

**Meeting of the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services
(CVPESS)**

Draft Agenda – October 5-6, 2006

**Woodies Building, 1025 F Street, N.W., SAB Large Conference Room, Room 3705
Washington, DC 20004**

The purpose of the meeting is for the SAB C-VPES to further discuss topics relating to a draft advisory report calling for expanded and integrated approach for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services. This activity responds to the Committee's overall charge: to assess Agency needs and the state of the art and science of valuing protection of ecological systems and services, and then to identify key areas for improving knowledge, methodologies, practice, and research.

October 5, 2006

9:00 - 9:05	Welcome	Dr. Angela Nugent, EPA, SABSO Dr. Vanessa Vu, EPA, SABSO
9:05 – 9:15	Introduction of members, review of agenda, and discussion of committee’s approach to completing its report	Dr. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr., Chair Dr. Kathleen Segerson, Vice-Chair
9:05 - 9:45	Overview and discussion of major report recommendations (“themes”) and report outline	Drs. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr. and Kathleen Segerson and Committee Discussion
9:45 – 10:30	Introduction to survey issues in ecological valuation; plans for Appendix A	Dr. Jon Krosnick, Stanford University Dr. Allyson Holbrook, University of Illinois at Chicago
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:30	Committee discussion	
11:30 – 12:30	Practical aspects of implementing the concept of ecosystem services in valuation at EPA, proposal and discussion	Dr. James Boyd (Lead Discussant) and Committee Discussion
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch	

1:30 – 2:30	Briefing and discussion of STAR grant programs involving ecological valuation and conserving ecosystem services	Mr. William Wheeler and Ms. Iris Goodman, EPA Office of Research and Development and Committee Discussion
2:30 – 2:45	Public Comment	As Needed
2:45 – 4:45	Discussion of general valuation issues discussed in draft chapter 4 (Break as needed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using valuation for decisions - multiple metrics in valuation • Data and model bank • Transfer of valuation-related information • Uncertainty • Communicating about ecological values 	Committee Discussion
4:45 – 5:45	Process for development/refinement of method write-ups and internal review of methods	Drs. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr. and Kathleen Segerson and Committee Discussion
5:45 – 6:00	Summary and plans for Committee breakout sessions on October 6	Dr. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr.
6:00	Adjourn	

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9:30 – 1:00	Breakout sessions for valuation setting subgroups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuation for National Rulemaking <i>SAB Large Conference Room, Room 3705</i> • Valuation for Site-Specific Decision-Making <i>SAB Small Conference Room, Room 3704</i> • Valuation for Collaborative Decision-Making <i>NCER Conference Room East</i> 	Dr. Angela Nugent, EPA, SABS <i>Subgroup Co-Leads: Drs. A. Myrick Freeman and Dr. Harold Mooney</i> <i>Subgroup Co-Lead: Dr. Gregory Biddinger</i> <i>Subgroup Co-Leads: Drs. Stephen Polasky and Dr. Ann Bostrom</i>
1:00	Adjourn breakout sessions of subgroups	