



**Chesapeake Bay Partnership
Meeting of the Principals' Staff Committee
Winston Churchill Conference Room
1801 K Street, NW, Washington, DC
September 24, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Conference Line:

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Agenda

I. Welcome, Introductory Remarks (10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.)

- *Hamid Karimi, Principals' Staff Committee, Chair (Substitute)*, will welcome meeting attendees and review actions from the last PSC meeting.
- *Nicholas DiPasquale, CBP Director* will provide the highlights of Chesapeake Bay Program activities and progress on action items from the April 2013 PSC meeting to review what the PSC has agreed to.

Materials

- Attachment I.a: Program Update
- Attachment I.b: Annotated Actions and Decisions – June 27, 2013 PSC Meeting

II. Draft Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (10:20 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

- *Carin Bisland, Vice Chair, Leadership and Management Goal Implementation Team*, will provide a brief overview of the Agreement development process including: Issues Resolution Committee (IRC), Editorial Board (EB), public comments, etc., and an overview of the current draft Agreement.
- *Jim Edward, Chair, Issues Resolution Committee*, will provide a summary of recommendations to the PSC for consideration.

Materials

- Attachment II.a: Draft Agreement
- Attachment II.b: IRC recommendations to PSC

Issues for Discussion and Resolution

- Vision** – How far reaching? Should the Agreement “vision” reflect more than just the ecological value of the bay? Should it also reflect the cultural, historic and recreational value of the entire watershed?
- Level of Support for Management Strategies** – Wording was moved from the goals/outcomes related to jurisdictions having discretion to choose level of support for management strategies. Is it correctly worded for all jurisdictions? Language negotiated by PSC signatory representatives is still intact, with the exception of the addition, “Except for those outcomes required by law and related to the implementation of the TMDLS under the waters quality goal...” Are any changes needed? Public comments were heavy on the side of not giving discretion to the signatories.

c. **Goals and Outcomes**

- The 1987 Agreement included *goals, objectives* and *commitments*. Should this agreement use a similar structure to differentiate outcomes (targeted results) from commitments (products or activities/actions)?
- The Partners agreed that management strategies would be developed for all outcomes; however, the current draft includes 30 outcomes. Do the Partners still agree with this or is there a way to minimize the number of strategies? If only some outcomes have management strategies, how will we explain it to the public?
- An alternative option would be to develop management strategies for each goal (rather than outcome), will the jurisdictions who want to focus on only some of the outcomes have an issue?

d. **Outcomes**

- **Blue Crab Management Outcome**
- **Oyster Outcome**
- **Forage Fish Outcome**
- **Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome**
- **Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome**

Lunch

(12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Draft Agreement Outcomes (continued)

(1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)

- **Toxic Contaminants Reduction Outcome**
- **Public Access Site Development Outcome**
- **Environmental Literacy Outcome**
- **Local Government Leadership Outcome**
- **Stewardship Outcome**

- e. **Adaptive Management** – This Agreement calls for a more rigorous approach to adaptive management than we have used before, with setting measurable goals/outcomes, developing management strategies, and measuring our assumptions/adjusting our management strategies as we learn. Are we fully committed?

III. Agreement Timeline: Modification for public comment and end date (1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.)

IV. Call for Recommendation for the EC to endorse the Mid-Atlantic Elementary and Secondary Environmental Literacy Strategy (2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)

- *Attachment IV.a: Mid-Atlantic Elementary and Secondary Environmental Literacy Strategy*

V. Next Steps

(2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- Schedule next PSC meeting and identify agenda items.