



TRC Conference Call Meeting Notes

January 22, 2018

1 PY'19 RMP practice changes

The VACS Program TAC met last week and the following 2 changes to the RMP-2 VACS practice were discussed. These 2 changes were a result of recommendations of the RMP SAG Committee comments. These 2 changes are:

- 1) There will be no option for the RMP-2 payment to be assigned to the plan developer.
- 2) There will be no requirement for the RMP participant to have received an RMP certificate prior to applying for the RMP-2 practice.

2 RMP Operational Support for Certification Inspections

Reference was made to a January 4, 2018 memo from Darryl Glover. The memo announced that Operational Support is now available for the certification inspection of each eligible RMP. This is effective, retroactively, to October 1, 2017. If a District conducts a certification inspection of an RMP, they can request payment of RMP Operational Support Funds at the rate of \$100 per plan plus \$.50 per acre. Districts will be eligible to receive one such payment per certified RMP. Requests for reimbursement will function the same as requests for Operational Support for Plan Review. The first of these requests were received with the January financial reports and payments will be included in upcoming disbursements.

3 RMP Request for Applications (RFA) Announcement

An RFA will be issued February 1, for the certification and development of RMPs in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The announcement will be placed on the RMP program webpage. While the project will fund development of new RMPs, the project emphasis will be on the certification of existing RMPs. The project will begin June 1, 2018 and end May 31, 2019.

4 RFA Announcement and RMP Program Update Memo

Several changes and edits have been made to the FY'19 RMP Development and Certification project requirements versus previous RMP Development project requirements. These changes reflect the desires of the RMP Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG). These changes are detailed in a memo mailed to District chairs and e-mailed to District administrators on January 22.

These changes include:

- Specific language to encourage RMP developers to remain involved with the RMP participant throughout the lifespan of the RMP
- Emphasis of the contract will be placed on certification of existing RMPs versus development of new RMPs
- Ability for participant to apply for VACS funding for RMP-2 in addition to the planner's contract

payment for certification activity. The planner payment will come directly from DCR and the payment rate will be \$2.50/acre.

5 Questions/Comments

A question was asked about “next steps” for a District when an RMP has been approved. Next steps were discussed. Barbara will develop a document which helps District staff better understand their role and next steps in any activity following RMP approval.

Attending

Area I:

Area II: Claire Hilsen, Willie Woode

Area III: Jim Wallace, Sharon Conner, Etta Lucas, Leslie Anne Hinton, Tom Dunlap

Area IV:

Area V: Tricia Mays

Area VI: Meaghann Terrien

DCR: Scott Ambler, Roland Owens, Barbara McGarry, Amy Walker, Blair Gordon