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Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

January 16th, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Meeting Materials](#)

Virtual Meeting Information

Meeting Link: [Join the meeting now](#)

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Calendar page: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/agriculture-workgroup-meeting-january-2025>

Workgroup Areas of Focus

Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation

Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments

Intro & Announcements

10:00 **Welcome, roll call, review meeting minutes – 5 minutes**

Kathy Brasier, AgWG Chair

- Roll call of the governance body
- Roll call of the meeting participants - *Please enter name and affiliation under "Participants" or in "Chat" box*
- **Decision requested:** Approval of [minutes](#) from the December AgWG meeting.

10:05 **2025-26 At-Large Membership – 15 minutes**

Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator

Eric will review the list of nominees (posted on January calendar page after COB on 1/9/25) for the open at-large member positions, and nominees will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the group. The procedure for confirming nominees via poll will be reviewed.

Action requested: SIGNATORY + MID-TERM AT-LARGE ONLY: Complete poll indicating selection of 2024-2025 at-large members by **COB Friday, January 31st**.

Action requested: AgWG members who have not yet designated an "alternate" representative should do so by **COB Friday, January 31st**.

Innovation/Data & Modeling

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10:20 **PA DEP Remote Sensing BMP Verification Pilot Project Updates - 25 minutes (presentation and discussion)**

Ashley Hullinger & Scott Heidel, PA DEP; Tom Howard, Resolve Hydro

Ashley, Scott, and Tom will provide an update on DEP's remote sensing pilot project, focusing on model acceptance criteria and timeline for review. There are no decisions associated with this item for the January meeting; however, AgWG members and participants will be encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback.

AgWG Planning

10:45 **Advisory Committee Overview – 20 minutes (presentation and discussion)**

Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator

Advisory Committees are a critical part of the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership. As the Agricultural Advisory Committee is in the process of being established, the AgWG should understand the form and function of the three existing Advisory Committees. This will be a high-level review of the Scientific and Technical, Stakeholders', and Local Government Advisory Committees, touching on past connections between these groups and the agriculture sector/AgWG. This will also prepare the group for future discussions with Advisory Committee representatives.

11:05 **Preview of the February In-Person AgWG Meeting – 35 minutes (presentation and discussion)**

Kathy Brasier, AgWG Chair; Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator

Next month, the AgWG will hold an in-person meeting (with virtual participation option) for the first time in 5 years. Kathy and Eric will review what to expect at the February meeting. This will include an overview of the draft planning document capturing feedback from workgroup participants on the high-level, planning-focused presentations given to the AgWG between October and January. The February meeting will focus on the development of a "roadmap" for the workgroup through 2026.

Wrap-up

11:40 **New Business, Announcements & Updates**

- **Agricultural Modeling Team**
 - Tom Butler, AMT coordinator, will share recent AMT activities.
- **Open Engagement**
 - Additional time (participation optional) to share questions, comments, or concerns about:
 - Topics covered in previous meetings
 - Proposed planning process
 - In-person meeting
- **Other Announcements?**

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- Send to Caroline Kleis (Kleis.Caroline@epa.gov) for inclusion in “Recap” email.

12:00 **Review of Action and Decision Items; Adjourn**

Next Meeting: **Thursday, February 20th, 9:00AM-3:00PM: [UMD – Western Maryland Research & Education Center](#) (18330 Keedysville Rd, Keedysville, MD 21756)**

- Optional dinner/social Wednesday, February 19th, 6:30PM: [Foster’s on the Point](#) (1437 Salem Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21740)

Acronym List

AgWG- [Agriculture Workgroup](#)

AMT- [Agricultural Modeling Team](#) (Phase 7)

BMP – Best Management Practice

CAST- [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#) (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)

CBP- [Chesapeake Bay Program](#)

CBPO- Chesapeake Bay Program Office

CBW- Chesapeake Bay Watershed

CTIC – Conservation Technology Information Center

CVN – Conservation Validation Network

EPA - [United States] Environmental Protection Agency

FSA – Farm Service Agency

MLRI – Modeled Load Reduction Indicator

NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service

NFWF – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

ORISE – Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education

PADEP – Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

PSC – [Principals’ Advisory Committee](#) (CBP)

PSU- Penn State University

SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation Districts

WQGIT- [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)

UMD - University of Maryland

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

USGS – United States Geological Survey

USFS – United States Forestry Service