



Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP)  
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)  
Quarterly Meeting – December 3-4, 2024  
**Webinar Meeting - [December Meeting Page](#)**  
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**\*\*Exact Times Are Subject to Change\*\***

**Tuesday, December 3rd**

- 9:00 am**     **Call to Order, STAC Business, Announcements** — *Larry Sanford (STAC Chair)*  
Following STAC member and meeting participant introductions, Sanford will highlight important takeaways from the September 2024 meeting and request membership approval of the September 2024 Meeting Minutes. Materials and recordings from September can be found on the [meeting webpage](#). Sanford will also request membership approval of the drafted October and November 2025 Executive Board Minutes; STAC members will share announcement and updates. Sanford will provide a short overview of today's agenda.
- Introductions
  - Approval Requests:
    - October and November Executive Board Meeting Minutes
    - September 2024 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
  - Member Announcements and Updates
- 9:25 am**     **October 2024 PSC Meeting and 2024 STAC Letter to the Executive Council**  
— *Larry Sanford (STAC Chair)*  
Sanford will recap the October 25, [2024 Principle Staff Committee \(PSC\) Meeting](#), which discussed Beyond 2025 report, Executive Council Charge, and themes for the Executive Council meeting on December 10, 2024.
- 9:45 am**     **Proposed Restructure to STAC Meetings** — *Larry Sanford (STAC Chair), STAC Staff*  
STAC's quarterly meeting structure was established in the 1980s, when in-person meetings were the primary way to collaborate and share information. As organizational engagement practices have evolved, a reconsideration of STAC's annual meeting cycle to strategically balance in-person and virtual events may enhance its effectiveness, improve accessibility, and better align activities with the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Program. Sanford and STAC Staff will present a potential restructure of the 2025 STAC meeting schedule.
- 10:15 am**     **STAC FY24 Workshop Request for Proposal (RFP) Approval and DEIJ Metric Discussion**  
— *STAC Staff, Melissa Sines (Colmena Consulting)*  
STAC membership will be asked to approve the STAC FY2025 Workshop Request for Proposals (RFP), which will then be released following the STAC December quarterly meeting on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Melissa Sines (Colmena Consulting) will join STAC to discuss metrics related to equity and accessibility and provide rubric scoring guidance for members. Sines provides consulting services to the CBP Goal Implementation Teams (GITs)/workgroups on integrating DEIJ considerations into their work.
- 10:45 am**     **15-minute Break**

**11:00 am**      **Panel: Veterans Letter** — *Richard Batiuk (Coastwise Partners), Donald Boesch (UMCES), Bob Perciasepe (Center for Climate and Energy Solutions)*  
This panel will begin with an overview of the "[Veterans Letter on the Chesapeake Watershed Agreement](#)" (August 2024), focusing specifically on Recommendation #3, which highlights opportunities to leverage infrastructure funding and greenhouse gas reduction efforts to accelerate nutrient and sediment reductions. Panelists will discuss pathways to address climate impacts and advance Bay restoration goals. Q&A to follow.

**12:00 pm**      **Recess**

### **Wednesday, December 4th**

**9:00 am**      **Welcome and Recap from Day 1**— *Larry Sanford (STAC Chair)*  
Sanford will provide a short recap on Day 1 of the STAC December quarterly meeting and a short overview of today's agenda.

**9:10 am**      **Living Resources Update** — *Mark Monaco (NOAA), Kenny Rose (UMCES)*  
STAC members Monaco (NOAA) and Rose (UMCES) will share an update on the living resources effort, including a potential STAC-led workshop in 2025.

**9:40 am**      **Tiered Implementation to the TMDL Prospectus Document**  
— *Denice Wardrop (CRC), Kurt Stephenson (VT)*  
In response to a recommendation by the 2023 Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response ([CESR](#)) report, a STAC-led group produced a draft summary of a tiered implementation of the Bay TMDL. A "tiered TMDL" accepts the current Bay water quality standards and the overall TMDL nutrient reduction targets, but offers an alternative path toward attainment. A tiered approach to TMDL implementation establishes staggered timelines, with interim goals that prioritize pollutant load reductions to local (segment/habitat) regions of the Bay that can greatest anticipated benefit to living resources. CESR authors, Wardrop and Stephenson, will present the draft document for STAC feedback and discussion.

**10:25 am**      **Approval of STAC Social Science Standing Workgroup Charge and Mission Statement**  
— *TBD (Workgroup Chair)*  
The recently established STAC-led Social Science Standing Workgroup will present the drafted Workgroup Charge & Mission Statement for membership approval.

**10:45 am**      **15-minute Break**

**11:00 am**      **Social Science Topical Discussion (Topic TBD)**

**12:00 pm**      **Wrap Up**

- Current membership vacancies
- STAC Staff will summarize action items from the December quarterly meeting

**12:15 pm**      **Adjourn**