

# Proposal for PSC's Evaluation of the Agreement

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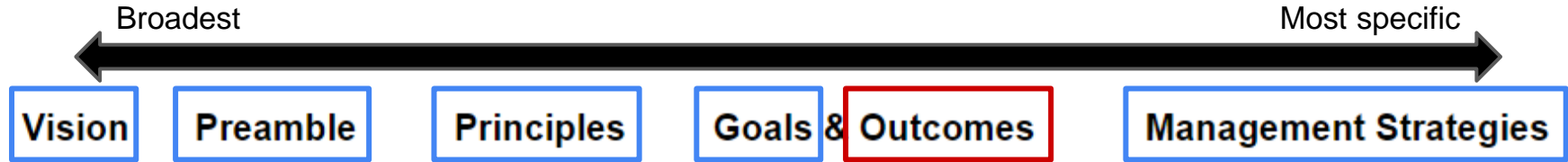


Chesapeake Executive Council  
*Charge to the Principals' Staff Committee:  
Charting a Course Beyond 2025*

# Toplines for the Revision Process

1. PSC is directed to complete “revisions to the *2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*, not a new Agreement.”
  - Revisions should be developed through a “transparent and inclusive process” that actively engages “Advisory Committees, academic and non-profit partners, and the general public.”
  
1. EC provided 7 stated requirements the revisions must meet:
  - Greater emphasis on engaging all communities;
  - Address water quality and living resources;
  - Elevate conservation;
  - Grounded in science;
  - Goals and Outcomes need to be measurable and time bound;
  - Acknowledge that scientific understanding is constantly evolving, so the Agreement must be adaptable; and
  - We share a common goal, but are all coming at that goal from different perspectives.

# Evaluations



- PSC will take the lead on the sections on either end of the spectrum: Vision, Preamble, Principles, Goals, and Management Strategies.
- PSC will direct the MB to address the most technical aspects, the Outcomes, and provide recommendations for PSC approval.
- PSC will direct MB to propose a simplified and streamlined structure and process for the partnership's Structure and Governance

# PSC/MB Collaboration and Upcoming Meetings

- Close communication between PSC and MB members is crucial:
  - Open MB meetings to PSC members;
  - Host “joint” meetings; and
  - PSC members are urged to stay in contact with their MB representatives.
- Both MB and PSC have draft processes for their respective parts of this revision process.
- With all (15) MB meetings and (5) PSC meetings scheduled for 2025, it is important to align and tightly coordinate plans at both levels.
  - Remain open to possible additional meetings that may be needed!

# Proposed Timelines: Q1

PSC

Jan. 29th:

- This presentation
- In depth discussion of Vision, Preamble, and Principles

Chair's team drafts possible changes based on feedback; circulates and manages feedback.

March 28th:

- Decisional discussion to agree to changes to Vision, Preamble, and Principles
- Feedback from MB on Outcomes updates; PSC provides feedback.

January

February

March

Jan. 16th:

- Today's agenda

Feb. 13th & 27th:

- First and second rounds of Outcomes Assessment

March 13th & 27th:

- Third round of Outcomes Assessment
- "Joint" meeting with PSC when finalizing Outcome dispositions and flagging possible Goal changes

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# Proposed Timelines: Q2

PSC

May 23rd:

- Discuss possible changes to Goals and Management Strategies based on Outcomes
- Discuss Management and Governance process

PSC approves all changes for public release on July 1st (additional PSC meeting or over email after June 12?)

April

May

June

April 10th:

- Consensus vote on final Outcome disposition
- Begin SMART updates

May 8th:

- Finalize recommended Outcome revisions
- Discuss changes to Goals and Management Strategies
- Discuss Management and Governance

June 12th:

- Review PSC direction and prepare final recommendation for public feedback

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# Proposed Timelines: Q3

PSC

Partner engagement period, 30 - 60 days (includes public webinar with Q&A)

Aug. 20th

- Review Structure and Governance changes proposed by MB
- Review initial feedback from partner engagement period – any changes necessary to PSC amendments?

July

August

September

July 10th:

- Structure and Governance work

Aug. 14th:

- Structure and Governance work - initial recommendations
- Initial feedback review from partner engagement period

Sept. 11th:

- Review, organize, and address public feedback

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# Proposed Timelines: Q4

PSC

Nov. 18th:

- Approve all Agreement revisions
- Approve MB Management and Governance recommendations
- Prep for EC meeting

October

Oct. 9th:

- Finalized proposed Agreement revisions
- Finalize Management and Governance recommendations

November

Nov. 6th:

- Prep for EC meeting

December [EC]

Dec. 11th:

- Prep for EC meeting

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