



Management Board Meeting June 12, 2025

Actions and Decisions Summary

Beyond 2025 Watershed Agreement Timeline Review

Decision: The **MB** supported the addition of an additional fall meeting, a MB retreat in late September. **EPA** will assess MB member availability and begin planning the retreat. The MB confirmed the use of the October 28th PSC to ensure materials are finalized for the December 2025 Executive Council meeting (pending confirmation from the PSC Chair of that October date and time).

- The MB Retreat has tentatively been scheduled for Sept 30 through Oct 2 in Harrisburg, PA at the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. We sent an email last week for you to save the date. In person participation will be specifically for MB members (two per signatory, one per federal agency, one per GIT, and one per advisory committee), however, there will be a virtual option for those that are not attending in person. We know that you may need a draft agenda to make travel plans so a draft agenda will be shared by the end of July.
- Several of the outcomes in the revised Watershed Agreement draft that's been released for public feedback have targets with placeholder values, or with language that represents the intent to develop a specific target in the future; outcome leads have been asked to report the "flightpath" and timeline for completing development of these targets by July 18th. These updates will be provided in advance of the August meeting.
- During the August meeting, we hope MB members will provide feedback on workgroup plans and timelines for placeholder development. At this meeting, MB members may need to decide if it is okay to have placeholder targets in the final Watershed Agreement.

Public Feedback Timeline

Action: The **MB** agreed to provide jurisdictions with a subset of the feedback that was provided for each jurisdiction. The Chesapeake Bay Program's **Communications Team** will

provide the comments received at the end of the comment period.

Action: **EPA** will refine the schedule and process that accounts for the alignment of public feedback with outcome target development and will share with the MB.

- Public feedback will be reviewed by a small team of volunteers who will refer comments to subject matter experts within the partnership, as needed, to inform potential updates and changes.
- It is the intention that the outcome leads will utilize the public feedback provided by the review team in the development of proposed values for the placeholders in their targets. The MB will review placeholder value and either recommend their inclusion or revision to the PSC.

Action: **MB members** are invited to send Rachel Felver information on meetings, events, conferences, etc. where you are speaking on Beyond 25 efforts, including the updated Watershed Agreement, so that we can capture and track engagement.

Governance and Structure

Decision: The **MB agreed** to the formation of a small team, with a maximum of 12 members, to brainstorm and develop recommendations for governance and accountability for both MB and PSC review, consideration, and approval. Additional members to the original group of 8 will be added to include one representative from each of the four advisory committees. In addition, the **MB agreed** that the full MB membership will develop recommendations on organizational structure for PSC review, consideration, and approval.