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Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT)

Monday, October 26th, 2026
1:00 – 4:00 PM

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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT). There will be a requested decision to approve the final land use forecast in the CBLCM for the “Business as Usual” scenario for Phase 7. Other main agenda items will include a debrief on the partnership decision-making process, a primer presentation on the 4D Interpolator and an update on the Phase 7 Model Review.

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 and Workgroup Updates (1:05 – 1:15 PM)**
CWGT Staffers will share general announcements and updates from CWGT workgroups.

Requested Action: Informational.
Lead: Caroline Kleis, CWGT Co-Staffer
Materials: Coordinator Updates Presentation
- III. Debrief on Decision-Making Process (1:15 – 1:30 PM)**
Following the multiple decisions conducted at the CWGT Sept 2026 meeting, Lee and Greg will clarify the partnership decision-making process under the new Governance and Management Framework and hear questions and feedback from CWGT members.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.
Lead: Lee McDonnell and Greg Sandi, CWGT Co-Chairs
Materials: Presentation
- IV. Land Use Change Model (1:30 – 1:50 PM)**
Following votes by email from LUWG and USWG on their respective decisions related to the Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model (CBLCM) for Phase 7, CWGT Leadership will recap the result of those decisions and ask the CWGT for approval of the final land use forecast in the CBLCM for the “Business as Usual” scenario for Phase 7. There will be time for questions and additional updates as needed.

Requested Action: **Decision Requested** - Approval of the final land use forecast in the CBLCM for the “Business as Usual” scenario for Phase 7.
Lead: CWGT Chairs; Jackie Pickford, LUWG Coordinator
Materials: [Map Viewer](#) (with latest FAQ Document linked), LUWG and USWG Vote Tracker
- V. 4D Interpolator Primer (1:50 – 2:20 PM)**
CWGT will hear an overview presentation on the 4D Interpolator, which estimates dissolved oxygen across space and through time, improving upon the current spatial interpolation used in the Chesapeake Bay. The output of the tool will allow for expanded evaluation of short-duration criteria (i.e., instantaneous minimum, 1-day mean, 7 day mean) and aid in habitat assessments.

Requested Action: Informational.
Lead: Peter Tango, BORG Co-Coordinator
Materials: Presentation
- VI. Break (2:20 – 2:30 PM)**
- VII. Model Review and Timeline Update (2:30 – 3:30 PM)**
Due to the CWGT decision to change the Hydrologic Period to 1998-2007 and Critical Period to 2004-2006, additional time is needed for Phase 7 model development. Lee will share general

model development timeline updates. Lee and Larry will share the current understanding for the proposed plan for Partnership & STAC Model Review for feedback and discussion with CWGT members.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.

Lead: Lee McDonnell, CWGT Co-Chair and Larry Sanford, UMCES

Materials: Presentation, Review Timeline Options Table

VIII. Flex Time (3:30 – 3:55 PM)

Time is reserved for additional time needed on topics above or other follow-ups from the September hybrid CWGT meeting.

IX. Wrap-Up (3:55 – 4:00 PM)

Lead: Caroline Kleis, CWGT Co-Staffer

X. Adjourn (4:00 PM)

Next Meeting: [November 16, 2026 from 1-4pm](#)

Announcements & Reminders

- **Visualization tools to aid in the Phase 7 model inputs review have been posted on CAST.** You can access them [here](#). This resource is meant to help visualize many of the different model input datasets that have been received with partner support. More details were shared in an email on October 13th, including contacts for sharing questions and comments.
- **Stroud Water Research Center is hosting two free trainings:** The first workshop on October 20th provides foundational knowledge about riparian forest buffers. Then on Thursday, October 22, there will be a deeper dive into watershed restoration and current research. The agenda and additional details are accessible through the links below. Please [RSVP](#) at this link by **Wednesday, October 14** if you plan to attend.
 - o October 20, 2026, 8:45 am - 3 pm on Riparian Buffers and Stream Ecology ([Agenda and details](#))
 - o October 22, 2026, 8:45 am - 3 pm on Streams and Watersheds Research Topics ([Agenda and details](#))
- The next [CRC Roundtable](#), “Striped Bass and Striper and Rockfish, Oh My!” is on **Wednesday, October 21 from 12-1pm**. Join to learn about striped bass surveys and recreational fishing in the Chesapeake Bay. Learn more and register [here](#).
- As charged by the PSC, a cross-jurisdictional and multi-organizational group has been working on the **Monitoring Strategy Report** which addresses vulnerabilities and proposes recommendations to sustain the Chesapeake Bay Program's core monitoring networks. This report has been finalized and is up for approval by the PSC at the [November 5th PSC Meeting](#).

Acronyms

BMP: Best Management Practice
CAST: Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool
CWGT: Clean Water Goal Team
CBLCM: Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model
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
STAC: Scientific and Technical Advisory
Committee
USGS: U.S. Geological Survey
USWG: Urban Stormwater Workgroup
WIP: Watershed Implementation Plan
WQSAM: Water Quality, Standards Attainment
and Monitoring