

**Principals' Staff Committee
Conference Call
April 29, 2014**



Actions and Decisions

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II. IRC and GIT Recommendations for PSC Resolution

1. Participatory Language – **No decision reached.** All but one member agreed with the language. The PSC will revisit the participatory language while West Virginia continues to work through issues with their governor's office.
2. Climate Change/Resiliency
 - a. Introductory section – **No decision reached.** All language approved, with exception that PA objects to "climate" or "climatic" in the goal and outcomes. West Virginia can live with climatic but prefers "environmental". The PSC will revisit the language while Pennsylvania works through issues with their governor's office.
 - b. Resiliency Goal – **No decision reached.** All language approved, with the exception that PA and WV hold standing objections to "climate" or "climatic" in the goal and outcomes. The PSC will revisit at next meeting.

- c. Monitoring and Assessment outcome – **Approved** the outcome with the proposed last sentence struck:

~~(By 2017, complete a study of best management practices commonly employed to control nutrient and sediment runoff and consider necessary management adjustments.)~~

- d. Adaptation Outcome – **Approved**.

3. Environmental Literacy

- a. Goal – **Approved** with one edit: add “enable” to the beginning of the sentence.
- b. Outcomes – **No decision reached**. Virginia will distribute alternative language to PSC and will lead a subcommittee to engage other jurisdictions in developing consensus language for PSC consideration at their next meeting.

4. Stewardship

- a. Stewardship and Environmental Literacy Goals – **No decision reached** on combining the goals. Decision deferred until the next PSC meeting.
- b. Introductory Language – **Approved**.
- c. Local Leadership Outcome – **Approved**.
- d. Diversity Outcome – **Approved**.

5. Toxic Contaminants

- a. Toxic Contaminants Introduction and Goal – **Approved**.
- b. Toxic Contaminants Research Outcome – **Approved**.
- c. Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Outcome – **Approved**.

6. TMDL/WIPS – Water Quality Attainment Outcome

- a. Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome – **Approved**.

7. Impervious Surfaces

- a. Land Use Methods and Metrics Development Outcome – **Approved**.
- b. Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome – **No decision reached**. Agree on intent, but will reconsider revised language at next meeting. ERB chair will work with West Virginia, CBC and Maryland to develop language that reflects both the conversion of wetlands, agricultural and forested lands and the conversion of porous to impervious surfaces.

8. Environmental Justice

- a. Environmental Justice Principle – **Approved**.

9. Governance

- a. Goal and Outcome Authority – **Approved**; with typo fixed.
- b. Transparency language – **Approved**.

10. Blue Crab Management

- a. Blue Crab Management Outcome – **Approved** with Fisheries Goal Team recommended changes.

III. Discussion on April 21, 2014 STAC Recommendations

- Consensus not reached. Frank Dawson will work with STAC and Goal Implementation Team Chairs to develop consensus language for discussion at next meeting.

IV. Discussion about CBF/CCW Letter

- Consensus not reached; The PSC will revisit the CBF/Choose Clean Water letter at its next meeting.

V. Next Steps

- CBP staff will schedule a follow-up call for the week of May 5; PSC members will be polled for late afternoon on Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7.