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DGLVR Webinar

1/25/2018

Starts at 10am

5-Year SCC/CD Agreement Renewal and Spending Requirements



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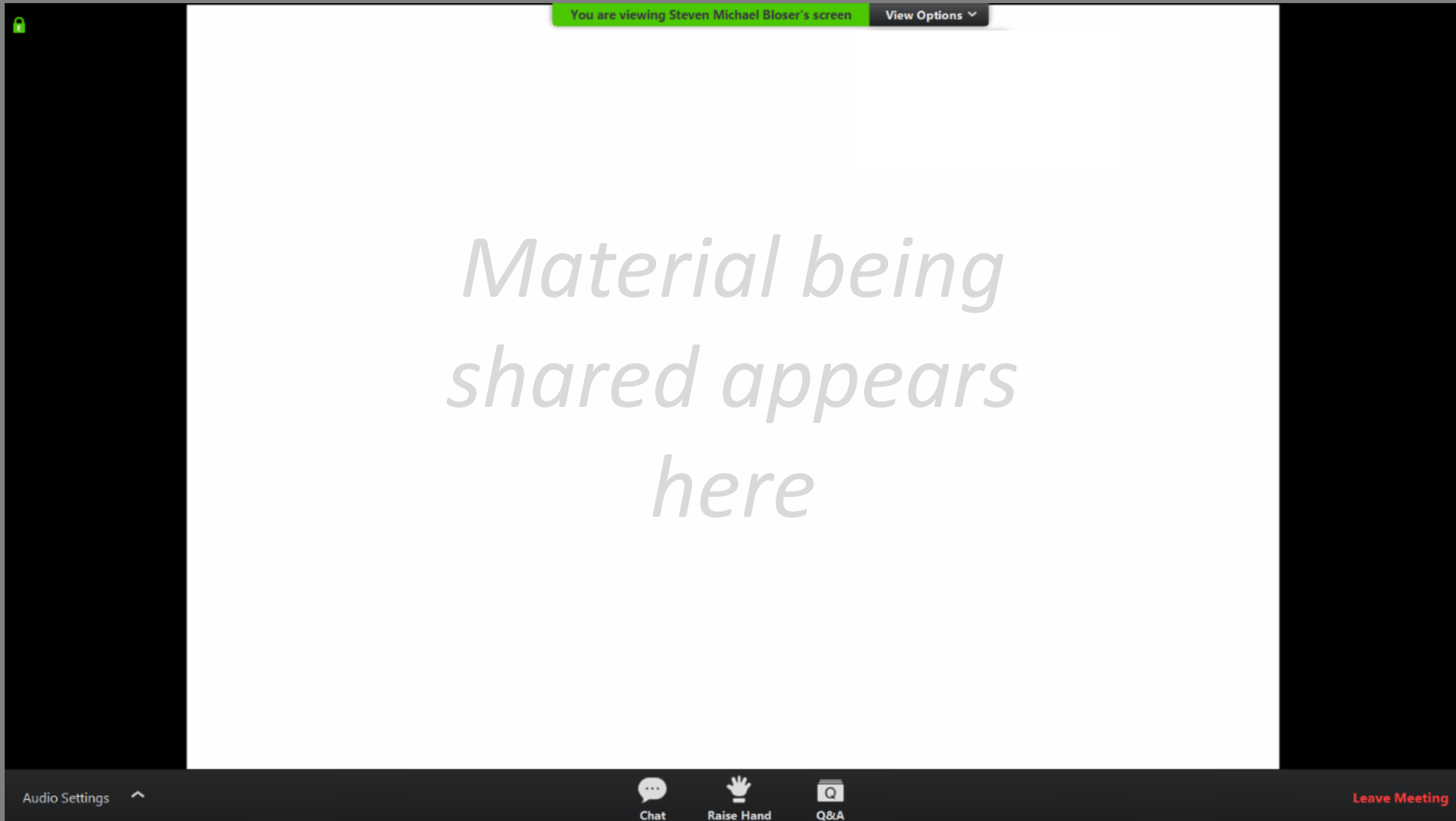
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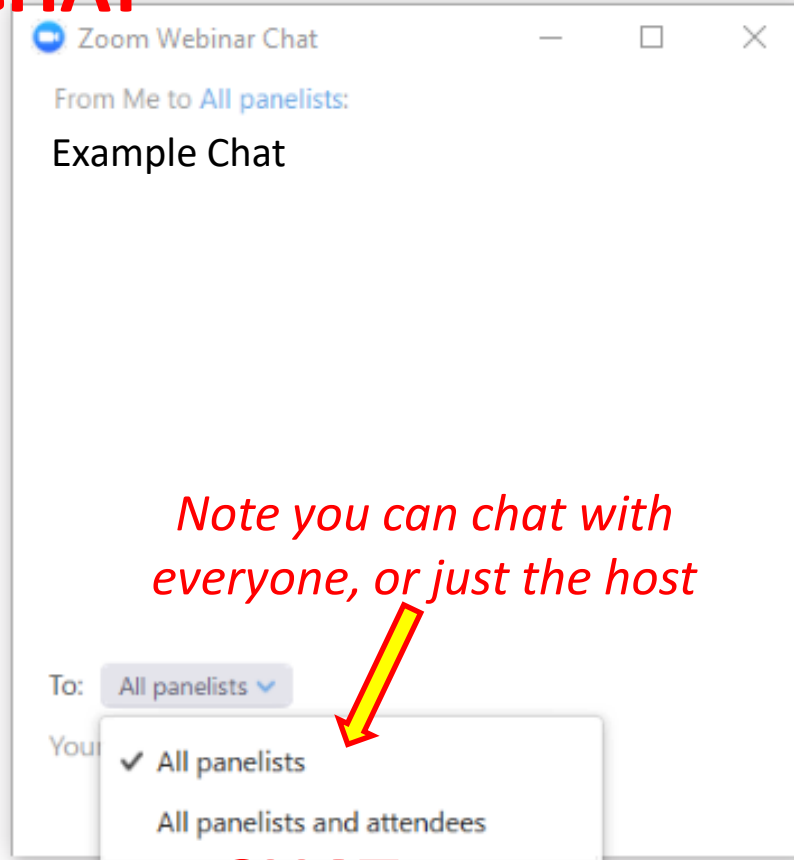
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Steven Michael Bloser answered: 02:25 PM

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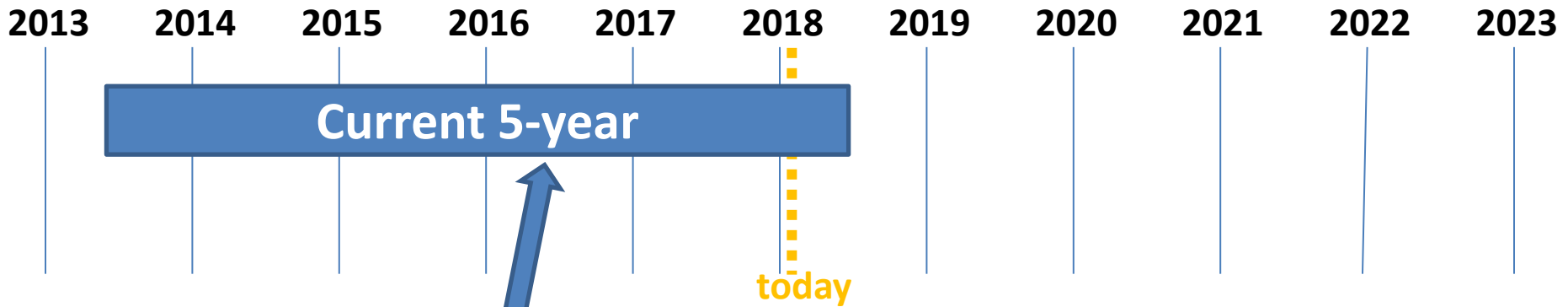
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DGLVR 5-Year Agreements (between SCC and CDs)

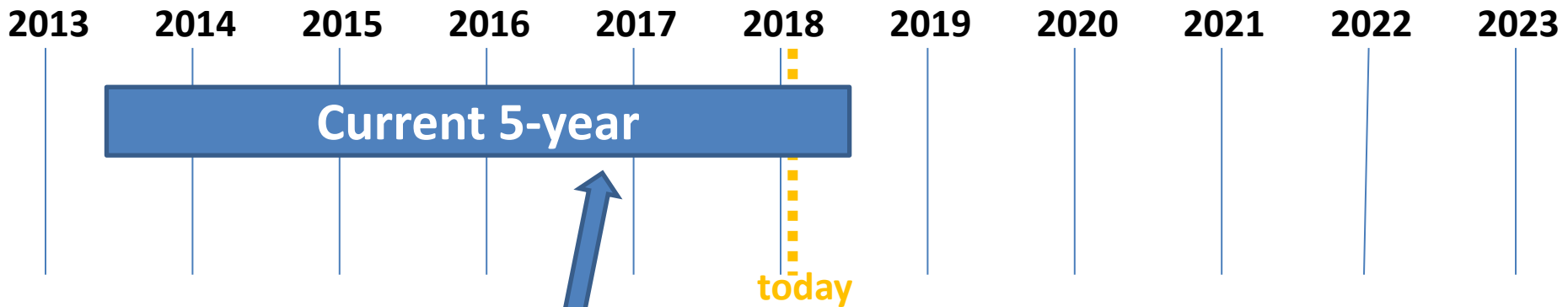
What is it?

- **Agreement that establishes DGLVR Program in individual CDs, allowing funding transfer to CDs.**
- **65 CDs currently have agreement**
- **Current Agreement ends 6/30/18**



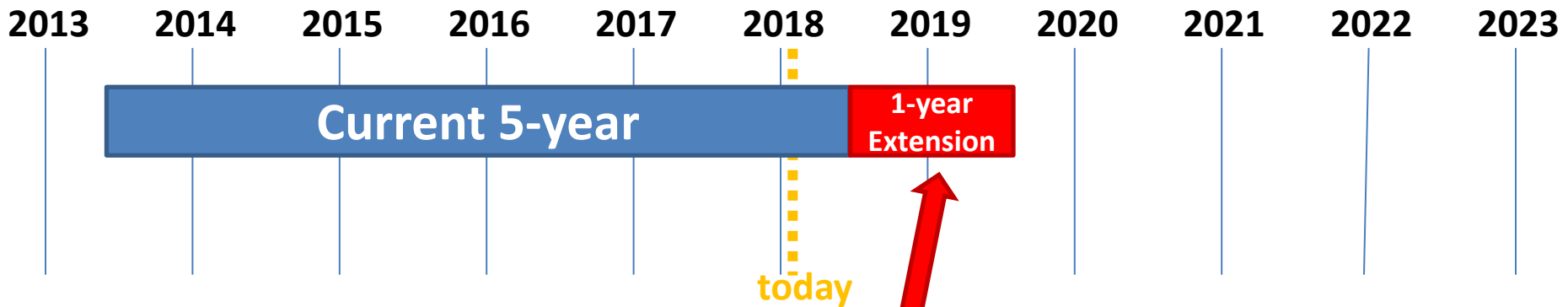
Current 5-year:

- Began 7/1/2013, scheduled to end 6/30/2018



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- Began 7/1/2013, scheduled to end 6/30/2018
- 5-years is the longest agreement the State allows without special approval
- This means that all funding from FY 2013-14 through FY 2017-18 must be SPENT by June 30, 2018.



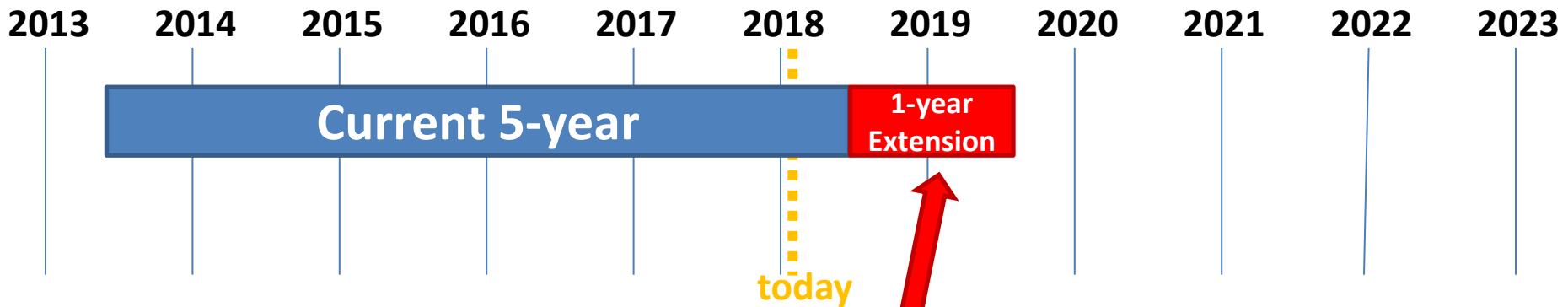
Current 5-year:

- **Special approval received to allow an extra year to complete contracts that are initiated prior to June 30, 2018.**

1. Section I – General Conditions, Paragraph M, is amended to read as follows:

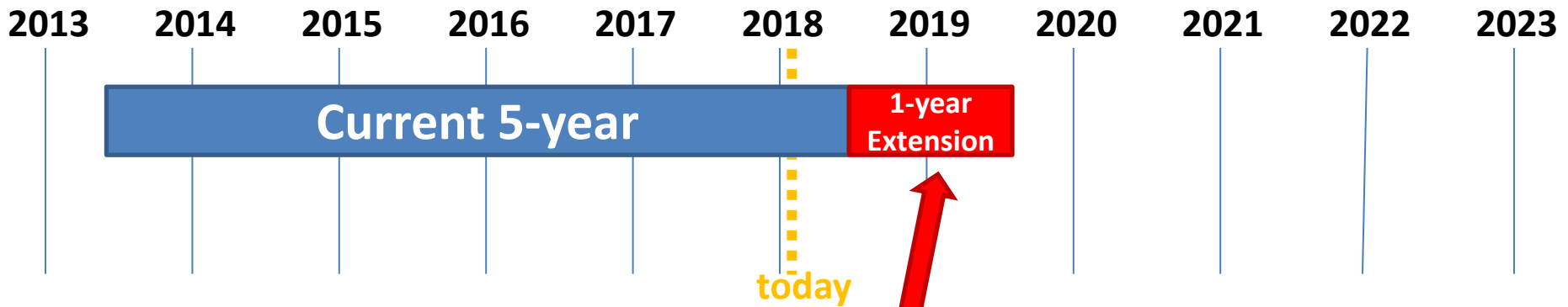
M. Upon full execution of this Agreement, Project work (a) may, at the discretion of the Commission, be reimbursed from July 1, 2013 through the date of full execution and (b) shall be paid for from the date of full execution through June 30, 2019 (the “Project completion date”). All Project work under this Agreement shall be completed no later than the Project completion date.

2. All other terms and conditions of this agreement shall remain unchanged.



Current 5-year:

- Special approval received to allow an extra year to complete contracts that are initiated prior to June 30, 2018.
- This extension does not grant additional time to contract new projects, only to wrap up existing contracts.
- Extension Status: Out to CDs for signature, approximately half have been returned.



What this means:

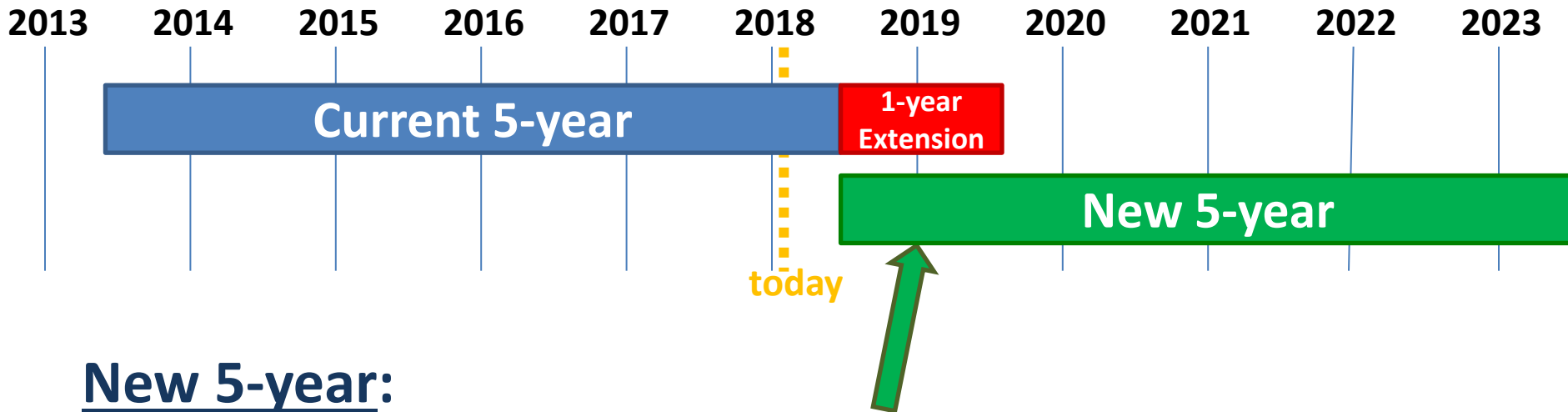
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ALL FUNDS: funds in Harrisburg, AND in Conservation District Accounts

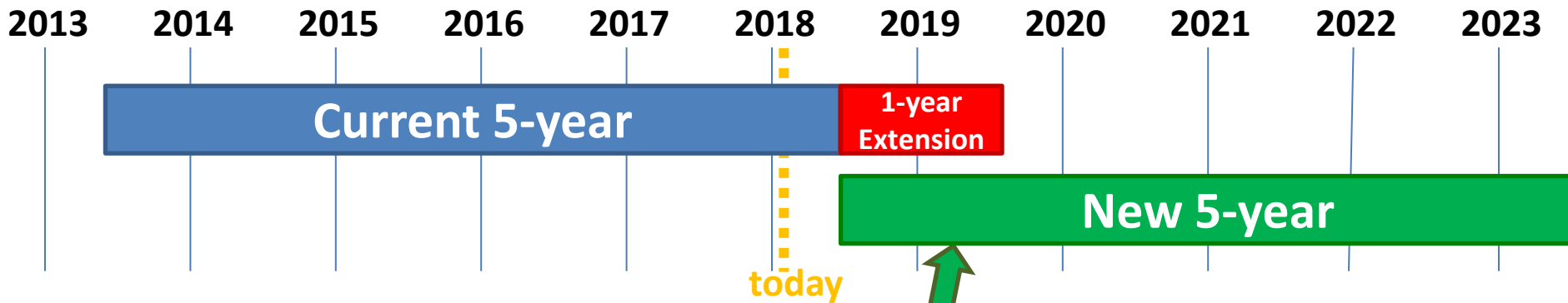
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New 5-year:

- Out to CDs for comment until 2/23/18.
- For SCC approval March 2018
- Would take effect 7/1/2018 through 6/30/2023
- Several proposed changes from past versions...



New 5-year Proposed Changes:

- Now have 2 years to “spend” funds, not “spend or commit”
- Requires quarterly reporting
- Includes LVR language
- Includes language for automatic 1-year extension for spending through 6/30/2024

What you need to do:

- **Commit all funds to Contracts by 6/30/2018.**
- **Request all replenishment from Hbg by 6/30/2019 (but ASAP)**
 - **\$8.9 million currently remaining**
- **Insure all contracts can be completed by 6/30/2019.**

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Question:

Why do ALL my funds have to be committed by June 2018, I thought I had two years to commit funds?

Answer:

Because the 5-year agreement ends on 6/30/18, any contracts signed after that are legally part of the NEW 5-year agreement and FY 2018-19 funding.

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Question:

What would happen without the 1-year extension?

Answer:

ALL current funds (in Hbg and at CD) would need to be completely Spent by 6/30/18. The extension allows you to complete project through 6/30/19.

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6/30/19: **ALL funds** from FY 17-18 and earlier must be SPENT.

Question:

What do you consider “spent” versus “committed?”

Answer:

Committed: A signed Contract exists *(by 6/30/18)*

Spent: *(by 6/30/19)*

- A check has been written to the grant recipient
- An admin/edu expense has been paid.

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Question:

How should I handle projects that may be delayed by engineering, permits, or other issues?

Answer:

Consider funding only projects that can be contracted or completed in the required timeframe. Projects that are unlikely to be completed before 6/30/2019 may be better served in waiting until July of 2018 to create a contract under the new 5-year agreement. Projects can also be broken into phases.

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Question:

Do admin and education need to be spent by 6/30/2019?

Answer:

Yes, ALL funds from FY 2017-18 and earlier must be spent before 6/30/19. Note that admin and edu funds can be spent on projects.

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Question:

Why wasn't this an issue 5 years ago when the 5-year contract changed?

Answer:

- It was an issue, but \$135,000 remained in Harrisburg, which was “unencumbered” and “re-encumbered” to a new agreement.
- As of today, \$8,900,000 remains in Harrisburg, too much to re-encumber.

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Question:

Can I sign a contract for more money than I need to spend for FY 2017-18 funding, and finish payment with FY 2018-19 funding through the new 5-year agreement?

Answer:

Yes. This may require delaying payment in some cases. An alternative is to consider funding the contract in phases.

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Question:

How can I increase committing and spending quickly and effectively?

Answer:

- Be proactive **NOW** in finding new contracts
- Consider assigning additional staff time to Program
- Contact municipalities that have good record of quality projects to see if anything is “shovel ready”.
- May require additional QAB meeting, or temporary change of grant application submittal deadline to get contracts signed.
- Consider larger, more comprehensive projects.

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Question:

What if funds are not committed by 6/30/18 or spent by 6/30/19?

Answer:

Per conditions of the existing 5-year agreement (2, J), the funds come under control of the SCC.

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Event Summary:

- February 6th **WEBINAR:** DGLVR District Allocation Changes
- February 13th **WEBINAR:** 2017 Annual Summary Report Review
- February 20th **PRJ SHARING:** SW
- February 21st **PRJ SHARING:** NW
- February 27th **PRJ SHARING:** SE
- February 28th **PRJ SHARING:** NE
- March 6th **PRJ SHARING:** Centre
- March 7th **WEBINAR:** GIS and Quarterly Reporting Update (SMB, KJC)
- March 27th **WEBINAR:** Project Sharing Session Highlights (SMB)
- April 3rd **WEBINAR:** Taking better project photos (from workshop)
- May TBD **Stream Crossing Trainings** (3-5 regional)
- June-July TBD **ESM Boot Camp for CDs** (2 in State College)

TBD:

- Admin Trainings
- GIS Beginner Training
- 4-5 "Quarterly Report Trainings"

Annual Workshop
Indiana, PA
September 14-16

<u>ESM Trainings:</u>		
3/28-29: Butler	4/17-18: Lancaster	5/9-10: Cumberland
5/22-23: Somerset	6/6-7: Potter	6/13-14: Schuylkill
7/11-12: Venango	8/1-2: Montgomery	8/21-22: Wayne
10/2-3: Bedford	10/17-18: Lycoming	11/7-8: Clearfield