



## Management Board Meeting

May 9, 2024  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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**Purpose:** Advancing partnership priority issues leading up to the 2024 EC meeting including issues related to partnership work on Beyond 2025, the creation of an agriculture advisory committee, and the Habitat Tracker.

- I. Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.)  
*Khesha Reed, acting MB Chair, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics.*  
**Materials:** I. Actions and Decisions March 2024 MB
- II. Reporting Concerns with Habitat Tracker** (9:05 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.)  
The Habitat Outcome and Attainment Tracking System (Habitat Tracker) is a means of collecting and managing the habitat (and other) improvement projects implemented in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A central repository of data from multiple agencies and partners allows a streamlined approach to generate reports needed for ecosystem services tracking and assessments. The Habitat Tracker also facilitates evaluating project implementation goals for trend and targeting analyses. The burden of reporting by the jurisdictions was raised as a concern, including possible unintended consequences (e.g., if a jurisdiction does not participate, there will be gaps in the data published on the ChesapeakeProgress website, which will lead to little confidence in the data presented).  
*Presenter:* Chris Guy, USFWS, Habitat Goal Implementation Team Coordinator, Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting, Helen Golimowski, Devereux Consulting  
*Relevant outcomes:* Habitat and multiple other outcomes  
**Requested decision:** None; discussion only.  
**Materials:** II. Habitat Tracker Presentation
- III. Beyond 2025: Steering Committee Updates** (9:35 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.)  
This session is an update on the work being conducted by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee. Anna Killius, Steering Committee Co-chair, will provide a general update on activities in support of the Beyond 2025 effort, including PSC direction to the Steering Committee, a report out from the April 25 Steering Committee meeting, ERG's Interim Evaluation Report, and next steps for drafting the steering committee recommendations to the Executive Council.

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*Presenters:* Anna Killius (CBC), Steering Committee Co-Chair

*Relevant Outcomes:* All

Requested action: Feedback on ERG's interim evaluation and discussion on next steps.

Materials:

III.a. Presentation: Beyond 2025

III.b. Presentation: ERG's Interim Evaluation Report

**IV. Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week (9:55 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)**

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week is a time to celebrate the cultures, history and natural beauty of the nation's largest estuary. This year's theme is "unsung heros." It includes a wide variety of online and in-person events, volunteer opportunities and social media conversations so everyone can take part in celebrating the Chesapeake Bay. This session is an overview of some of the activities planned by the partnership.

*Presenters:* Bianca Martinez Penn, Communications Staffer

*Relevant Outcomes:* All

Requested action: Informational and request support in amplifying Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week and associated events.

Materials: IV. Presentation: Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week 2024

**V. Update on Agriculture Action Team (10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

This session is an update on the progress being made by the Ag Action Team that is conducting due diligence work related to the creation of a possible Agriculture Advisory Committee.

*Presenter:* Alisha Mulkey, Maryland Agriculture Department (tentative)

*Relevant Outcomes:* Water Quality and multiple other outcomes

Requested decision: None; information only.

**VI. Overview of Annual Partnership Planning Calendar (11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)**

The Chesapeake Bay Program created a planning calendar that chronologizes the key issues that the Management Board and Principals' Staff Committee needs to consider as a course of regular business and as we prepare for the December 2024 Executive Council meeting. This session is a high-level overview of the planning calendar and the key issues identified.

*Presenters:* Lucinda Power, EPA, CBPO Partnerships and Accountability Branch

*Relevant Outcomes:* All

Requested action: Feedback on the draft calendar and suggestions for additional topics of interest and their timing.

Materials: VI. Draft CBP Planning Calendar

**VII. Business Meeting (11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)**

Discussion about future agenda items, key issues, and program updates.

*Facilitator:* Khesha Reed (EPA), Acting MB Chair

- **Agenda Items for June 2024 MB meeting:** QPM, Healthy Watersheds Cohort (LUMM & LUOE, Healthy Watersheds, Stream Health. Updates on: (off track) Tree Canopy and Forest Buffers)
- **Executive Council Meeting Update** - Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director
- **Partner Announcements/Updates**
- Job postings – (per LGAC 2023 EC recommendation response) Reminders to partners

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to regularly post job openings on the watershed-wide resources website (<http://chesapeakenetwork.org/>, hosted by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay) and other list serves and websites as appropriate.

**VIII. Wrap Up and Adjourn**

(11:30 a.m.)