

**Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting  
Actions and Decisions**

**July 9, 2012**

	<b>Executive Council charges the Principals Staff Committee</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
1.	<b>Trading Programs:</b> Complete a review of similarities and differences in state trading and offset programs and make recommendations on the feasibility of a watershed-wide trading program and sub-regional trading programs, with pros and cons and deliver these recommendations at the next PSC meeting. The CBP should consider the use of pilot projects and explore the relevancy of the CO2 trading system developed under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as a possible model or starting point.	In progress.
2.	<p><b>Landscape Collaborative Funding:</b> The Chesapeake Bay Commission will draft and circulate, for EC members to consider signing, a letter of support for Secretary Salazar to designate the Chesapeake region for FY14 Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Landscape Collaborative funding support. The Chesapeake Bay Commission has already sent a separate letter of support to the Secretary date May 24, 2012. Additional action by the EC members would need to be taken in early August 2012. CBC's Virginia Director was asked to take the lead in drafting a letter of support and circulating it to appropriate Bay jurisdiction representatives for consideration.</p> <p>[Note: The Chesapeake Bay Commission did draft a letter for consideration. However, no joint EC letter of support was agreed to by the full Council. MD and DE sent individual letters of support. No more action will be taken by the EC at this time]</p>	Completed.
3.	<b>Environmental Literacy:</b> In addition to considering the CAC request below on Environmental literacy, the states and District should report to the PSC what they are doing in environmental literacy and identify an environmental literacy point of contact. USDA requested that the "Ag in the Classrooms" initiative be incorporated into any environmental literacy discussions/evaluations and the CBC also requested the same for the Chesapeake Bay Foundations' environmental education programs.	To be completed by February PSC meeting.

4.	<b>Advisory Committee Requests</b>	
	a. <b>CAC:</b> The PSC is to consider, at their next meeting, the CAC requests to the Executive Council : <i>(Note – The Executive Council members received a letter dated July 6, 2012 from a coalition of 14 Chesapeake Bay organizations urging the Council to act upon the same education recommendations presented by CAC.)</i>	On the agenda for consideration. See separate update for CAC actions.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Environmental Literacy – Encourage the Secretary of Education to sign an MOU with the Chesapeake Bay Program partners, establish 2 year milestones for achieving environmental literacy for all students in the watershed, approve the <i>Mid-Atlantic Elementary and Secondary Environmental Strategy</i>.</li> <li>ii. Public Access and Land Conservation – Provide funding for landscape conservation, Sign an MOU with the Directors of the Bureau of Land Management and the Office of Surface Mining, establish new goals for land conservation and public access</li> <li>iii. Accountability – Provide full transparency, verification, and public involvement in the jurisdictions’ water quality nutrient trading programs. Each partner provide a summary at each EC meeting of load reduction progress and specific ways they are improving enforcement</li> <li>iv. Issues of continued concern – Consider the cost of inaction in addressing sediment storage behind the Conowingo Dam.</li> </ul>	
	b. <b>STAC:</b> When the PSC considers STAC’s request for multiple model testing, a cost estimate should be developed for the state of the art modeling so that the potential funding impacts can be compared with other priority funding needs such as monitoring and implementation. The PSC should request a timeline for delivering such a cost estimate from STAC.	In progress. See separate STAC table.
	c. <b>LGAC:</b> The CBP should convene local government workshops so that local governments, in particular local elected officials, have an opportunity to learn from each other ideas for innovative implementation of	In progress. See separate LGAC table.

	<p>pollution reduction actions. The PSC will consider the following requests that LGAC made to the EC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <b>Ensure</b> that jurisdictions and federal agencies provide a stream of committed funding to help implement WIPs.</li><li>ii. Find ways to continue and expand current technical assistance efforts.</li><li>iii. Work with local governments to develop cost-effective/flexible solutions to stormwater issues that must be addressed in the WIPs.</li></ul>	
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