

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday November 27th, 2023
Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time
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Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s)
	1:00	<u>Welcome and Introduction</u> <i>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.</i>	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair
	(20 min)	<u>Announcements & Verbal Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">WQGIT Coordinator Staffer Takeover Updates – Jackie Pickford, CRCWQGIT Leadership nominations status	

- New CBP Partnerships & Accountability Branch Chief: Lucinda Power
- Workgroup Updates (2 min or less, open to workgroup chairs or coordinators)

Milestones	1:20 (5 min)	<u>2024-2025 Milestones</u> Suzanne will briefly review the PSC approved schedule and whom to send what information. Informational.	Suzanne Trevena, EPA
WQGIT Planning	1:25 (5 min)	<u>Confirming 2024 WQGIT Schedule</u> Looking ahead to 2024, the WQGIT will continue monthly meetings on the 4 th Monday. Alternate dates for holiday conflicts are listed on the tentative schedule. Dates can or will be changed if needed, with sufficient notice, but we want to confirm these dates will be reserved/posted via calendar invites and the public CBP events calendar. Materials: 2024 WQGIT dates Request: Review listed dates and provide feedback if any dates pose issues for members or partners.	Sushanth Gupta, CRC
SRS	1:30 (25 minutes)	<u>Overview of updated Strategy Review System (SRS) process</u> Sarah will brief the WQGIT on recent revisions to streamline and adjust the SRS process, materials, cohort groupings and schedule changes. Materials: Presentation; Fourth Cycle SRS Process and Calendar; Reimagined QPM Prep Description Informational briefing or discussion only	Sarah Brzezinski, EPA CBPO
Phase 6 CAST	1:55 (10 min)	<u>Update on CAST-23 review and schedule</u> Quick summary of feedback received by November 3 rd and summary of responses and reminder of current schedule. Materials: Slides Informational.	Lee McDonnell, EPA
	2:05 (10 min)	<u>Break</u>	
WQGIT Planning	2:15 (60 min)	<u>Recent past and the WQGIT's road ahead (Part 1): Submersion Series in 2023</u>	Jeremy Hanson, CRC

Jeremy will summarize overall stats and feedback from the first two webinars.

Kurt Stephenson & Zach Easton, Virginia Tech; Joe Wood, CBF

The content leads from the first two Submersion Series will each debrief the WQGIT participants about the content, discussion, and take-away lessons or ideas from their respective session. (20-25 minutes each, including some time for Q&A)

Kaylyn Gootman, EPA
CBPO

- (Kurt, Joe, Zach) June 6 session: Reviewing our accounting framework: how can we promote innovation and outcome-based management? [\[Link\]](#)
- (Kaylyn) September 14 session: Making science work for you: How to strengthen connection between WQ studies and ag conservation [\[Link\]](#)

As time allows, Jeremy and Suzanne will facilitate discussion and share overarching lessons or reflections to segue into Part 2.

Materials: Submersion Series recap and feedback summary; Slides

Informational briefing with time for questions and discussion.

WQGIT Planning	3:15 (40 min)	<u>WQGIT's road ahead (Part 2): Bringing it together and looking into 2024-2025</u>	KC Filippino, HRPDC & Joe Wood, CBF
		KC and Joe will update the WQGIT on latest Beyond 2025 Steering Committee (B25SC) activities, particularly early "Clean Water small group" activity, current direction and high-level topics. Jeremy will summarize a breakdown of the WQGIT's activity from 2022-2023 and kickoff facilitated discussion about priority topics for 2024 and possibly 2025. The WQGIT will use remaining time to interactively brainstorm, prioritize or categorize items for monthly agendas, Submersion Series, or other types of activities that will be described for participants. Materials: TBD WQGIT input will be solicited via live facilitated exercise.	Jeremy & Suzanne
	3:55	<u>Recap of Actions and Decisions</u>	Sushanth Gupta, CRC
	4:00	ADJOURN	

Written announcements or reminders

- **Opportunities closing before our meeting:**

- [CRC Roundtable](#) on Wednesday November 15 from noon to 1pm, titled “Shifting to the Shallows: Informed Site Selection.” [Register here](#).
- **NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants.** \$240 million in funding is available for transformational habitat restoration and coastal resilience projects under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.
 - Closing Date: November 17, 2023
 - Award Period: Approximately three years
Funding award amount range: \$1 million to \$25 million over the award period
 - More Information about Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants<<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/transformational-habitat-restoration-and-coastal-resilience-grants>> and informational webinars
 - View grant opportunity on [grants.gov](#)<<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349865>>

- **Announcements or upcoming opportunities**

- **CAST webinar at noon on Tuesday, November 28 will highlight Delivery Factors.**
 - Guest Speaker, Kristin Fisher from The Nature Conservancy, will walk through a case study about how this organization used CAST delivery factors to complete a grant proposal for an agricultural conservation project. We will then use this example to demonstrate how the CAST delivery factors can be used to calculate edge-of-tide load reductions using a known load-per-unit reduction. Finally, we will show how to add BMPs to a scenario to find the total resulting load.
 - Registration not required, join using the link below
 - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
 - Meeting ID: 856 0631 7822
 - One tap mobile +13017158592,,85606317822#
- **NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities.** \$45 million in funding is available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act for projects that will advance the coastal habitat restoration and climate resilience priorities of tribes and underserved communities.
 - Closing Date: December 19, 2023
 - Award Period: Approximately three years
 - Funding award amount range: \$75,000 to \$3 million over the award period.
 - More Information about Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities<<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/coastal-habitat-restoration-and-resilience-grants-tribes-and-underserved-communities>> grants and informational webinars
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- 5th National Climate Assessment has been published and is available online: <https://nca2023.globalchange.gov/>
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking comment on a revised draft of the nonpoint source (NPS) §319 grant guidelines. These revisions include new flexibilities and expectations to ensure the equitable delivery of §319 NPS program benefits for communities impacted by NPS water quality challenges. Among other updates and clarifications, the draft guidelines support the use of new science and information to advance climate resilience through NPS solutions. The revised draft of the “National NPS Grants Guidelines for States and Territories,” is the first since 2013. The revised guidelines are currently available for public comment until December 31, 2023, at: <https://www.epa.gov/nps/cwa-ss319-grant-guidance-update>.

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Acronyms

BMP: Best Management Practice
 B25SC: Beyond 2025 Steering Committee
 CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)
 CBF: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium
 EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
 HRPDC: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 QPM: Quarterly Progress Meeting
 SRS: [Strategy Review System](#)
 WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)