired, PA DEP, Chesapeake Bay Program Division Manager

VII. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Edit Approval

DECISION: The PSC approved four Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement edits.

VIII. Completion of the Executive Council Charge on Tribal Partnership

ACTION: The PSC acknowledged that the work on fulfilling the EC Charge on Tribal Partnership is complete.

IX. Approval of Executive Council (EC) Meeting Agendas

DECISION: The PSC approved the private and public EC meeting agendas.

XI. Strategic Plan Review and PSC Feedback

ACTION – This November, Goal Team Chairs will discuss Strategic Plan challenge tables and refine definitions of categories of influence. Goal Teams and workgroups will implement revisions to the challenges table following the public feedback period.

- Before the Strategic Plan's release for public feedback, the Stream Health outcome's Situation Analysis will be revised to indicate that "Excessive nutrients in-stream (e.g.: from untreated runoff, leaky wastewater infrastructure; etc.)" is within CBP's ability to influence.

ACTION – Goal Team Chairs will conduct a review of each other's Strategic Plan chapters, focusing on shared challenges and opportunities to collaborate management approaches across the partnership. Revisions will be integrated into the Strategic Plan after the public feedback period.

ACTION – Strategic Plan Deadlines:

- Nov 5: PSC members will provide feedback to GTs on Strategic Plan chapters on any edits to be incorporated prior to public feedback.
- Nov 20: Signatories and federal agencies will identify which outcomes they will be listed as "Participating Partner." Email responses to Sarah Brzezinski (Brzezinski.Sarah@epa.gov) and Erin Sonnenburg (Sonnenburg.Erin@epa.gov)
    - In association with this action, PSC members or their staff are asked to review the "participating partners" section of each Outcome's management strategy to ensure it is consistent with their submissions or to have proactive conversations with goal teams and workgroups to resolve inconsistencies.
- Dec 3- 18: PSC members will vote via email to approve the draft Strategic Plan for public feedback.
- Dec 31: PSC members will provide feedback not required in advance of public feedback directly to Goal Team Chairs, with a cc to Sarah Brzezinski (Brzezinski.Sarah@epa.gov) and Lucinda Power (power.lucinda@epa.gov) by Dec 31st.

XII. PSC Monitoring Strategy Team Final Report Presentation

DECISION: The PSC approved the Strategic Approaches for Maintaining Core Partnership Monitoring Networks in the Chesapeake Bay Program.