



Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Principals' Staff Committee

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1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Matt Strickler, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda.
- II. **Climate Change Final Decision** 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
The PSC agreed in 2018 that Phase III WIPs would address climate change narratively and would include numeric pollutant reduction loads due to 2025 climate change conditions. During the PSC's October 8 meeting, the Water Quality GIT provided an update on recent partnership discussions and a set of pending climate policy decisions. In addition, the Management Board, at its October 19, 2020 meeting, reviewed and approved the Water Quality GIT recommendations for how the partnership will evaluate climate change for 2025 and 2035 which are being presented here for PSC final approval.

Requested decision: Seeking consensus on a final set of recommendations for how the partnership will evaluate climate change for 2025 and 2035 and on numeric targets and allocations for 2025 due to climate change.

Presenters: Ed Dunne and James Martin, Water Quality GIT Cochairs

Materials:

II. Presentation, Climate Change Recommendations

- III. **Chesapeake Bay Program Funding** 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
An overview of how Congressional appropriations to the Chesapeake Bay Program is allocated, including summaries and discussions about: how spending is directed and prioritized by Congress; key state grant programs and allocation formulas; the Innovative

Nutrient and Sediment Reduction grants, the Small Watershed Grants; the Goal Implementation Team Funding; and support for GITs and advisory committees.

Presenter: Jim Edward, EPA

Materials:

III. Presentation

IV. DEIJ Action Team Update 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

At its October 8 meeting, the PSC agreed to further pursue a freestanding DEIJ Community Advisory Board (CAB), cross-pollinated with the CBP Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) and potentially other CBP advisory committees. The PSC also agreed to convene a DEIJ Action Team charged with developing a draft Implementation Plan for the *DEIJ Statement* and *PSC DEIJ Action Statement* (within 6 months of the Executive Council August 18, 2020 meeting). The action team is also charged with making recommendations on issues related to the establishment of the CAB including membership, compensation/reimbursement, travel vouchers, staffing and other related issues. An update on the partnership's progress will be provided.

Presenters: Jeff Seltzer (DC), Meryem Karad (VA) Action Team co-chairs

Materials:

IV. Presentation

V. Planning for 2021 EC Actions 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

PSC members will discuss possible key initiatives and actions for the 2021 Chesapeake Executive Council meetings. The PSC members will seek consensus for potential EC action at the first 2021 meeting. In addition, the PSC, during its October 8 meeting, approved the Management Board's path forward for addressing each of the CBP Advisory Committee's recommendations to the Chesapeake Executive Council. A brief update on the progress to date for responding to the 2020 EC Advisory Committee reports will be provided.

Requested Decisions: Consensus on potential actions for the first 2021 meeting.

Facilitator: PSC Chair Matt Strickler

Materials:

V. Presentation

VI. Conowingo WIP Development and Revised Timeline 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

On October 14, the partnership released a draft Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan for public input along with a pre-recorded webinar overview of the WIP and its actions. Comments on the draft WIP are being accepted through December 21, 2020 and feedback is expected to help better evaluate the feasibility, costs and approach of the WIP. The

Conowingo WIP Steering Committee will provide an update on the draft WIP and of its progress to date on developing a draft Conowingo Finance Strategy.

Presenters: Matt Rowe (Md.) and Jill Whitcomb (Pa.), Steering Committee Cochairs

Materials:

VI.a. Presentation

VI.b “financing assumptions” memo.

VII. Business Meeting 4:45 pm. – 5:00 p.m.

PSC Chair Matt Strickler will facilitate discussion on the following topics:

- PSC Work Plan
- Program and Partner Updates
- Future Agenda Items

VIII. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn 5:00 p.m.