



Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT)

Monday, August 24th, 2026
1:00 - 4:00 PM

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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT). The CWGT will be asked to confirm nominees for three at-large voting member positions and approve a charge to task the WTWG to explore options for the frequency of model updates. Informational items include E3 input presentations from workgroups, a discussion on tiered implementation and an update on management strategy development.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Announcements (1:00 – 1:05 PM)**
Please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally. See top of the agenda for details on new meeting security settings.
Lead: Lee McDonnell and Greg Sandi, CWGT Co-Chairs
- II. Business, Workgroup & Phase 7 Updates (1:05 – 1:15 PM)**
Jeremy will share updates from CWGT workgroups and share general updates and announcements.

Requested Action: Informational.
Lead: Jeremy Hanson, CWGT Coordinator
Materials: Coordinator Updates Presentation, [CWGT July 2026 Meeting Actions & Decisions](#)
- III. Confirmation of Nominees for CWGT At-Large Voting Members (1:15 – 1:25 PM)**
Nominees for the three open CWGT at-large voting member positions were introduced at the July CWGT meeting. Signatory and mid-term at-large voting members were asked to rank nominees via a poll to determine the top three nominees. Jeremy will share the aggregated results from the ranking poll and ask the CWGT to confirm the top three nominees – Lisa Blazure, Kevin Du Bois and Erik Michelsen - as at-large voting members for terms through December 2027.

Requested Action: **Decisional** – confirmation of nominees for three CWGT at-large voting member positions.
Lead: Jeremy Hanson, CWGT Coordinator
Materials: [Call for Nominations](#), [Nominee Bios/Resumes](#)
- IV. Tiered Implementation Discussion (1:25 – 2:25 PM)**
Following initial discussion on planning targets and tiered implementation at the June CWGT meeting, members were asked to share responses to “What does Tiered Implementation mean or look like to you?” The Goal Team will begin framing the opportunities and tipping points moving forward, acknowledging that detailed decisions on planning targets are not expected until 2028. Kaylyn will describe how various tools will work together to aid more detailed future partnership discussions and decisions about tiered implementation and planning targets. In addition, Alex will demonstrate a conceptual tool that will be updated with Phase 7 model results and intended to inform future tiered implementation conversations.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.
Lead: Kaylyn Gootman, EPA CBPO; Alex Gunnerson, CBPO Contractor
Materials: Presentation, Compilation of Member Tiered Implementation Definitions
- V. Break (2:25 – 2:35 PM)**
- VI. E3 Scenario – Workgroup Input Recommendations (2:35 – 3:25 PM)**
Representatives from the Agriculture, Forestry, Urban Stormwater, Wastewater Treatment, and Oyster Workgroups will share a brief overview of their workgroup’s recommendations for inputs to the E3 Scenario (Everything, by Everyone, Everywhere) for the Phase 7 model. There will be time for questions after each presentation. Any specific items needing further discussion will be noted for the September CWGT meeting, including a difference between Forestry and Agriculture Workgroups’ recommendations for forest buffers and tree planting.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.
Lead: Source-Sector Workgroup Leads
Materials: Presentation

VII. Frequency of Model Updates (3:25 – 3:40 PM)

The Goal Team held [initial discussions](#) about how frequently the model should be updated, including phase changes and CAST version changes. In order to make an informed decision, it is proposed to task the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG) with developing options for when to perform data updates to CAST between 2030-2040. The WTWG would present options to the CWGT to consider at the November CWGT meeting and CWGT would seek consensus by December 2026.

Requested Action: **Decisional** – approval of proposed charge to WTWG to developing options for when to perform data updates to CAST between 2030-2040.
Lead: Lee McDonnell
Materials: [Presentation](#)

VIII. Management Strategy Development Update (3:40 – 3:55 PM)

Jeremy will brief the Goal Team on the Clean Water Management Strategy and walk through an initial first draft that includes all three Clean Water outcomes.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.
Lead: Jeremy Hanson, CWGT Coordinator
Materials: Presentation, Clean Water Goal Management Strategy Initial Draft

IX. Wrap-Up (3:55 – 4:00 PM)

Lead: Petra Baldwin, CWGT Co-Staffer

X. Adjourn (4:00 PM)

Next Meeting: [September 28-29, 2026](#) | Hybrid in Annapolis, MD

Announcements & Reminders

- The Chesapeake Bay Program released the most recent update for the [Modeled Loads Reduction Indicator](#). The press release can be viewed [here](#).
- The Chesapeake Research Consortium is hiring an [Environmental Management Staffer](#) to support the Chesapeake Bay Program's Stakeholders' and Local Government Advisory Committees. View the full position listing [here](#). Please share this announcement within your networks. Application closing date is **Sunday, August 23rd**.
- The Local Government Leadership Workgroup completed a [Local Government Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis](#) through a GIT-funded project by the Environmental Policy Innovation Center documenting the landscape of free technical assistance available to local governments across the watershed to advance the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*. You can find the full report, one-page fact sheet and presentation overview [here](#).

- Following the **Governance and Management Framework (GMF) 101 Webinar** on July 28th, the Governance and Operations Team posted a [recording](#) and an [FAQ document](#). Those are both provided on the [webinar webpage](#).
- The next CRC Roundtable, “[Tidal Wetlands: Trends and Tactics](#),” will be **Wednesday, Aug 19th at 12-1pm**. Join the webinar to learn more about the challenges and areas of opportunities for more conservation, preservation, and creation considering in tidal wetlands. Register [here](#).
- Chesapeake Stormwater Network is hosting a webinar, “[GSI Maintenance Gaps in the Bay Watershed \(and Ideas For How to Fix Them\)](#)” on **Tuesday, September 8th**. The webinar will explore a [white paper](#) that examines common maintenance challenges and offers practical strategies to improve long-term performance, strengthen workforce capacity, reduce costs, and protect investments in green infrastructure. Learn more and register [here](#).
- The Land Use Workgroup will be hosting office hours on **Wednesday, Sept 16th at 1-3pm** with a deeper dive on the Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model (CBLCM) and Land Change Forecasts. Additional information will be posted to the [calendar page](#) when available.
- The [Maryland Water Monitoring Council Conference](#) will be **Thursday, November 19th in the Baltimore Metro Area**. If you are interested in presenting, abstract submissions are due **Sunday, August 16th**. The theme of this year’s conference is "Connecting the Drops: Watersheds, Data, and People." Learn more [here](#).
- The 21st annual [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) has been scheduled for **November 13-15th, 2026**. The theme for this year’s conference is “Practical Solutions for People and Planet.”
 - New this year: The conference is employing a **lottery-based registration process**. If you would like to attend, learn more about the lottery process [here](#) and submit your registration for the lottery [here](#) before **Friday, August 21st**.
- USGS recently published a new article, [Evaluating the Effects of Stream-Restoration Practices in an Impaired Agricultural System](#). This paper monitored the impact of stream restoration in an agricultural watershed and found that restorations helped retain sediment on streambanks and floodplains.

Acronyms

BMP: Best Management Practice
 CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)
 CWGT: [Clean Water Goal Team](#)
 CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program
 CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium
 EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
 E3: Everything, by Everyone, Everywhere
 LUWG: [Land Use Workgroup](#)

RENPS: Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment
 USGS: U.S. Geological Survey
 WIP: Watershed Implementation Plan
 WQSAM: Water Quality, Standards Attainment and Monitoring
 WTWG: [Watershed Technical Workgroup](#)