



CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary-DRAFT

July 19, 2024

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1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Kenny Boddye, CBPC Vice Chair

Vice Chair Boddye, serving as the acting chair, welcomed members.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Vice Chair Boddye

The summary from the May 2024 meeting was approved.

3. BEYOND 2025 INTRODUCTION

Caitlin Bolton, COG Staff

Ms. Bolton provided background on the Beyond 2025 program. The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement was signed in 2014, and it established goals and outcomes for the restoration of the Bay. Many of the outcomes in the Agreement have the year 2025 as the target date in which to meet these goals. At their 2022 meeting, the Chesapeake Executive Council issued a charge to the Principals' Staff Committee to begin thinking about the path forward to meeting these goals and outcomes beyond 2025. In summer 2023, a steering committee of 29 people was formed to advise on the development of recommendations to meet the Executive Council's charge. The BY2025 Steering Committee broke this charge into two pieces, Phase I, to determine the scope of *what* is to be undertaken, and Phase II, to determine *how* to execute those recommendations. The Steering Committee is nearing the completion of Phase I and has released a Draft Report which summarizes the work they have completed so far and its recommendations on what needs to be done.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

4. SUMMARY OF BEYOND 2025 STEERING COMMITTEE DRAFT REPORT

KC Filippino

Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Member

Ms. Filippino explained the structure of the partnership, including the management board, goal implementation teams, and work groups. The 2014 Watershed Agreement outlines one vision, ten goals, and 31 outcomes, with a focus on achieving measurable targets by 2025. The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee was tasked with recommending a critical path forward for meeting the goals and outcomes of the agreement beyond 2025.

To begin work, the Steering Committee broke into small groups, which were divided into five areas including clean water, climate change, healthy watersheds, people, and shallow water habitats. These groups developed high-level recommendations for the partnership to consider beyond 2025. Additionally, the ERG report, along with other existing reports, was synthesized to create high-level recommendations and considerations in the areas of science, restoration, and partnership.



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The Beyond 2025 Draft Report provides two overarching recommendations and then specific recommendations for under the themes of science, restoration, and partnership. The two overarching recommendations include recommending that the Chesapeake Executive Council affirm its continued commitment to meet the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and that the Chesapeake Bay Program should be strengthened by identifying ways to simplify and streamline the partnership's structure and processes, emphasizing the integration of new science findings in decision-making and prioritizing research to address knowledge gaps.

Lastly, Ms. Filipino outlined the public feedback process for the report, emphasizing the importance of providing clear and focused comments. The feedback period runs from July 1 to August 30, and all comments will be categorized into themes for revisions. Additionally, the document will be presented to the Management Board and the PSC in October for review and potential action.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

5. DISCUSSION ON FEEDBACK TO LGAC

Councilmember Cindy Dyballa and CBPC members

Vice Chair Boddye introduced Councilmember Cindy Dyballa, who provided a debrief of the July 11 local government forum. Councilmember Dyballa discussed the feedback on the draft report received, including the need for plain language in the report, concerns about the definition of conservation, and the importance of funding for local government programs.

Next, Ms. Bolton facilitated a discussion on the draft report, acknowledging its complexity. Maria Mackie expressed concern about the report's lack of guidance for local communities, while Councilmember Dyballa mentioned that the local government advisory committee also raised similar questions. Members expressed concerns about balancing land conservation with development needs. They emphasized the importance of sustainable growth, stormwater management, and the need for clear guidelines to balance environmental protection with housing and development pressures. Vice Chair Boddye highlighted the need to integrate new science findings into decision-making and prioritize research addressing emerging challenges. He also emphasized the importance of public engagement in the Chesapeake Bay Program's initiatives.

6. FY25 PLANNING

COG Staff

Ms. Bolton requested input from members on topics of interest for future meetings, particularly for the upcoming Forum, which will focus on long-term planning. An announcement was made regarding a planned boat tour aimed at providing members with a hands-on experience of the watershed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Boddye

The next CBPC meeting will be in person on September 20, 2024



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