

## DRAFT AGENDA

**Day 2: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Virginia Department of Agriculture  
261 Mt Clinton Pike  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

### Conference Call Information

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/553329453>

**Conference Line:** 929-205-6099

**Meeting ID:** 553-329-453

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### Workgroup Areas of Focus

**Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation**  
**Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments**

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| 9:00 | <b>Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes</b>  | Workgroup Chairs |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll-call of the governance body</li><li>• Roll-call of the meeting participants</li><li>• Approval of meeting minutes from the May 16<sup>th</sup> Conference Call Meeting</li></ul> |                  |
| 9:05 | <b>Expert Panel Update (5 min)</b>  | Panel Chairs     |
|      | Chairs and coordinators of on-going AgWG BMP Expert Panels will provide progress reports.   |                  |
| 9:10 | <b>Prioritization: How Far Have We Come? (45 min)</b>   | AgWG Leadership  |
|      | Revisit prioritization items generated at June 2018 AgWG meeting.   |                  |

### CBP Assignments

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| 9:55 | <b>Moving Forward: Ag TA and Conservation Practice Implementation (60 min)</b>  |  |
|      | A continuing discussion regarding next steps in regards to the Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 charge to the AgWG from the CBP Management Board regarding the CBP Executive Council's <a href="#">Directive in Support of Agricultural Technical Assistance and Conservation Practice Implementation</a> . A formal response to the charge will be presented for approval and any possible edits. |  |

10:55 **BREAK (10 min)**

### Innovation

11:05 **Advancing Implementation: Notes from NFWF (45 min)** Jake Reilly  
 Jake Reilly, Chesapeake Bay Programs Director with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, will provide work group members with updates on a variety of efforts to advance implementation of agricultural conservation practices in the Bay watershed. Topics will include ongoing soil health program and policy development efforts, a summary of implementation proposals recently received via NFWF's 2019 Chesapeake Bay grants programs, and pending efforts to facilitate stakeholder dialogue on optimizing the various sources of ag conservation funding among federal, state, and private funders."

### Data & Modeling

11:50 **Ag Census 2017: The Nuts & Bolts (30 min)** Laura Exar, Sara Ramotnik  
 Laura Exar and Sara Ramotnik, UMD, will discuss the 2017 Ag Census, including response rates and notable trends emerging from the 2017 data release earlier this spring.

12:20 **LUNCH (30 min)** Bring your own or order from Allie Wagner by **COB Tuesday June 18.**

### Implementation

12:50 **VA Perspective (45 min)** Tim Sexton, Megen Dalton  
 Tim Sexton, DCR and Megen Dalton, Shenandoah Valley SWCD, will discuss their perspectives on challenges and successes related to BMP implementation and technical assistance in the state.

### Data & Modeling

1:35 **Soil Amendments (20 min)** Group Discussion  
 Feedback from the AgWG is desired on the issue of soil amendment (e.g., compost) application on agricultural land in the watershed. Soil amendments are not currently accounted for as a load source in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

1:55 **Considering Emerging Technologies (30 min)** Group Discussion  
 Partners across the watershed are consistently developing and implementing innovative practices aimed at maintaining viability and sustainability on agriculture while also improving/maintain healthy waters. As part of this process, CBP regularly receives requests to review and potentially approve these practices as BMPs that can be implemented, tracked, and reported for load reduction credit towards the Bay TMDL. These requests are often made to multiple individuals independently in the Bay Program Office and in state and federal agency offices across the watershed, occasionally resulting in contradictory or misleading information. Can we streamline this process?

2:25 **AgWG Letters Regarding CRP/CREP and Account & Reporting (20 min)** Loretta Collins  
 Loretta Collins, UMD, will present and discuss two draft letters from the AgWG to respective parties with influence regarding the CRP/CREP programs and accounting and reporting of BMPs for water quality improvement credit.

2:40 **New Business & Announcements (15 min)**

- Upcoming Meetings:
  - July 18 Call
  - Aug 15 Call
  - Sept 19 Face-to-Face OR Call
  - Oct 17 Face-to-Face OR Call
- Chesapeake Executive Council (CEC) Meeting: Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA

2:55    **Review of Action and Decision Items (5 min)**

Allie Wagner

Allie will review action and decision items from the meeting.

3:00    **Adjourn Meeting**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 10AM- 12 PM. Conference Call