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Watershed Technical Workgroup

# Federal Facilities Workgroup & Partnership Updates

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# Presentation At a Glance

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# **Clean Water Goal Team June Hybrid Meeting Update**

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# Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT) June Meeting

- The Clean Water Goal Team met for a two day hybrid meeting June 22-23.
  - **Day One: Modeling and Nutrients** (Overview of upcoming decisions, planning targets/tiered implementation, Scenario Base Year, Hydrologic and Critical Period)
  - **Day Two: Goal Team Operations and Management Strategies** (including review of member feedback discussions, goal team operations and structure, management strategies, CAP Update)
- Actions and Decisions are posted [here](#). The decision to integrate the functions of the Federal Facilities Workgroup into the WTWG will be discussed today.

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# Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT) June Meeting: Helpful Resources

- **Day 1.4** Overview of Upcoming CWGT Schedule ([LINK](#))
  - CWGT Schedule of Decisions and Deliverables ([LINK](#))
  - CWGT Decisions Calendar ([LINK](#))
- Briefing Book ([LINK](#))
- **Day 2.4** CWGT Operations and Structure ([LINK](#))
- **Day 2.8** Outcome Level Management Strategies ([LINK](#))
- CWGT Actions and Decisions ([LINK](#))

*\*Materials above may be of most relevance to WTWG members. All materials from June 22-23 CWGT meeting are posted [here](#).*



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# **Integration of Federal Facilities Workgroup Functions into WTWG**

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# FFWG Member Feedback: Federal Facilities Workgroup Functions Under CWGT Structure

- At the June Federal Facilities Workgroup meeting and in follow-up via email, FFWG members were asked to provide their preferences for the following options:

## **Option 1: Integration of the functions of the Federal Facilities Workgroup into the Watershed Technical Workgroup.**

- Federal Facilities related topics would be discussed quarterly at the WTWG.
- Key concepts for the potential integration process are outlined in Slide 20 of the presentation linked [here](#) and in the following slides.

## **Option 2: Federal Facilities Workgroup and Watershed Technical Workgroup remain separate workgroups under the Clean Water Goal Team.**

- It was noted that should this option be selected, members should identify potential nominations to fill the leadership roles (chair/co-chair) for the Workgroup.

***\*The majority of FFWG members supported Option 1. This was shared with the CWGT leadership ahead of their June 22-23 meeting.***

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# Federal Facilities Workgroup: June CWGT Decision

- At the June 22-23 Clean Water Goal Team meeting, CWGT members were asked to vote by consent on approval of the following: The functions of the Federal Facilities Workgroup should be included in the Watershed Technical Workgroup.
- ***Decision:*** ***CWGT members approved the proposal to integrate the functions of the Federal Facilities Workgroup into the Watershed Technical Workgroup.***
- ***\*Note: An action team may be stood up if needed for the creation of Federal Planning Targets at the time of their development. Additionally, should this re-structuring prove to be ineffective, the group will consider re-enacting the two separate workgroups, in consultation with the CWGT.***

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# FFWG Proposed Restructuring (from June FFWG Meeting)

## Key Concepts:

- Feds have quarterly meetings as requested but venue will now be at the WTWG.
  - Keep the two previous workgroup memberships distinct for messaging/emails specific to each groups.
- Feds only need participate in these quarterly meetings – tailored to feds with supporting presentations as desired.
- WTWG meets as usual, including these quarterly meetings.
- If topics for one group or another come up that are urgent, these items will be flagged on agenda to the relevant workgroup membership.
- Elevate disagreements to CWGT or FMC depending on topic of disagreement.



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## FFWG Quarterly Meeting Topics:

- August- Start of Progress reporting check-in and community of practice building. Time for introductions, membership discussions, etc.
- November- Check-In on federal data submissions to jurisdictions for Progress
- February- Confirmation of data inputs from feds and jurisdictional partners; community of practice building
- May- Progress overview for all partners (feds and jurisdictions)

\*Federal items will take priority on the agenda, and WTWG items will follow as needed. Feds can stay on the remainder of the call or join WTWG specific meetings in other months as it is useful.

# Membership

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Question: What does this mean for the WTWG, with the newly integrated functions of the FFWG?

# Current WTWG Membership

## Watershed Technical Workgroup Members\*

### Leadership

<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Name</u>	
Chair	Sushanth Gupta (MWCOG)	
Vice-Chair	Christina Lyerly (MDE)	

### Signatory Members

<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
MD	Christina Lyerly (MDE)	Dylan Burgevin (MDE)
VA	Bill Keeling (VA DEQ)	Arianna Johns (VA DEQ)
PA	Scott Heidel (PA DEP)	Tyler Trostle (PA DEP)
DC	Alicia Ritzenthaler (DC DOEE)	Julia Wakeling (DC DOEE)
DE		Joseph Schell (DNREC)
WV		Dave Montali (Tetra Tech)
NY	Cassandra Davis (NYS DEC)	
EPA	Kaylyn Gootman (EPA)	Megan Thyng (EPA)
CBC		

### At-large Members

<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
At-large	<b>Norm Goulet (NVRC)</b>	2024- December 2026
At-large	<b>Kevin DuBois (DoD)</b>	2024- December 2026
At-large	<b>Matt Kofroth (LCCD)</b>	2024- December 2026
At-large	<b>Josh Glace (Larson Design Group)</b>	2024- December 2026
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# Next Steps for WTWG in New Format

- Federal Facilities Workgroup mailing list will be invited to quarterly WTWG meetings beginning in August
- At August meeting, the two groups will discuss membership structure and nomination timeline
- Topics for August Meeting
  - Introductions
  - Workgroup responsibilities/processes
  - Voting membership
  - Other topics as requested/needed

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# Decision Making

## From Governance and Management Framework:

### **Decision-making results that should be elevated may include:**

- Recommendations for nominees to serve as chairs, co-chairs, or vice-chairs.
- Issues delegated by a higher-level organizational group for discussion, recommendation, and decision-making.
- Decisions proposing or recommending changes to current Management Strategies, Workplans, resource allocations, and programmatic policy.
- Decisions where consent cannot be reached unanimously or by vote, and where the group has not tabled the issue for the time being.
- Decisions that will ultimately impact or inform the work of two or more workgroups within the same GT, or two or more workgroups that cross GTs, must be elevated and coordinated across GTs to ensure transparency and support from all signatories.
- Workgroup decisions that have budgetary, programming, or jurisdiction- or watershed-wide policy-related impacts must be elevated to the GT for consideration and decision-making.

### **Decision-making results that do not need to be elevated:**

- Decisions to implement or execute current Management Strategies and Workplans, resource allocations, and programmatic policy.
- Decisions to table an issue indefinitely until the group feels that further reconsideration or discussion is warranted