



**Chesapeake Bay Program
Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)**

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 4, 2023
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Agenda

10:00 **Introductions and Announcements** – Cassie Davis, NYSDEC (15 min).

- *Please put your name and affiliation in the chat box for attendance purposes. Thank you!*
- **Decision requested:** Approval of [April Meeting Minutes](#).
- Nominations for new At-Large members – Cassie Davis, NYSDEC
- Previous and Upcoming CAST Webinars – Helen Golimowski, Devereux Consulting
- Progress Update/Announcements – Jeff Sweeney, EPA / Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting
- BMP Reporting Transparency and Updates to NEIEN node – Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting
- Animal Mortality BMP Technical Appendix review announcement – Auston Smith, EPA
- Other announcements?

Action: The group will provide feedback on the Animal Mortality BMP Technical Appendix via email.

10:15 **Quantifying the Effects of Transportation Settlement (e.g., Volkswagen) Actions as a Planning BMP** – Jeff Sweeney, EPA, All (25 min).

Jeff will provide an update and overview of next steps regarding the proposed Transportation Settlement BMP, briefly review the proposal for how the planning BMP will be accounted for in CAST and address any remaining questions the group has.

Decision requested: The WTWG will be asked to vote on whether to approve the Transportation Settlement Emission Reduction as a Planning BMP.

10:40 **Charge from the Water Quality GIT/Management Board on Phase 6 Data Processing Protocols** – Ruth Cassilly, UMD/Coordinator (45 min).

Last month, Ruth presented on the proposed path forward for addressing the Management Board charge to the Water Quality GIT/WTWG: “*Work with the Watershed Technical Workgroup and others as appropriate in the development of a policy for the partnership regarding safeguards, triggers, and protocols to prevent future data analysis variations and how they are applied (Addresses PSC 8/29/22 Decision #3).*” The group confirmed the Track 1 decision. This month the group will have time to discuss feedback on the CAST review process. Next month, additional protocol recommendations will be voted on.

Action: The group will provide feedback on the CAST review process, building on last month’s discussion

11:25 **Vote on Revised Oyster BMP Expert Panel Technical Appendix** – Olivia Carretti, Oyster Recovery Partnership (20 min).

Last month, the WTWG was given an overview of the draft technical appendix associated with the Oyster BMP expert panel report and the expectations of how the BMPs will work in CAST/NEIEN. The comment period for the expert panel report and technical appendix ended in March 2023. Olivia returns to the WTWG to address the comments made and present the revised technical appendix to be voted on for approval. Materials and informational webinars associated with this BMP can be found on the Oyster BMP [calendar page](#).

Decision requested: The WTWG will be asked to vote on whether to approve the technical appendix associated with the Oyster BMP expert panel report.

11:45 **Recap of Actions and Decisions** (5 min).

12:00 **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 1st, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Acronym List

AgWG: Agriculture Workgroup	Environmental Control
BMP: Best Management Practice	DoD: [United States] Department of Defense
BMPVAHAT: BMP Verification Ad Hoc Action Team	DOEE: [DC] Department of Energy and Environment
CAST: Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)	EPA: [U.S.] Environmental Protection Agency
CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program	FWG: Forestry Workgroup
CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office (houses EPA and myriad contractors and grantees working towards CBP goals)	LUWG: Land Use Workgroup
CBW: Chesapeake Bay Watershed	MB: Management Board
CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium	NEIEN: National Environmental Information Exchange Network
DNREC: [DE] Department of Natural Resources and	NFWF: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
	NYSDEC: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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PA DEP: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

PSC: Principals' Staff Committee

PSU: Pennsylvania State University

QA/QC: Quality Assurance / Quality Control

STAC: Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee

TMDL: Total Maximum Daily Load

UMCES: University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

UMD: University of Maryland

USDA-ARS: U.S. Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service

USDA-NASS: United States Department of Agriculture-National Agricultural Statistics

Service

USDA-NRCS: U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resource Conservation Service

USWG: Urban Stormwater Workgroup

VA DEQ: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

VW: Volkswagen

WQGIT: Water Quality Goal Implementation Team

WTWG: Watershed Technical Workgroup

WV DEP: West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

WWG: Wetlands Workgroup

WIP: Watershed Implementation Plan