



# Staffer Updates

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# Agenda at a glance

- Announcements & Updates
  - Staffer Updates (including Decision Tracker and Workgroup Updates)
- Longer- Term Planning and Scheduling
- UNM Expert Panel Recommendations (Pre-Decisional)
- BREAK
- CBP Structure Discussion

## Business, News & Reminders

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MB Retreat was held Sept 30-Oct 2- discussion on *Watershed Agreement* revisions and discussions on governance and structure

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MB Meeting: Oct 9- Approval of proposed revisions to the draft *Watershed Agreement* [available here](#)

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Upcoming PSC Meetings: Oct 28 and Nov 6. October 28th agenda posted [here](#).

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EC meeting set for December 2 from 9:30am – 12:30 pm at National Aquarium, Baltimore

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EPA has appointed a new CBPO director, Dan Coogan. Read Dan's Bio [here](#).

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CRC posting for Executive Director position. Description [linked here](#).

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Reminder to check agenda for more announcements or reminders you may not want to miss!

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# Phase 7 Decision Tracker Updates

- Posted versions: October 23
- Two versions available
  - Tracker from July- September (final, for reference)
  - Tracker from October-February 2026 (draft, ongoing updates)
- Upcoming Decision: UNM Expert Panel Report
  - USWG (Via email by 11/12), WTWG (11/6), WQGIT (11/17)

<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/projects/phase-7-model-development>

# Workgroup updates

Full workgroup updates provided in later slides; please consult posted slides at your convenience



# Workgroup Updates (source sectors)

open to Chairs or Coordinators to add more

Wastewater	<p>Tentatively approved preliminary CSS data layer in September, supported pursuing small improvements to sewer/septic model</p> <p>Next meeting: TBD (October canceled)</p>
Forestry	<p>Met October 8th. Presentations on effectiveness of economic incentives in encouraging adoption of riparian buffers, Chesapeake Conservancy's tree planting opportunity data set</p> <p>Next meeting: TBD (November likely canceled)</p>
Agriculture	<p>October 16th meeting featured poultry industry spotlight and Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative overview</p> <p>Next meeting: Wednesday, December 10th (1:45-4:45 PM)</p>
Urban Stormwater	<p>UNM report finalized by panel. USWG met 10/21 and discussed report, proposal for post-construction SW management BMP, and CBP Structure Strawman</p> <p>Next meeting: Tuesday, November 18th (10:00AM-12:00PM)</p>

# Workgroup Updates (others)

open to Chairs or Coordinators to add more

Watershed Technical	Met October 2nd and approved August construction decision update and AMT recommendation for changes to default buffer widths for calculations Next meeting: November 6th (10:00AM-12:00PM)
Toxics	Joint meeting with LLWG on 10/21 to discuss opportunities and challenges for collaboration on PFAS contamination. Next meeting: TBD
Federal Facilities	Canceled October meeting Next meeting: December 9th (10:00AM-12:00PM)
Land Use	Next meeting: December 16th, 10am-3pm (Joint meeting- groups in proposed Healthy Landscapes Goal)
Milestones	Near-Term Milestones Schedule approved by the MB and will be presented to the PSC on Oct 28th. Next meeting: TBD

# Workgroup updates – more details

## Agriculture

- The AgWG met on October 16th, and the meeting focused largely on the poultry industry, highlighting the Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative and spotlighting representatives of poultry companies and industry associations who discussed major trends in their sector and opportunities for collaboration to progress toward achieving conservation goals.
- Next Meeting: December 10th from 1:45-4:45
- The AgWG canceled their November meeting, and they rescheduled their December meeting, so that the group can meet in person immediately following the Bay in the Balance Conference.

## Forestry

- FWG met on Oct 8th and heard presentations on 1) the effectiveness of economic incentives in encouraging farmers to adopt riparian buffers and 2) Chesapeake Conservancy's recent tree planting opportunity dataset to serve as a resource for restoration planning.
- Next Meeting: TBD, Nov meeting likely canceled.



# Workgroup updates – more details

## Urban Stormwater

- UNM Panel met October 16 to finalize their report. WQGIT will be hearing about this today, and the report and other associated materials are posted for review.
- USWG met on Oct 21 and discussed the UNM Panel Report, heard a proposal from PA DEP for a post-construction stormwater management BMP, and discussed the proposed CBP structure strawman. The UNM Panel recommendations will be approved by USWG members via email, as well as by the WTWG and WQGIT at their Nov meetings.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday November 18th from 10am-12pm.

## Wastewater Treatment

- WWTWG tentatively approved the preliminary CSS Area data layer at their September meeting, pending a few missing votes. Members also supported pursuing small improvements to the sewer/septic model.
- The October meeting is canceled.
- Next Meeting: TBD

# Workgroup updates – more details

## Watershed Technical

- The Watershed Technical Workgroup met on October 2nd and approved a partial update to the August construction decisional item and a recommended change in default buffer widths for calculations to 22.5 and 67.5 for narrow and regular buffers, based off an AMT recommendation. The group also heard a proposed processing update for exclusion fencing from VA DEQ and learned about an innovative Nanobubble treatment technology.
- The WTWG will meet again on November 6th for the approval of the Urban Nutrient Management Expert Panel technical appendix and will see BMP and load source group matrices showing an initial draft of how the new Phase 7 load sources will be used in the BMP process of the next phase of the model. This discussion will continue at source sector workgroups before returning to the WTWG.
- Next Meeting: November 6 from 10:00AM-11:20AM.

## Toxic Contaminants

- On October 21st, the Toxic Contaminants Workgroup held a joint meeting with Local Leadership Workgroup to discuss opportunities and challenges for collaboration on PFAS contamination.
- Next meeting: TBD

# Workgroup updates – more details

## Federal Facilities

- The FFWG canceled their October 14th meeting
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, from 10:00AM-12:00PM.

## Land Use

- The next LUWG meeting will be a joint meeting on December 16th from 10-3 with those under the proposed Healthy Lands Goal. Stay tuned for more information!

## Milestones

- The Near-Term Milestones Schedule was approved by the MB and will be presented to the PSC on Oct 28.
- Next Meeting: TBD