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Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT)

Monday, July 27th, 2026
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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT). The CWGT will hear multiple updates, informational presentations and follow-ups from the 2-day June hybrid meeting. There are two decisional items: 1) to confirm nominees for Co-Chairs of Monitoring Workgroup and Co-Chairs of Data, Analysis & Reporting Workgroup and 2) to approve the charge for the Criteria Assessment Protocol (CAP) Action Team.

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, CWGT Co-Chair
- II. Business, Workgroup & Phase 7 Updates (1:05 – 1:15 PM)**
Jeremy will share updates from CWGT workgroups and share general updates and announcements since the June hybrid meeting. We are planning another two-day hybrid meeting for September 28-29th.

Requested Action: Informational.
Lead: Jeremy Hanson, CWGT Coordinator
Materials: Coordinator Updates Presentation, [CWGT June 2026 Meeting Actions & Decisions](#)
- III. Confirmation of Nominees for DAR Chairs and Monitoring Chairs (1:15 – 1:25 PM) and Introduction of Nominees for CWGT At-Large Voting Members**
Jeremy will share the names of people who responded to the call for nominations for the below positions and they will have the opportunity to introduce themselves. CWGT members will be asked to confirm nominees for Co-Chairs of Monitoring Workgroup – Tom Parham, Cindy Johnson and Meighan Wisswell – and Co-Chairs of Data, Analysis & Reporting Workgroup – Amanda Shaver and Jimmy Webber – at this meeting. CWGT will be asked to confirm at-large voting members at the August 24th CWGT meeting.
- Chairs for Monitoring Workgroup - [link](#)
 - Chairs for Data, Analysis & Reporting Workgroup - [link](#)
 - At-Large Voting Members for Clean Water Goal Team - [link](#)
- Requested Action: **Decisional** – confirmation of nominees for Co-Chairs of Monitoring Workgroup and Co-Chairs of Data, Analysis & Reporting Workgroup.
Lead: Jeremy Hanson, CWGT Coordinator
Materials: [Nominee Bios/Resumes](#)
- IV. Scenario Base Year Update (1:25 – 1:40 PM)**
Alex will share a brief update on action items related to Scenario Base Year from the June CWGT hybrid meeting, including an updated list of considerations.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.
Lead: Alex Gunnerson, Koniag/CBPO Contractor
Materials: Presentation
- V. Hydrologic & Critical Period Update (1:40 – 2:00 PM)**
Robin will share a brief update on action items related to the hydrologic and critical period analysis from the June CWGT hybrid meeting.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.
Lead: Robin Glas, USGS
Materials: Presentation
- VI. 2040 Land Change Forecast (2:00 – 2:45 PM)**

The CBP Land Data Team is developing a 2040 land change forecast for the Phase 7 model. CWGT will be asked to approve the land change forecasts at the September CWGT meeting. Peter will provide an introductory presentation at this meeting in preparation for that decision, with time for Q&A.

Note, LUWG is holding an Office Hours [July 15th](#) if you would like to attend to hear a deeper dive into the methods and primary results of the Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model (CBLCM). The solar forecasts are also being reviewed by the USWG prior to the full CWGT approval.

Requested Action: Informational primer.
Lead: Peter Claggett, USGS
Materials: Presentation

VII. Break (2:45 – 2:50 PM)

VIII. CAP Timeline Review and Approval (2:50 – 3:05 PM)

The Criteria Assessment Protocol (CAP) Action Team gave an [overview](#) of the decision points and timeline for developing recommendations on assessing dissolved oxygen criteria at the June CWGT hybrid meeting. They will share an updated timeline and the CWGT will be asked to approve the timeline and charge for CAP to determine assessment methods for all dissolved oxygen criteria.

Requested Action: **Decisional** – approval of proposed CAP Action Team timeline and charge to determine assessment methods for all dissolved oxygen criteria.

Lead: Tish Robertson, VADEQ, CAP Co-Chair
Materials: [Proposed Timeline](#)

IX. Management Strategy Development Update (3:05 – 3:35 PM)

Jeremy will provide an update on Management Strategy development and outline expectations for and sequencing of workplan development by workgroups. Jeremy will walk through an initial strawman of draft Management Approaches and potential challenges based on the accumulated feedback from the June CWGT meeting and prior materials. For this meeting we will focus on the draft approaches and challenges for the RENPS outcome and will ask CWGT members to react to the draft lists to prioritize and narrow the focus for our management strategy.

Pre-meeting Action: CWGT members are asked to complete a poll (to be sent 7/16) to indicate initial ranking and prioritization of the draft challenges and Management Approaches. If possible, please do so by July 24th to allow for aggregation of responses prior to the meeting, but the poll will remain open for later responses.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.

Lead: Jeremy Hanson, CWGT Coordinator

Materials: Presentation, Strawman List of RENPS Management Approaches/Challenges

X. Flex Time (3:35 – 3:55 PM)

This time is reserved for additional discussion, follow-ups, and questions.

XI. Wrap-Up (3:55 – 4:00 PM)

Lead: Caroline Kleis, CWGT Co-Staffer

XII. Adjourn (4:00 PM)

Next Meeting: [Monday, August 24th 1-4pm](#)

Announcements & Reminders

- **The Web Team has updated ChesapeakeBay.net to reflect the new partnership structure!** The [Clean Water Goal Team](#) page has been updated, and all new/merged workgroups should now appear. Note that all meeting pages from “retired” groups can still be found on the [meetings calendar](#) page. If you have any questions or issues finding things, feel free to reach out to Petra and Caroline. Thank you to the web team for all their hard work on this.
- **The [Governance and Management Framework](#) was approved** at the [Summer 2026 PSC meeting](#). Congratulations and a huge thank you to the GMF team for their efforts.
- **The Land Use Workgroup will be hosting an office hours on Wednesday July 15th at 3-4pm** 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.
- **Local Concepts LLC is hosting an event titled *Strengthening the Network That Powers Our Work: Turning Recommendations into Action* on July 21st at 12-1pm.** Building on survey findings, training and technical assistance work, and other lessons learned as a part of the Strategically Strengthen How We Work Together series, this session will explore six identified areas for strengthening collaboration across the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. Join via Zoom using the following [link](#) (no registration necessary)!
- **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is hosting [Eyes on the Estuary: How to Become a Chesapeake Bay Community Scientist](#) on Wednesday July 22nd from 12-1pm.** This webinar will focus on three community science programs and feature presentations from Jamie Testa, Liz Chudoba and Brooke Landry. Learn more and register [here](#).
- **The Choose Clean Water Coalition, in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Program Workforce Outcome Workgroup, is hosting a discussion titled [Building the Chesapeake Environmental Workforce: A Community Conversation](#) on Friday July 24th from 11am-12pm.** Participants will be able to provide their thoughts and insights on workforce needs, challenges, and opportunities within the environmental sector. If you are interested in attending, register using the following [link](#).
- **CSN is hosting a webinar “[Building Better Stream Monitoring Programs](#)” on Tuesday, August 11th at 12pm.** The webinar will showcase Strategies, Innovations, and Success Stories from Local Governments. Each presenter will provide a brief history of their program, discuss the regulatory and permit drivers that shaped it, and showcase innovative approaches that have advanced local watershed science and management. Learn more and register [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**.

- The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee recently released a report titled [Advancing Market-Based Approaches in the Agricultural Sector to Support Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration](#). This report summarizes discussion from the July 8-9, 2025 STAC Workshop, which was convened to identify knowledge gaps and provide guidance for implementing market-based approaches to achieve Bay goals. You can learn more and access the report [here](#).
- The USGS recently published a study titled [Sediment Response to Stream Restoration in an Agricultural Watershed](#), which measured the effect of stream restoration in Turtle Creek, PA, on sediment retention. Report findings highlighted that stream restoration changed streambank sediment flux from erosional to depositional; restoration increased floodplain deposition the most in smaller headwaters; stream restoration resulted in a seven-fold increase in net sediment retention; and digital elevation models produced from drone-acquired data improved assessments. You can view the study [here](#).

Acronyms

BMP: Best Management Practice
 CAP: [Criteria Assessment Protocol Action Team](#)
 CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)
 CWGT: [Clean Water Goal Team](#)
 CBLCM: Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model
 CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program
 CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office
 CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium
 EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
 GMF: Governance and Management Framework

LUWG: [Land Use Workgroup](#)
 PSC: [Policy Steering Committee](#) (formerly
 Principals' Staff Committee)
 RENPS: Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus
 and Sediment
 USGS: U.S. Geological Survey
 USWG: [Urban Stormwater Workgroup](#)
 WIP: Watershed Implementation Plan
 WQSAM: Water Quality, Standards Attainment
 and Monitoring