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Management Board Meeting Agenda

March 12, 2026
9:00 – 1:00

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Purpose: The purpose of this Management Board (MB) meeting is to discuss matters related to governance, organizational structure, and management strategy development, with a decision being made on the Management Strategy template. The meeting will also include presentations and discussions on the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) as well as the Phase 7 Timeline and Tiered Implementation Targets.

I. Meeting Introductions **9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.**

Dan Coogan, MB Chair, will kick-off the meeting and will review the meeting purpose. Amy Handen will administer the roll call.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Dan Coogan, EPA, and Amy Handen, EPA

Materials:

I. Actions and Decisions: February 12 MB Meeting

II. Governance and Structure **9:05 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

The Implementation Team will review initial revisions to the Governance and Management Framework and seek feedback from the Management Board and interested parties.

Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and Presentation only.

Presenters: Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP; Dan Coogan, EPA; Anna Killius, CBC; Kevin Schabow, NOAA;

Leila Duman, MD DNR; Doug Bell, EPA
Facilitator: Jennifer Hancke, Consulting with a Purpose

Materials:

II. Draft Revised Governance and Management Framework

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10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

III. Management Strategies

10:55 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to review and approve 1) the draft Strategic Plan/Management Strategy template outline, 2) the revised development timeline, 3) getting started activities for both the signatory partners and the newly appointed Goal Team leads and their Workgroups, and 4) an approach to the public-facing Strategic Plan.

Requested Action: Decisional; See topics above.

Facilitator: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA

Materials:

III.a Management Strategy Template Outline 2026.03.10.docx

III.b Management Strategy Example – Backyard Birds

III.c. Management Strategy Template

III.d. Workplan Example - Backyard Birds

III.e. Workplan Template

III.f. 2026-03 MB – Management Strategies.pptx

IV. USACE and the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026

11:35 p.m. – 12:05 p.m.

This session by Army Corps of Engineers staff is intended to inform the partners on the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). WRDA is a comprehensive legislative authorization package enacted by Congress every two years. It authorizes both studies and construction of projects. Funding is provided separately. Over several decades, WRDA has included authorization language for a wide variety of on-the-ground projects. This session will review the authorization and funding processes, role of the Corps and non-federal partners, and examples from throughout the Chesapeake Bay.

Requested Action: Non decisional; Informational only

Presenter: Amy Guise, Chief, Planning Division, and Dan Bierly, Chief, Civil Project Development Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District

Materials:

IV. Presentation: Water Resources Development Act

V. Update on Phase 7 Timeline and Tiered Implementation Targets

12:05 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide an update on the Phase 7 development timeline, highlighting the critical path to complete the Phase 7 model. In addition, an initial presentation will be provided on the background and motivation for exploring Tiered Implementation, how it

ties into shallow waters and living resources, and a comparison of our current approach versus how tiered implementation could work.

Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and Presentation only.

Facilitator: Lee McDonnell, EPA; Dr. Kaylyn Gootman, EPA; Bruce Vogt, NOAA

Materials:

V.a. Update on Phase 7 Timeline and Tiered Implementation Targets - Tiered Implementation

V.b. Update on Phase 7 Timeline and Tiered Implementation Targets - Phase 7

VI. Public Feedback **12:35 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide an opportunity for members of the interested public and Chesapeake Bay Program partners to ask questions or offer comments on materials discussed during today's meeting with the Management Board meeting. To allow for multiple opportunities for feedback, we ask that speakers keep the discussion on their topic to 3 minutes.

Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA

Materials: none.

VII. Announcements / Business Meeting **12:45 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide an opportunity for Management Board members to offer any brief updates on items of interest.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA

Materials: none.

VIII. Review of Actions and Decisions **12:55 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to recap the decisions and actions captured from the day's discussions and deliberations.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Amy Handen, EPA

Materials: none.

IX. Wrap Up and Adjourn **1:00 p.m.**