



Watershed Technical Workgroup Meeting

August 6, 2026
10:00 AM-11:45 AM

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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Watershed Technical Workgroup. Agenda topics include relevant announcements, a discussion on voting membership and workgroup processes, an initial discussion on federal planning target needs, an overview of brief edits to the UNM Technical Appendix, a discussion on the NEIEN Appendix, and a brief update on CAST and Phase 7 Review Products User Research.

Agenda

- I. Introductions & Announcements (10:00- 10:15 AM)**
- Please put your name and affiliation in the chat box for attendance purposes. Thank you!

- Approval of the [July WTWG Meeting Minutes](#)
- Reminder: The CBP NEIEN node will be decommissioned on **August 31, 2026**. All Progress BMP submissions will be made via CAST.
- Nutrient Credit Trading in Virginia- Kevin DuBois, DoW
 - Navy Region Mid-Atlantic signed an Inter-Governmental Support Agreement with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) on June 26, 2026. The agreement will enable the Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic to purchase nutrient reduction credits from HRSD to support Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit compliance at Naval Station Norfolk, Joint Base Little Creek Fort/Story, Naval Air Station Oceana, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, and Naval Support Activity Portsmouth.
- 2025 Progress Release
- 2026 Progress Schedule
- CWGT RENPS Management Strategy Development
- Other announcements?

Requested Action: Decisional- Approval of [July 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

Lead: Sushanth Gupta, MWCOG & Auston Smith, EPA

Materials: [July 2026 Meeting Minutes](#), [2026 Progress Schedule](#)

Federal Facilities Agenda Items

II. Voting Membership Structure & Workgroup Processes (10:15-10:40 AM)

Auston Smith, EPA, will kick off collaboration between the members of the WTWG and previous Federal Facilities Workgroup. Auston will provide a brief introduction to both groups before discussing workgroup processes, future meetings, and next steps. In particular, Auston will explain expectations for WTWG voting members and provide options for voting membership structure before opening a decision up to the group regarding how to fill the voting membership. If, after the discussion, members need additional time to determine their position, decision positions may be collected via email to finalize the decision. Time will be made to work through any questions on the integration of federal facility functions into the WTWG.

Requested Action: Decisional- The group will discuss their preferred option for filling WTWG voting membership

Lead: Auston Smith, EPA

Materials: [Presentation](#)

III. Initial Discussion on Federal Planning Targets Needs (10:40- 11:00 AM)

Given the integration of the Federal Facilities Workgroup functions into the WTWG, Auston Smith, EPA, will discuss the process for establishing federal planning targets and the need for a potential Federal Planning Targets Action Team. Auston will also provide the group with context from the last time that federal planning targets were developed, before opening the discussion up to the group.

Requested Action: None- Informational

Lead: Auston Smith, EPA

Materials: [Presentation](#), [Federal Targets Protocol \(2015\)](#), [CAST Federal Agencies Materials](#)

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IV. Minor Edits to the Technical Appendix for UNM

(11:00-11:05 AM)

David Wood, CSN, will inform the group of a few minor edits that will be made to the Technical Appendix for Urban Nutrient Management for added clarity. These include two instances of the “construction” land use. The edits are in red below:

Q4. What does a jurisdiction need to report to receive credit for UNM Plans?

A4. BMP Name: UNM w/ Soil Test, UNM without Soil Test, Non-Fertilized Turf

Acres: number of acres of qualifying UNM plans or pledges within geographic reporting unit

Location: Approved NEIEN geographies: Latitude/Longitude of approximate centerpoint of acres; County, Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC12, HUC10, HUC8, HUC6, HUC4), State

Date of Implementation: Date the plan was written, pledge was signed, etc.

Land Use: Eligible land uses include Turfgrass, Tree Canopy Over Turfgrass, Solar Pervious, **Construction** (MS4, CSS, and Non-Regulated)

Q12. How are the eligible land uses simulated in P7 to ensure the Non-fertilized turfgrass BMP represents a change in management compared to the Pre-BMP condition?

A12. Every acre of the eligible land use categories for the UNM BMPs (turfgrass, tree canopy over turfgrass, **construction**, and solar pervious) is assumed to receive fertilizer.

The updated non-farm fertilizer application methodology takes the state-wide fertilizer nutrient mass and divides it by the state-wide turfgrass acres, plus solar pervious acres and construction acres, to determine the non-farm fertilizer application rate for each state.

Requested Action: None- Informational

Lead: David Wood, CSN

Materials: None.

V. Annual Progress Reporting Appendix Draft Overview

(11:05 11:20 AM)

Jess Rigelman, J7 LLC/CBPO will provide the group with an overview of the updated [draft annual progress reporting appendix](#), noting any changes received since the July WTWG meeting. Time will be made for participants to discuss any changes and provide additional feedback. The group will seek approval of the draft Appendix with any proposed changes. If, after the discussion, members need additional time to obtain their organization’s position, decision positions may be collected via email to finalize the decision to ensure the appendix is approved by August 31, 2026.

Requested Action: Decisional- Approval of the Draft Appendix with Requested Changes

Lead: Jess Rigelman, J7 LLC/CBPO

Materials: [Annual Progress Appendix Draft With Requested Edits \(for Approval\)](#)

VI. CAST and Phase 7 Review Products User Research (11:20- 11:40 AM)

Alex Gunnerson, Koniag, will provide a brief overview of major findings and recommendations developed from the user research conducted this spring on CAST and Phase 7 Review Products. The group will discuss actionable items resulting from this research.

Requested Action: None- Informational

Lead: Alex Gunnerson, Koniag

Materials: Presentation

VII. Wrap-Up (11:40 AM-11:45 AM)

Lead: Petra Baldwin, CRC

VIII. Adjourn (11:45 AM)

Next Meeting: September 3, 2026, from 10:00AM-12:00PM