



Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT)

Monday, May 18th, 2026
1:00 - 4:00 PM

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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT). The WQGIT/CWGT will be asked to approve the proposed CWGT workgroup structure. Other topics will include a primer on Planning Targets, an update on the hydrologic period/critical period analysis, a discussion on opportunities to deepen the use of monitoring data with partnership modeling efforts, and an update on the BMP remote sensing effort.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Announcements

(1:00 – 1:05 PM)

Please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally. See top of the agenda for details on new meeting security settings.

Lead: Lee McDonnell and Greg Sandi, CWGT Co-Chairs

II. Business, Workgroup & Phase 7 Updates

(1:05 – 1:15 PM)

Caroline will share updates from WQGIT workgroups, plans for the hybrid June meeting, and a few website updates.

Requested Action: Informational.

Lead: Caroline Kleis, WQGIT Co-Staffer

Materials: Staffer Updates Presentation

III. CWGT Workgroup Assessment

(1:15 – 1:45 PM)

Goal Teams have been asked to provide recommendations for their Goal Team's structure and workgroups. In [April](#), the group discussed initial proposals for workgroups within the CWGT, including the groups moving over from STAR in support of the Water Quality, Standards Attainment and Monitoring (WQSAM) Outcome. The CWGT also had an opportunity to discuss further at an office hours on [May 12](#). The proposed structure for the CWGT's workgroups has been requested by May 28, so if a live consensus decision is not reached, we will seek to confirm agreement by email following the meeting.

Requested Action: Decisional – Approval of the proposed CWGT workgroup structure.

Lead: Lee McDonnell and Greg Sandi, CWGT Co-Chairs

Materials: Presentation

Please note we anticipate that the slides and any additional materials for this presentation will be posted by the end of day, May 12th. Thank you for your patience!

IV. Remote Sensing of BMPs

(1:45 – 2:00PM)

Eric will share a brief update on EPA and CBP efforts to explore the capabilities and potential application of remote sensing in the partnership, particularly for the tracking and verification of BMPs. Eric has presented to source sector workgroups, who are providing feedback on what BMPs could be more or less suitable to this effort in addition to other potential opportunities to apply remote sensing in the partnership.

Requested Action: Informational.

Leads: Eric Hughes, EPA CBPO

Materials: Presentation

V. Leveraging Monitoring Data and Modeling Insights Across the Partnership

(2:00 – 2:30 PM)

This talk will briefly explore how the partnership currently integrates monitoring data with modeling tools to inform decision making and strengthen our understanding of watershed conditions. We will also begin a collaborative discussion on new opportunities to deepen the use of monitoring data within partnership modeling efforts, enhancing accuracy, transparency, and future planning.

Requested Action: Informational, for discussion.
Lead: Kaylyn Gootman, EPA CBPO
Materials: Presentation

VI. Break (2:30 – 2:40 PM)

VII. Review of the Phase III WIP Planning Targets Method (2:40 – 3:35 PM)

Alex will provide a review of the partnership approved method used to determine planning targets for the Phase III WIPs. This will include a description of foundational partnership decisions, assimilative capacity, and the allocation method often referred to as the "hockey stick." The presentation will help set the stage for additional discussion of water quality planning targets at the hybrid June CWGT meeting.

Requested Action: Informational.

Lead: Alex Gunnerson, Koniag Government Services (CBPO Contractor)

Materials: Presentation

VIII. Hydrologic Period Update (3:35 – 3:55 PM)

Robin will share progress in the analysis of an updated hydrologic and critical period for the Phase 7 model. WQGIT/CWGT will continue to receive updates on this, and we will hold a longer time for discussion ahead of a decision anticipated by Sept 2026.

Requested Action: Informational.

Leads: Robin Glas, USGS

Materials: Presentation

IX. Wrap-Up (3:55 – 4:00 PM)

Lead: Petra Baldwin, WQGIT Co-Staffer

X. Adjourn (4:00 PM)

Next Meeting: [Monday-Tuesday June 22-23](#), hybrid in Baltimore, MD

Announcements & Reminders

- **Reminder: there will be an optional [CWGT office hours](#) on **Tuesday, May 12th, from 1:00-2:30pm**. This session will be primarily to discuss structure and governance including the CWGT Workgroup Assessment to aid towards an approved structure at the May 18th WQGIT/CWGT meeting. There will also be opportunity for questions and discussion on other priority topics as time allows. The agenda is posted [here](#). An additional [office hours](#) has been scheduled for **Tuesday, June 9th, from 1:00-2:30pm** (agenda forthcoming).**
- **The last [CRC Roundtable](#), “Restoring Positivity: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Success Stories,” was on **Wednesday, April 15th at 12pm**. To watch the recording, click [here](#). To stay up to date on the upcoming CRC Webinars, visit the following [website](#).**
- **Several upcoming conferences have opened submissions for proposals. Due dates are below.**
 - [2026 Potomac Conference: The Future of Water Supply](#) – Speaker Submissions due **Friday, May 15th**

- [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) - Session Proposals due **Friday, May 29th**
- [Capital Area Natural Resource Management Symposium](#) – Abstract Submissions due **Sunday, May 31st**
- The [2026 Choose Clean Water Conference](#) is on **May 18-20th** in Lancaster, PA. This year’s conference theme is The Pursuit of Clean Water. For more information and to register, click [here](#).
- The [2026 Chesapeake Community Research Symposium](#) will take place from **June 1st- 3rd** in Annapolis, MD. The theme of the 2026 Symposium is Chesapeake Bay Research and Restoration: Next Generation Tools for a Dynamic Future. To view the schedule and register, visit the following [site](#). The deadline to register for this event is **Friday, May 22nd at 11:59pm**.
- The [2026 Mid-Atlantic Agroforestry Conference](#) is on **June 4-5th, 2026**, in Pennsylvania Furnace, PA. The agenda will include farm/site tours, panel discussion, and resource guidance and statuses. Learn more and register for the conference [here](#).
- The 21st annual [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) has been scheduled for **November 13-15th, 2026**. The theme for this year’s conference is “Practical Solutions for People and Planet.” To learn more about the conference and opportunities to present or sponsor the forum, view the conference website [here](#). See the information above for information regarding session proposals.

Acronyms

BMP: Best Management Practice
 CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)
 CWGT: Clean Water Goal Team
 CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program
 CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office
 CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium
 EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

USGS: U.S. Geological Survey
 WIP: Watershed Implementation Plan
 WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)
 WQSAM: Water Quality, Standards Attainment and Monitoring