CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday May 13th, 2024
Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time
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Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title *Item description*	Speaker(s) or presenter(s) Materials
	1:00	**Welcome and Introduction** *We will use Webex for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the WebEx participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. If multiple participants are joining through the same location, please enter your names in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.*	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair
	(20 min)	**Announcements & Verbal Updates** • *WQGIT Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC* • *Workgroup Updates (2 min or less, open to workgroup chairs or coordinators)*	**Materials:** Presentation

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Priorities: policy and implementation	1:20 (50 min)	**Partner spotlights**	Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP
		As discussed at the April WQGIT meeting, WQGIT leadership wants to include sharing of lessons and successes as a recurring agenda item. Pennsylvania and Virginia volunteered to go first. The approach for this agenda item may evolve based on feedback or discussion.	Kevin McLean, VA DEQ
		Each partner has 15 minutes to share up to three items in response to the prompt: "What are the stories, examples or lessons you are most proud of, or excited to share with your peers, with respect to Chesapeake Bay watershed and clean water work in recent years?" WQGIT leadership suggested some themes, and a focus on cases since 2010 or more recent.	
		We want this to be conversational, but the intention is to let each presenter complete their planned content (10-15 minutes) and have ~10 minutes for discussion with each speaker.	
		Materials are not required, but anything shared by the presenting partners will be posted on the calendar page.	
		Informational presentation, with discussion and exchange of ideas encouraged.	
		Action Requested: Volunteers for the June 24th and July 22nd WQGIT Meeting Partner Spotlights (2 Partners per month, 4 total, barring future adjustments to the format).	**Materials:** _Slides or materials TBD_
	2:10 (10 min)	**Break**	
WQGIT Planning	2:20 (20 min)	**DEIJ Strategy Discussion _[Tentative]_**	Melissa Sines, Colmena Consulting _[pending confirmation]_ & WQGIT Leadership
		Melissa will facilitate a short discussion on how the WQGIT can incorporate DEIJ into its updated SRS workplan and strategy.	
		Informational.	**Materials:** _Slides or materials TBD_
Indicators & Progress	2:40 (30 min)	**2023 Progress and Modeled Load Reduction Indicator (MLRI) Overview**	Auston Smith, EPA CBPO

Note: We will share relevant press release and information to the WQGIT and workgroups for the 2023 Progress scenario and MLRI update as soon as they are publicly available this week.

Auston will summarize high level results from the final 2023 Progress scenario and the latest update to the MLRI on [Chesapeake Progress](). Approximately half the time is intended for Q&A and discussion.

Informational.   **Materials:** Presentation

Beyond 2025	3:10 (30 min)	**Beyond 2025 Update**	KC Filippino, HRPDC; Joe Wood, CBF & WQGIT Leadership

KC will summarize the latest developments and schedule for the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee, which most recently met on [April 25th](). Discussion and presentations at that meeting included a draft engagement strategy, the draft interim ERG report findings and considerations, and the schedule for writing and releasing draft steering committee recommendations.

The schedule for the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee moves quickly between the May 13th and June 24th WQGIT meetings, so this is a chance for interested WQGIT or workgroup members to catch-up or understand what comes next with respect to the Beyond 2025 process.

WQGIT leadership will use any available to discuss how the WQGIT can proceed in support of its Steering Committee representatives or the overall schedule.

Materials: Refer to materials posted on the [April 25th]() meeting page

Informational.

SRS	3:40 (15 min)	**SRS Planning Follow-Up**	WQGIT Leadership

There will be follow up on SRS and the WQGIT's long term planning based on feedback received at the April WQGIT meeting.

Materials: TBD

Informational.

	3:55	Recap of Actions and Decisions	Sushanth Gupta, CRC
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Written announcements or reminders

- <u>Announcements or upcoming opportunities that occur prior to our meeting:</u>
  - **CAST webinar:** What's new in CAST-23 + 2023 Progress
    - Topic: This month's CAST webinar will provide information on CAST-23, which will be released in the coming weeks, and on the 2023 Progress scenario. More information will be posted on the CAST Training Page as it becomes available.
    - Time: May 23rd, 12 noon *[tentative]*
  - **May CRC Roundtable** on Wednesday, May 15th, noon to 1:00pm, is titled "It's All About Carbon: Coastal Cycling and Forest Function." Carbon is both the cause and the source of potential mitigation of our changing climate. Research on carbon cycling has implications for policy and the resilience of our communities. Blue carbon ecosystems—tidal marshes, mangroves, and seagrasses—and forests are key ecosystems that sequester carbon. Learn about blue and green carbon research and relevant policy implications from researchers at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center's Biogeochemistry Lab and BiodiversiTREE project. Register to add to your calendar and join live.
  - **EPA Mid-Atlantic Region 2024 Virtual Summit** on Thursday May 16th, 10AM-4PM
    - The EPA Mid-Atlantic summit is a one-day virtual event that is geared towards addressing environmental health topics relevant to the Mid-Atlantic Region. The summit is held annually and features an opening plenary with state environmental secretaries and concurrent sessions focused on various topics, including equity, environmental justice, sustainability, grant opportunities, and more. View the agenda here and register here.
- <u>Additional announcements or opportunities:</u>
  - **2024 Chesapeake Watershed Forum Request for Session Proposals.** The Chesapeake Watershed Forum Planning Committee is soliciting proposals for 60, 90, and 180-minute sessions at the 2024 Forum (October 18th-20th) at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. They are looking for a combination of theme-related sessions that spotlight a case study or introduce new, innovative, and/or hot topics or more in-depth presentations that facilitate discussion and application to activities and organizations at the local level. For information on guidelines and how to submit, please visit this page. **Proposals must be submitted no later than May 19th, 2024.**
  - **Restore America's Estuaries 2024 Coastal & Estuarine Summit – October 6th-10th, 2024.** Join Restore America's Estuaries in Washington, DC for the 2024 Coastal & Estuarine Summit, the premier event for coastal restoration policymakers, practitioners, and managers in the United States. Register here. **Early bird registration is available until August 2nd, 2024.**

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If you have any other accessibility concerns, please contact Sushanth Gupta (gupta.sushanth@epa.gov).

Acronyms

CAST: Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool
CBF: Chesapeake Bay Foundation
CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office
CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium
DEIJ: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice

[PA] DEP: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
DEQ: [VA] Department of Environmental Quality
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
GIT: Goal Implementation Team

HRPDC: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
MLRI: Modeled Load Reduction Indicator
SRS: Strategy Review System
UMCES: University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
WQGIT: Water Quality Goal Implementation Team