

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

March 21st, 2019

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

AgWG Face-to-Face Meeting

**Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)
U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office
410 Severn Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21403**

Conference Call Information

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Workgroup Areas of Focus

Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation

Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments

10:00 Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes

Workgroup Chairs

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants
- Approval of meeting minutes from the February 21st Conference Call

10:05 At-large Election Results (5 min)

Workgroup Chairs

Nominations to serve 2-year terms as an at-large member on the AgWG were due to Allie Wagner and Loretta Collins by February 22nd, 2019. Results of the signatory members' selection process will be announced, and the new at-large members will be confirmed.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to endorse the selected at-large Governance Membership.

Innovation

10:10 **BMP Expert Panel Update (5 min)**

R. Bryant

Ray Bryant, ARS, will update AgWG on the expected timeline for Agricultural Ditch Management Expert Panel recommendations report to be released for partnership review.

Implementation

10:15 **NFWF 2019 Request for Proposals (45 min)**

Jake Reilly

Jake Reilly, NFWF, will announce the 2019 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's [Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund](#) request for proposals and discuss current program priorities.

Innovation

11:00 **Cropland Irrigation Expert Panel Report (30 min)**

Tim Sexton

The Cropland Irrigation Expert Panel recommendations report was released for CBP partnership review on January 16th, 2019. On February 26th, a public meeting/webinar was held in Georgetown, DE. A recording of the webinar and associated materials can be found [here](#). All feedback on the Cropland Irrigation BMP Expert Panel Report was requested by March 12th. Tim Sexton, VA DCR and panel Chair, will present the recommendation report to the AgWG for approval.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve the recommendation report of the Cropland Irrigation Expert Panel.

CBP Assignments

11:30 **Moving Forward: Ag TA and Conservation Practice Implementation (30 min)**

All

A discussion regarding next steps in regards to the Oct 18th, 2018 charge to the AgWG from the CBP Management Board regarding the CBP Executive Council's [Directive in Support of Agricultural Technical Assistance and Conservation Practice Implementation](#). This serves as a follow-up to the AgWG November 2018 action item:

ACTION (NOV 2018): The AgWG is asked to review the [CBP Management Board's Discussion Draft](#) regarding the [CEC Agricultural Technical Assistance Directive](#) document to allow for a constructive conversation in January 2019.

12:00 **LUNCH (BYO)**

Accounting & Reporting

12:30 **Assessing Cover Crop Performance with Satellite Imagery (30 min)**

D. Hively & J. Peredo

Dean Hively, USGS, and Julio Peredo, NASA, will discuss an [imagery analysis tool](#) designed by the NASA DEVELOP program that supports operational analysis of winter cover crop performance for the greater than 25,000 fields annually enrolled in the Maryland cover crop cost share program.

1:00 **BMP Data: Tracking, Reporting, and Verification Challenges (60min)**

Matt Monroe

Matt Monroe, Vice-Chair, will lead a discussion on challenges facing jurisdictions related to BMP data tracking, reporting, and verification and possible ways to address those challenges.

2:00 **Schedule for Bay Program Accounting System: Progress, Milestones and WIP III (30 min)**
Jeff Sweeney, EPA CBPO, will discuss the schedules for submitting data and information for future Progress assessments, Milestones, and WIP III.

2:30 **New Business & Announcements**

- New VA Signatory Representation
- Announcement: [Faculty Assistant Position Non-Point Source Analyst](#) (UMD)
- June Face-to-Face in Rockingham County VA

2:55 **Review of Action and Decision Items**

Allie will review action and decision items from the meeting.

Allie Wagner

3:00 **Adjourn Meeting**

Next meeting: Thursday, Apr 18th, 10AM- 12 PM, Conference Call