



Coordinator Updates

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A crew with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conducts part of the annual Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey on the Choptank River in Dorchester County, Md., on March 25, 2026. **Photo** by Chesapeake Bay Program ([Flickr URL](#))



Agenda at a glance

- Welcome & Intro
- Business, Workgroup & Phase 7 Updates
- Confirm DAR & Monitoring Chairs (**DECISIONAL**) & Intro At-Large CWGT nominees
- Scenario Base Year Update
- Hydrologic & Critical Period Update
- 2040 Land Change Forecast
- BREAK
- CAP Timeline Review and Approval - **DECISIONAL**
- Management Strategy Development Check-in
- Flex time (20 minutes reserved for topics where we need it)
- Wrap-Up & Adjourn

2025 progress release anticipated in early August, followed by milestone evaluation and 2025 assessment

Partnership wide “GMF 101” Webinar TOMORROW: [Tuesday, July 28, 11:00AM](#) – join live if you’re curious about the new Governance and Management Framework (GMF)

Welcome Gabriel & Allison! + Caroline & Petra we have four total Clean Water Goal Team staffers. (staff support still being worked out partnership wide)

Another new article! *Changes in suspended sediment concentration along tidal rivers of the Chesapeake Bay: the tidal freshwater ‘sediment shadow’*
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecss.2026.109931>

Reminder to check agenda for more announcements or reminders you may not want to miss, including a list of proposal submissions for conferences!

Business, News & Reminders

June 22-23 hybrid

Thank you again for
joining us in person and
online!

Recap email sent in
June

Meeting summary is
now posted



September 28-29 hybrid planning updates

Hosting at CBPO in Annapolis to manage our workload as we draft Management Strategy

We'll rotate for our hybrid meetings in 2027

Planning underway and we've added a few new volunteers to planning team.

Draft agenda shared for travel planning or approval purposes.

More details coming

Upcoming topics (tentative)

August Virtual	September 28 – Day 1 hybrid	September 29 – Day 2 hybrid	Oct, Nov and Dec meetings
• Confirm at large members • Update on Management Strategies & how it all connects (workplans & management strategies) (45+, inc. workgroup assignments) • E3 presentations from source sector workgroups plus forestry (40? workgroup chairs for this) • Maybe sub in time for “When to update the model” • Tiered Implementation Definition discussion inc. dashboard tool (> 1 hour if possible)	Focus: Decisions for P7 Needed decisions • Hydrologic/critical period • Base year • E3 by sector • LU change model Zero in on timeline for P7 reviews by workgroups & tee up Model review expectations Tiered implementation	Focus: Finalize Management Strategies and set expectations for workgroup workplans. Consent to send MS for CW Goal and our 3 outcomes to PSC Assignments and expectations for workgroup workplans • Have initial topics discussion for every workgroup • Set cadence for workgroup updates	Virtual for remainder of 2026 Topics likely to include: • Changes to MS in response to PSC feedback • Updates from workgroups on workplans

Workgroup updates

Full workgroup updates provided in later slides; please consult posted slides at your convenience

Workgroup Updates (summary)

open to Chairs or Coordinators to add more

Agriculture

Discussed E3 scenario and membership at July meeting. A decision on E3 was pushed to Aug 20th.

Watershed Technical

July 2nd discussed the release of 2025 Annual Progress and next steps for integrating FFWG into WTWG. Next Meeting: August 6th (first meeting combined with FFWG) agenda includes approval of Annual Progress Reporting Appendix.

Urban Stormwater

Approved E3 scenario at June 16th meeting, pending a request to further examine available data to refine the Shoreline Management BMP scenario. Reviewing solar forecasts for CBLCM to be approved at Sept meeting.

Wastewater

Approved E3 scenario at July 23rd meeting, with requests to further document BOD concentration justification.

Modeling

July 14-15 Quarterly included approvals of draft 2026 beta Hydrology calibration, hydrologic and critical period proposed windows (to be brought to CWGT) and overall MWG membership structure. Tentative Aug 25th meeting to approve Edge of Field and sediment calibration.

Workgroup Updates (summary)

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TCW & PPoW

TCW confirmed three new at-large members in June. Developing TEC management strategy, seeking consent support at Aug 12th meeting. PPoW's first quarterly meeting as a workgroup scheduled for Oct 1.

Monitoring & DAR

New groups under revised structure. Co-chairs to be confirmed today by CWGT.

CAP AT

Met July 17th to review proposed decision rules for assessing all criteria with the 4D Interpolator. Aug meeting canceled.

BORG AT

Met July 1st to discuss 4D Interpolator draft documentation and deep dive into the day-to-day correlation. Next meeting: July 28th with deep dive into depth correlation.

Workgroup updates – more details

Agriculture

- The AgWG met on July 16th and discussed the new decision-making process outlined Governance and Management Framework, reviewed the assumptions for the E3 Scenario, and discussed the implications of the new membership structure for the AgWG.
- A decision on the E3 Scenario was not made at the July meeting and was moved to the August AgWG meeting, given remaining questions on some of the agricultural BMPs.
- The AgWG will meet again on August 20th from 10:00AM-12:00PM. Potential agenda items may include the approval of the E3 Scenario, next steps for AgWG membership, and a discussion on the RENPS Management Strategy.

Urban Stormwater

- USWG met June 16th and reached consensus to conditionally approve the Phase 7 E3 Scenario, pending a request to further examine available data to refine the Shoreline Management BMP E3 scenario.
- USWG also heard an update on two developed sector loading rate ratios that CWGT was notified of at the May CWGT meeting.
- USWG heard an introduction on utility-scale solar forecasts for the Phase 7 model and is asked to approve this at the September USWG meeting. The August 18th meeting will include a further update on this, in addition to updates at LUWG Office Hours.

Wastewater Treatment

- WWTWG has been working to develop and reach consensus on the wastewater E3 scenario across meetings the last couple months. At the July 23rd meeting, WWTWG approved the E3 scenario, with a request for additional documentation on the BOD concentration.

Workgroup updates – more details

Watershed Technical

- The WTWG met on July 2nd and discussed the release of 2025 Annual Progress and next steps resulting from the June CWGT decision to integrate the functions of the FFWG into the WTWG.
- Next Meeting: August 6th from 10:00AM-12:00PM (first meeting combined with Federal Facilities Workgroup). At this meeting, the group will discuss voting membership and workgroup processes, federal planning target needs, brief edits to the UNM Technical Appendix, approval of the Annual Progress Reporting Appendix, and an update on CAST and Phase 7 Review Products User Research.

Modeling

Updates from July 14-15 Quarterly Meeting

- Approved: Approval of the draft 2026 beta Hydrology calibration ([link](#)) with the caveat to further examine model performance at smaller-local scale catchments.
- Approved: Approval of method and proposed windows for a potential Ten-Year and Three-Year Critical Period ([link](#)) and to be brought to the CWGT in either July/August.
- Approved: Approval on overall MWG Membership structure proposed ([link](#)).
- Action: Seeking approval of the Edge of Field and sediment calibration at a tentative MWG August 25th meeting.

Workgroup updates – more details

Monitoring

- Call for Co-Chairs sent June 25th with nominees received by July 15th for confirmation at the July 27th CWGT meeting.

Data, Analysis and Reporting

- Call for Co-Chairs sent June 25th with nominees received by July 15th for confirmation at the July 27th CWGT meeting.

Criteria Assessment Protocol

- The CAP AT met on July 17th. Tish Robertson (VA DEQ) shared their proposed decision rules for assessing all criteria with the 4D Interpolator. This will be a continued topic of conversation as the CAP AT works to fulfill their target in the Watershed Agreement.
- August CAP AT meeting is canceled. The next meeting is Sept 14th.

Bay Oxygen Research Group

- The Bay Oxygen Research Group Action Team last met on July 1st. The Development Team has been sharing their 4D Interpolator draft documentation with members. This was discussed along with a deep dive into the day-to-day correlation.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 28th where there will be continued discussion on the document and a deep dive into depth correlation.

Workgroup updates – more details

Toxic Contaminants

- TCW met June 10th, which included confirmation of three new at-large members - Katie Davis (EPA), Carys Mitchelmore (UMCES) and Anna Robuck (EPA) - and two technical presentations on 6PPD-Q.
- TCW leadership is working in coordination with TCW members and PPOW to develop the TEC sub-chapter of the CWGT Management Strategy. Following an optional workgroup work session on July 15th, a draft of challenges and management approaches was shared with TCW. Consent support will be sought at the August 12th TCW meeting.

Plastic Pollution

- PPOW is providing technical assistance and expertise to EPA and its contractor to develop a Source Reduction Strategy for Plastics in the Chesapeake Bay. PPOW provided expertise and review on an inventory of existing source reduction strategies globally. This will support the development of a full strategy for the CB Watershed.
- Next Quarterly meeting is scheduled for [October 1st](#) at 1-4pm

III. Confirmation of Nominees for DAR Chairs and Monitoring Chairs & Nominees for CWGT At-Large Voting Members

Data Analysis and Reporting (DAR) Workgroup

- Functions will include to “coordinate and contribute to explaining water quality conditions and changes and the utilization of this information into decision making.”
- Two Co-Chair nominations:
 - Amanda Shaver, VA Department of Environmental Quality
 - Jimmy Webber, US Geological Survey

Seeking decision to confirm these two nominees as DAR Co-Chairs

Monitoring Workgroup

- Spans tidal and non-tidal
- Works with partners “to maintain, operate and strategically adapt CBP partnership monitoring networks”
- Three Co-Chair nominations:
 - Cindy Johnson, VA Department of Environmental Quality
 - Thomas Parham, MD Department of Natural Resources
 - Meighan Wisswell, VA Department of Environmental Quality

Seeking decision to confirm these three nominees as Monitoring Co-Chairs

At-Large Nominations

- Correction: 1.5 year term (through December 2027)
- Five nominees
 - Lisa Blazure, Stroud Water Research Center
 - Kevin Du Bois, Department of War
 - Mike La Sala, LandStudies
 - Erik Michelsen, Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works
 - Jennifer Weld, Penn State University
- Next steps
 - Poll sent to CWGT voting members after today's meeting; forced ranking exercise
 - Responses by **August 7**
 - Follow-up with the nominees the week of August 10; confirm top three at our August CWGT meeting