



Workgroup Updates

CWGT Staffers
September 29, 2026



An eastern chipmunk forages along Beaver Run at Patriots Cove in Noxen, Pa., on Nov. 6, 2020.
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Business, News & Reminders

Member Orientation Slides have been developed and are available on the [CWGT main page](#). Note these will continue to be updated with additional topical information, when able.

A request was made for a full roster of all the groups within CWGT. Given membership selection processes are ongoing (more to come later this meeting) we will be sharing that once it is finalized. The most up-to-date member information can be found on each group's individual webpage in the members side panel.

November virtual CWGT meeting will be November 16th at 1:30-4pm.

STAC report on Challenges and Opportunities in Operationalizing Coupled Human and Natural Systems Research in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to be posted this week.

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Agriculture

- The AgWG met on September 17th. Agenda items included updates on the AgWG at-large membership process and the E3 Scenario, an introduction of the Virginia Farm Voluntary Agricultural BMP Survey initiated in June 2025, and an initial discussion on management strategy and workplan development for the Clean Water Goal.
- AgWG Signatory Members are currently in the process of ranking their choices for the [nominations](#) for AgWG at-large membership across six identified categories. To learn more about the process, view the list of nominations, and to access nominee bios/resumes, visit the [September AgWG meeting page](#). The voting process will conclude on October 1st, and nominations will be tallied using rank choice voting procedures. Elected members will be announced at the October AgWG meeting.
- Next Meeting: October 15, 2026 from 10:00AM-12:00PM (*Note: The date/times for the October and November meetings are in flux and may be adjusted as a result of a signatory member request for an in-person October-November meeting to discuss workgroup workplans*).

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Watershed Technical

- The WTWG met most recently on September 3rd. Agenda topics included a continued discussion on voting membership structure and process, an update on the Expert Panel Protocol revisions, and initial discussion on the task to investigate the frequency of model updates requested by the CWGT. The group was reminded that the NEIEN node had been decommissioned as of August 31st and all Progress BMP submissions should be made via CAST moving forward.
- Following this meeting, the call for nominations for at-large membership was extended, and no additional nominations were received by the deadline. As such, the WTWG will vote to approve two nominees (Kevin Du Bois, DoW, and Karl Wilson, USDA) at the October WTWG meeting. Additionally, a draft of the revisions to the Expert Panel protocol was distributed for initial member feedback ahead of the October meeting. You can view the recent draft [here](#).
- Next Meeting: October 1st from 10:00AM-12:00PM. Agenda items will include relevant announcements, approval of the nominations for WTWG at-large positions, a continued discussion on CAST update frequency, an update on Expert Panel Protocol revisions, initial brainstorming for workgroup workplans, and an overview of the CWGT September presentation on the Phase 7 Model review process. You can view the agenda and materials [here](#).

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Urban Stormwater

- USWG held a joint meeting with LUWG on September 23rd to hear updates on the CBLCM. However, 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.
- USWG will request a vote via email by mid-October for the approval of the utility-scale solar forecast Business as Usual scenario.
- Next meeting: October 20th from 10am-12pm

Wastewater Treatment

- WWTWG canceled their September meeting and participated in the [LGAC Quarterly Meeting](#) focused on wastewater issues.
- Gabriel Duran will be the new Staffer for WWTWG!
- Next meeting: October 22nd from 10am-12pm to begin workplan development.

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Toxic Contaminants

- TCW met Sep 9th to give consent support for the TEC sub-chapter of the CWGT Management Strategy.
- Next meeting: Oct 14th from 1-3pm to begin workplan development.

Plastic Pollution

- PPOW will be holding their first meeting as a workgroup on Thursday, October 1st 1-4pm The agenda is available [here](#).
- During the meeting the group will discuss the Clean Water Management Strategy and associated documents, as well as discuss nominations for PPOW at-large membership positions. The group will also get updates on the Source Reduction Strategy project from RTI International and have time to discuss upcoming projects and other announcements.

Workgroup Updates

Monitoring

- New workgroup Leadership was established Summer 2026. Welcome Co-chairs Tom Parham (MD DNR), Meighan Wisswell (VA DEQ) and Cindy Johnson (VA DEQ), Coordinator Peter Tango (USGS), and Allison Welch (CRC; Staffer)
- The first full workgroup meeting was held September 21, 2026. The workgroup discussed their charge, structure and membership format. There was also discussion about how the group will structure their meetings and what members would like to get out of the workgroup.
- Signatory member recommendations are near completion; At-large membership nominations have been received for consideration to be finalized soon

Data, Analysis and Reporting

- New Workgroup Leadership was established Summer 2026. Welcome Co-Chairs Amanda Shaver (VA DEQ) and Jimmy Webber (USGS), Kaylyn Gootman (EPA; Coordinator), and Gabriel Duran (CRC; Staffer)
- The Workgroup has established its objectives in direct alignment with WQ, SAM and RENPS management approaches.
- The Workgroup is in full operation - monthly meetings were held in August and September
- Workplan planning is under discussion coincident with the process underway to establish the voting membership
- Next meeting: [October 28th](#) from 10AM-12PM.

Workgroup Updates

Criteria Assessment Protocol (CAP)

- New action team Leadership was established Summer 2026. Welcome Co-chairs Tish Robertson (VA DEQ), Matt Stover (MDE) and Peter Tango (USGS), Coordinator Breck Sullivan (USGS), and Allison Welch (CRC; Staffer)
- CAP AT is working with BORG AT to guide creation of a coded software module that is aligned with proposed criteria assessment protocols
- Team membership formation is under discussion
- Next meeting: November 9

Bay Oxygen Research Group (BORG)

- New action team Leadership was established Summer 2026. Welcome Co-Coordinators Rebecca Murphy (UMCES), Peter Tango (USGS), and Breck Sullivan (USGS), and Allison Welch (CRC; Staffer)
- The BORG Development Team completed a functioning new dissolved oxygen interpolation tool on schedule during Summer 2026
- The BORG Leadership and Development Team members are preparing documentation underpinning the development, functioning, and operation of the interpolator. BORG is preparing to deliver a complete draft interpolator document for a CBP STAC Review of the dissolved oxygen and pycnocline tool
- Membership formation is progressing; Signatory membership recommendations have been received. The request for At-Large membership considerations will be sent out the first week of October 2026
- Next meeting: October 19 from 12:00-1:30.

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Modeling

- The Modeling Workgroup met in September 2026 and approved the following: Phase 7 Sediment Model in CAST and the Watershed Model, and Phase 7 CAST Stream Scale. More information can be found on the [meeting webpage here](#).
- The Modeling Workgroup has approved final signatory and at-large members. Members can be found on the [MWG webpage here](#).
- Next meeting: [October 27th-28th](#) to approve Phase 7 Watershed Model.