



Protected Lands Workgroup Meeting

February 3, 2026
2:00-4:00pm

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Agenda

Meeting Materials:

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Purpose:

- Learn about Bay Program happenings related to the Protected Lands Outcome
- Discuss 2026 Protected Lands Priorities and how the workgroup can be beneficial to members
- Review and discuss the language drafted at the Greenspace Definitions Workshop regarding how to define greenspace and its tracking (**decisional**).

Introductions (2:00 - 2:15pm)

Place your name and affiliation in the chat

Ice Breaker: What are YOUR 2026 priorities?

I. Administrative Updates: Management Board and Governance/Structure (2:15-2:25)

- Lead: Daniel Koval, CRC, PLWG Staffer
- Daniel will provide an update on recent management board decisions regarding management strategies, governance and structure, and membership.

Requested Action: Non-decisional (discussion and presentation only).

Materials: Presentation Slides

II. Review of proposed greenspace definition (2:25 - 3:05)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator & Daniel Koval, CRC, PLWG Staffer
- Sophie and Daniel will share what was discussed and drafted at the Greenspace Definitions Workshop in January, followed by a workgroup discussion on the proposed definition. Approval will be determined through a consensus process among members.

Requested Action: Decisional

Decision Needed: Approval of the proposed definition. Members can request specific edits to the language and follow-up if necessary.

Materials: Presentation Slides

II. Data Standardization Network (3:05-3:15)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Sophie will share an update on the Data Standardization Network and the work that they will be embarking on.

Requested Action: Non-decisional (discussion and presentation only).

Materials: Presentation Slides

III. Protected Lands in 2026 (3:15 -3:50)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Sophie will present on proposed Protected Lands Outcome priorities for 2026. She will also lead a discussion on how the workgroup members see their involvement in the Protected Lands workgroup moving forward.
 - What do members want to get out of the bi-monthly meetings?
 - How could the Bay Program better support your work?

Requested Action: Non-decisional (discussion and presentation only).

Materials: Presentation Slides

III. Wrap-Up (3:50-4:00)

- This time is open for members to share items of interest to the group.

V. Adjourn (4:00pm)

- **Next Meeting: April 7th, 2:00-4:00pm**

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