



Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT)

Monday, September 28th – Tuesday, September 29th, 2026

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In-person participation is held at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office in Annapolis, MD (1750 Forest Drive Suite 130 Annapolis, Md. 21401). Virtual participants can join via the meeting link below. RSVP is required for in-person participants and highly encouraged for virtual participants to plan for breakout rooms and discussions. Venue logistics information will be shared with in-person attendees

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Purpose: This is the second hybrid meeting of the Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT). For this meeting, we will divide our time in two parts with several key decisions requested.

- Day One: Phase 7 Decisions
- Day Two: Management Strategies and Workgroup Workplans

Agenda

Day 1: Phase 7 Decisions

Monday, September 28th | 10:00AM – 5:00 PM

Day One Objective: The CWGT will work to make necessary remaining decisions for the Phase 7 Model.

Note: Timing is tentative and may be adjusted depending on the level of discussion needed on each topic. We will be flexible with the agenda and may adapt throughout the day. Priority will be given to ensuring full discussion can occur on each decisional item, and the two informational items at the end of the day may be shortened, moved or otherwise adjusted if necessary.

I. Introductions and Announcements

10:00 – 10:30 AM

CWGT Chairs will welcome meeting participants and give an overview of the two-day agenda and objectives. We will provide brief introductions of new members, share ground rules to make the most of the hybrid meeting, and provide clarifications on recent Governance and Structure updates to ensure a shared understanding from all participants.

Requested Action: Informational.

Lead: CWGT Leadership

Materials: Day 1 Introductory Slides

II. Interactive Kickoff Activity

10:30 – 10:45 AM

Jeremy will lead the group through an interactive activity

Requested Action: N/A

Lead: Jeremy Hanson, CWGT Coordinator

Materials: TBD

III. Land Use Change Model

10:45 – 11:15 AM

CWGT will receive a briefing from Peter on the Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model (CBLCM) forecasts used for simulating future development and solar forecasts for the Watershed Model/CAST. We will also share an update on the status of the approval process and discuss next steps.

Decision Requested (Post-Meeting): CWGT will be asked to approve the final land use forecast in the Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model (CBLCM) for the “Business as Usual” scenario for Phase 7.

Note: Due to delay in the solar forecast’s final run, LUWG and USWG were not able to call a vote to approve the CBLCM at the Sept 23rd meeting. LUWG and USWG will request a vote via email by mid-October for this approval, instead, to allow time to review the results of this final run. LUWG is also having ongoing discussions about the inclusion of proposed data centers in the CBLCM and will update the Goal Team if they choose to call a vote or there is additional action needed.

Requested Action: **Decisional – post-meeting.**

Lead: Peter Claggett, USGS

Materials: Presentation, FAQ Document, CBLCM Phase 7 Land Use Crosswalk, [Map Viewer](#)

IV. Break **TBD, as needed**

V. E3 Scenario Sector Inputs **11:15 AM – 12:00 PM**

Following the presentations and discussion at the August CWGT meeting, the CWGT will receive final insights on the source sector E3 Scenarios. Workgroups will share any updates or follow-ups from questions and discussion raised at the August CWGT meeting. CWGT members will be asked to approve these scenarios.

- Urban Stormwater Workgroup
- Wastewater Treatment Workgroup
- Oyster Recovery Partnership
- Agriculture Workgroup
- Forestry Workgroup

Decision Requested: After discussion and formulation of a specific proposal, CWGT will be asked to support using either the Agriculture Workgroup or Forestry Workgroup’s recommended assumptions for certain Land Use Change BMPs for the Everything, by Everyone, Everywhere (E3) Scenario for Phase 7. These include forest buffers, grass buffers, tree planting, and agroforestry.

Decision Requested: CWGT will be asked to approve the full package of assumptions from source sector workgroups for the E3 Scenario for Phase 7, including recommendations from Urban Stormwater, Wastewater Treatment, Oyster, Agriculture and Forestry Workgroups.

Requested Action: **Decisional**

Lead: Auston Smith; Workgroup Representatives

Materials: Presentation, Ag/Forestry Recommendation Comparison

VI. Decisional Item Flex Time **12:00 – 12:30 PM**

As time allows, we will introduce the considerations for the remaining decisional items on Hydrologic/Critical Period and Scenario Base Year to be continued after lunch.

VII. Lunch **12:30 – 1:30 PM**

VIII. Scenario Base Year **1:30 PM – 2:15 PM**

Auston will remind CWGT on the purpose of and considerations for the Scenario Base Year. CWGT voting members will work to reach consent on a Scenario Base Year for Planning Targets, including a method for how to account for growth.

Decision Requested: After discussion and formulation of a specific proposal, CWGT will be asked to determine which Scenario Base Year and associated method for accounting for growth, if applicable, should be used for calculating controllable loads from No Action and E3 Scenarios in Phase 7.

The options to be proposed for support are:

- Changing Scenario Base Year to 2022 and accounting for growth using method 2022A
- Changing Scenario Base Year to 2022 and accounting for growth using method 2022B
- Keeping Scenario Base Year to 2010

Requested Action: **Decisional**.
Lead: Auston Smith, EPA CBPO
Materials: Presentation, Handout

- IX. Hydrologic and Critical Period** **2:15 – 3:15 PM**
CWGT Leadership and Robin will remind CWGT members on the analysis, considerations, and prior discussion on the Hydrologic and Critical Period. CWGT voting members will work to reach consent on a final recommendation for the Hydrologic and Critical Period timeframe.

Decision Requested: After discussion and formulation of a specific proposal, CWGT will be asked to determine which Hydrologic and Critical Periods should be used in the Phase 7 suite of models.

The options to be proposed for support are:

- Changing the Hydrologic Period to 1998-2007 and Critical Period to 2004-2006
- Keeping the existing Hydrologic Period of 1991-2000 and changing the Critical period to 1996-1998 (*Note: please see most recent briefing materials for more details on this hybrid option.*)
- Keeping the existing Hydrologic Period of 1991-2000 and Critical Period of 1993-1995

Requested Action: **Decisional**.
Lead: Robin Glas, USGS
Materials: Presentation, Handout

- X. Break** **3:15 – 3:30 PM**

- XI. Phase 7 Review Expectations** **3:30 – 4:15 PM**
Auston will provide an overview of the expectations for the Phase 7 model review, including specific “assignments” for individual workgroup review.

Requested Action: Informational.
Lead: Auston Smith, EPA
Materials: Presentation

- XII. Connecting Watersheds to Tidal Water Quality Tool** **4:15 – 4:50 PM**
Initially introduced at the CWGT August meeting, Alex will provide a further dive into the Connecting Watersheds to Tidal Water Quality Tool, which is being developed to aid in understanding the local control of watersheds to specific segments in the tidal portion of the Bay. This will serve to tee up discussions on Tiered Implementation for Day 2.

Requested Action: Informational.
Lead: Alex Gunnerson, CBPO Contractor
Materials: Presentation, Draft Tool

- XIII. Wrap Up** **4:50 – 5:00 PM**
CWGT Leadership will provide a recap of the day’s discussions, noting any points where continued discussion is needed and give an overview of the agenda for Day 2.

- XIV. Social Gathering**

Day 2: Management Strategies and Workgroup Workplans

Tuesday, September 29th | 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Day Two Objective: Finalize Management Strategies and set expectations for workgroup workplans.

Note: Timing is tentative and may be adjusted depending on less or additional discussion needed on each topic. We will be flexible with the agenda and may adapt throughout the day.

I. Introductions and Announcements

9:00 – 9:10 AM

CWGT Chairs will welcome meeting participants, share a recap of Day 1 and give an overview of today's agenda and objectives.

Requested Action: Informational.

Lead: CWGT Leadership

Materials: Day 1 Introductory Slides

II. Tiered Implementation Discussion

9:10 AM – 11:10 AM

CWGT will build on previous discussions on Tiered Implementation to dive into how CBP could build and integrate tiered implementation into planning targets. CWGT will hear an example workflow/process from partners, engage in breakout group discussion and come back together for final discussion as a full group.

Requested Action: Discussional.

Lead: Kaylyn Gootman, EPA CBPO; Kurt Stevenson, Virginia Tech; Joe Wood, CBF; Breakout Group Leads

Materials: Presentation

III. Break

TBD, as needed

IV. Approval of CWGT Management Strategy

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM

CWGT will hear from outcome leads on the management strategy developed for their outcome. The CWGT will be asked to approve these management strategy sub-chapters as well as the goal-level components, for a full draft of the Clean Water Goal Management Strategy to be recommended to the PSC.

- Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus & Sediment (RENPS)
- Water Quality, Standards Attainment & Monitoring (WQ,SAM)
- Toxic & Emerging Contaminants (TEC)

Decision Requested: CWGT will be asked to approve the draft Clean Water Goal Management Strategy for recommendation to the Policy Steering Committee.

Requested Action: **Decisional**

Lead: Jeremy Hanson, Kaylyn Gootman, Keith Bollt

Materials: Presentation, CWGT Draft Management Strategy

V. Lunch

12:00 – 1:00 PM

VI. Primer on New Workgroups

1:00 – 1:20 PM

CWGT will hear from the new or transformed groups under the revised structure within the Goal Team, particularly focused on the WQ,SAM outcome, to better understand their role, membership and relationship to other groups.

Requested Action: Informational.

Lead: Peter Tango, USGS

Materials: Presentation

VII. Expectations for Workgroup Workplans 1:20 PM – 2:05 PM

The group will discuss workgroup assignments and expectations for workgroup workplans. In particular, the group will discuss:

- Timeline and expectations for workgroup workplan development
- Initial sets of assignments for workgroups to pursue
- Desired cadence and structure of workgroup updates

Requested Action: Informational, for discussion.

Lead: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials: Presentation

VIII. Workgroup Updates 2:05 – 2:20 PM

CWGT will hear monthly updates on each of the CWGT Workgroups and Action Teams.

Requested Action: Informational.

Lead: CWGT Staffers

Materials: Workgroup Update Slides

IX. Wrap Up 2:20 – 2:30 PM

CWGT Leadership will provide a recap of the day's discussions and note any action items coming out of the two-day meeting.

X. Adjourn 2:30 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, October 26th 1-4pm

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