



**Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership
Principals' Staff Committee
Conference Call
March 12, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** 10:00 am – 10:10 am

Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Molly Ward, will open the meeting.

Management Board Chair, Nick DiPasquale, will review the highlights of the Program Update and progress on the December 2014 Principals' Staff Committee Actions and Decisions.

Materials:

I.a: Program Updates

I.b: Annotated Actions & Decisions, Dec. 11, 2014
- II. Stakeholder Request to Extend Public Input Period** 10:10 am – 10:30 am

Discuss a recent Choose Clean Water Coalition letter and requesting an extension of the management strategy public input period from 30 days to 45 days (March 16 to April 30) and to post all working draft strategies on the main management strategy dashboard webpage.

Presenter: Molly Ward, Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources

Requested Decision: PSC approval to extend the management strategy public input period by 15 days and adjust the remainder of the development process period accordingly.

Materials:

II.a. Choose Clean Water Coalition Letter to Secretary Ward

II.b. Revised Management Strategy Development Timeline
- III. 2015 Executive Council Planning** 10:30 am – 10:40 am

A brief discussion to initiate the planning process for the 2015 Executive Council meeting and an overview of the role of the PSC in the planning process.

Presenter: Carin Bisland, Office of Partnerships and Accountability

Requested Decision: PSC signatory appointments to the Executive Council Planning Team.
- IV. Acquisition of Watershed-Wide Hi-Resolution Land Cover Data** 10:40 am – 11:10 am

On March 6, the Partnership agreed to proceed with the watershed-wide acquisition of partnership-funded high resolution land cover data. The Land Use Workgroup has been in the process of reviewing and commenting on the technical scope of work, the schedule of work and a list of deliverables. A progress update on the acquisition will be provided.

Presenters: Rich Batiuk, Associate Director for Science, Analysis and Implementation
Peter Claggett, Land Use Workgroup / USGS

Requested Decision: Request approval to move forward with this project.

Materials:

IV.a. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Land Cover Acquisition Issues Resolution Paper

IV.b. The Role and Value of High-resolution Land Cover and Elevation Data within the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership

IV.c. Presentation on Watershed-wide Acquisition of High Resolution Land Cover Data **TAB 4.C**

- V. Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Study** 11:10 am – 11:40 am
The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will present an overview of the USACE-NFWF proposal for initiating a Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Plan. The presentation will explain how the management strategy and work plans development process will be used to develop a "USACE Master Plan" and help meet Chesapeake Watershed goals and outcomes.
Presenters: Amy Guise, Chief, Planning Division, US Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District
Jake Reilly, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Requested Decisions: Jurisdiction commitment to working with NFWF, as the non-federal sponsor, and to identify resources to be applied to the Management Strategy Biennial Workplans by February 20, 2015.
Materials:
V.a. Presentation
- VI. Riparian Forest Buffer Update** 11:40 am – 11:50 am
Forest buffer restoration over the past 5 years has slowed considerably – the exact opposite of what is needed to meet the Forest Buffer Outcome, or to come close to the targets represented in the Phase II WIPs. This is a critical time for riparian forest buffers since USDA is engaged at an unprecedented level as leading the Riparian Forest Buffer Initiative (kicked off by the Riparian Forest Buffer Leadership Summit in DC in June 2014). It is important that the states are engaged at a high level and fully-coordinated across their agencies to address state-specific issues, and respond to common funding and policy issues that have arisen across the watershed.
Presenter: Sally Claggett, US Forest Service
Requested Action: PSC awareness and involvement in high-level actions to increase riparian forest buffers.
Materials:
VI.a. Presentation
VI.b. Summary of State Riparian Forest Buffer Task Force Reports
- VII. Concluding remarks, review of decisions** 10:50 am – 12:00 pm