



Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership
Principals' Staff Committee
January 24, 2020
Virginia DEQ, Northern Regional Office
13901 Crown Ct
Woodbridge, VA 22193
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Conference Line:
669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 739-832-207
Webinar:
<https://zoom.us/j/739832207>

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Ben Grumbles, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and briefly review actions & decisions from the August 12 PSC meeting.
Materials:
I. [PSC Actions & Decisions, August 12, 2019](#)
- II. Final Phase III WIPs and Strategies for Getting to 2025** 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
An opportunity for the jurisdictions to discuss their next steps for WIP implementation and two-year milestones based on EPA's final review and evaluations.
Introduction: Cosmo Servidio, EPA Region III Administrator
Presenters: Jurisdiction representatives
- III. Approve Final Phase III WIP Sediment Targets** 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
The Management Board approved the final Phase III WIP sediment targets as presented during their October 17, 2019 meeting and recommends them to the PSC for final approval
Presenter: James Martin, Water Quality GIT Chair
Requested decision: Approve the final Phase III WIP sediment targets.
Materials:
I. Presentation
- IV. Two-year Water Quality Milestones** 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
The MB approved the schedule changes for how the partnership will measure and report progress on state and federal numeric and programmatic milestones. Specifically, the 2018-2019 Programmatic Milestones will close out on January 15, 2020, and the 2020-2021 Programmatic Milestones commitments are due by March 1, 2020. The PSC will be asked to make a final decision on these schedule changes and the state and federal numeric milestone language.
Discussion lead: James Martin, Water Quality GIT Chair
Decision requested: Approve the water quality milestone schedule changes.
Decision requested: Approve revised approach for developing state and federal numeric milestones.
Materials:
VI. WQGIT recommendation (1.13.20)

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12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.

- V. Conowingo WIP Development and Exelon Settlement** 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
An update from the Conowingo Steering Committee on development of the Phase III Conowingo WIP, financing strategy and other progress. In addition, in October 2019, Exelon and MDE reached a tentative settlement deal on the Conowingo Dam. The settlement, if approved, would require Exelon to make a \$200 million investment in restoration and clean water practices to obtain a 50-year licensing agreement to operate the dam.
Presenters: Matt Rowe, MDE and Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP
Materials:
Presentation
- VI. Federal Legislation and Budgets** 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
An overview of the Congressional appropriations for FY2020 that will provide resources to various federal agencies to help implement the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement goals and outcomes, and, a discussion about current and new EPA funding for CBP.
Discussion leads: Ann Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission
Materials:
VI. Federal agency budget documents
- VII. Changes to Partnership Agreement Outcomes** 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
During the partnerships’ review process, the Management Board is recommending changes to several outcomes, including Diversity, Land Use Methods and Metrics, and Fish Passage. Per the Watershed Agreement and CBP guidance document, the PSC is charged with approving any changes to outcomes or, if deemed major, with forwarding these recommended changes to the Executive Council for their approval.
Discussion lead: Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair
Action requested: PSC approval of recommended Outcome language changes.
Materials:
III. Presentation
- VIII. Forest Buffer Action Team Recommendations** 2:15 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.
An update from the Forest Buffer Action Team on their work in recent months to develop a prioritized set of recommendations to promote greater forest buffer implementation.
Presenter: Sally Claggett, Action Team Co-chair
Action Requested: The PSC will be asked for feedback on the list of proposed recommendations.
Materials
VIII. Presentation
- IX. EC Meeting Follow Ups and Planning for 2020 Meeting** 2:40 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
An overview and discussion on how to address outstanding actions and decisions from the September 5, 2019 Executive Council (EC) meeting. In addition, the PSC will be asked to approve the creation of a planning committee for the 2020 EC meeting followed by a brief discussion about possible focus and theme of the meeting.

Presenter: Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director, and Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair
Requested decision: PSC approval to convene an action team for planning the 2020 EC meeting.

Requested decision: PSC approval of the process for approving Executive Council directives.

Materials:

IX.a. Executive Council Presentation

IX.b. Directive Approval Presentation

- X. Program Update** 3:15 p.m. -- 3:30 p.m.
Highlights from the January 2020 Program Update.
Presenter: Dana Aunkst, Management Board Chair
Materials:
VI. Program Update
- XI. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn** 3:30 p.m.