

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

May 1, 2014

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Main Conference Room

University of Maryland State 4-H Center

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09:30 **Welcome and Introductions** **Blunk/Rhoderick**

09:35 **Confirmation of Co-Chairs** **Dubin**

Mark Dubin, Agriculture Workgroup Coordinator, will provide a short report regarding the confirmation of the two new co-chairs by the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's (WQGIT) on May 14, 2014.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:40 **Workgroup Meeting Minutes** **Blunk/Rhoderick**

The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the March 13, 2014 workgroup meeting held at the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office in Annapolis, Maryland for review and approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

09:45 **Trends in Phosphorus Generated by Broilers Based Upon PLS Data** **Johnston**

In preparation of drafting recommendations, the Poultry Litter Subcommittee (PLS) requested an analysis of the poultry data collected to-date. Matt Johnston, Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Coordinator, will describe trends found in the data provided by the PLS for broiler populations, litter volumes and phosphorus concentrations. He will also describe the impact that incorporating these trends would have on the current Phase 5.3.2 modeling tools.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:30 **Poultry Litter Subcommittee Status Report** **Glancey**

Jim Glancey, Poultry Litter Subcommittee Chair, will present a status report on the development of recommendations by the Subcommittee for use in the partnership's Phase 5.3.2 modeling tools regarding commercial

poultry production. The subcommittee is addressing poultry litter nutrient generation, litter volume generation, and poultry population datasets. The subcommittee is seeking comments and suggestions from the membership at this time.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 11:00 Manure Treatment Technology Subgroup Report Evans**
Kristen Hughes Evans, Manure Treatment Technology Subgroup Chair, will introduce the subgroup's draft recommendation report for consideration by the workgroup. The report will begin to define the new proposed comprehensive BMP, and provide a prioritized approach to developing the diverse categories of technologies included within it. The intention of the report is to assist the workgroup in establishing a future expert review panel with an appropriate scope of work or "charge" based on the input received from the partnership. This presentation will begin the workgroup review process on the draft recommendations, and the subgroup is seeking comments and suggestions from the membership in preparation for a draft final recommendation report to be provided at the next workgroup meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 11:45 Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund Reilly**
The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is soliciting proposals to restore the habitats and water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams. Jake Reilly will provide AgWG members with additional information on how to submit proposals.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 12:00 Lunch**

- 01:00 Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Update Dell/Johnston**
Curt Dell, Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Chair, and Matt will provide a preliminary briefing on the development of new agricultural land uses for the Phase 6.0 Chesapeake Bay Program models. The full recommendations are expected to be presented to the workgroup at the June meeting for review and potential recommendation to the Land Use Workgroup (LUWG). In addition, Curt and Matt will also present a six-topic list recommended by the subcommittee as the focus of Scenario Builder revisions for the Mid-Point Assessment.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 01:30 FE Technical Review Panel Update Ensor**

Bob Ensor, Chair of the FE Technical Review Panel, will provide an update on the activities of the panel in reviewing the agricultural BMP Functional Equivalent (FE) recommendation proposal presented by MDA to the workgroup. As a result of the panel discussions, the original MDA proposal is being adapted to reflect the panels' suggested modifications. One change is the adoption of the term Resource Improvement (RI) vs. FE.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 01:45** **Panel/Subgroup Status Updates** **Panel/Subgroup Chairs**
- The following chairs of panels and subgroups under the oversight of the Agriculture Workgroup will be provided an opportunity to present a status report on their respective groups, and their timetable to provide recommendations to the workgroup for review and consideration.
- Nutrient Management Expert Review Panel
 - Cover Crops Expert Review Panel

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 02:00** **Agricultural BMP Draft Verification Guidance** **Batiuk/Dubin**
- Rich Batiuk, Chair of the BMP Verification Committee, will present a synthesis of BMP Verification Review Panel's review of the draft agricultural verification guidance documentation by the Panel and committee on April 1-2, 2014. Rich will also review the Panel's initial recommended jurisdictional verification protocol design table with supporting explanatory narrative. Mark will describe the next steps in addressing the Panel's comments in modifying the present draft verification documents. The recommended guidance for FE BMPs and the agricultural management plans category are being developed separately by the FE Technical Review Panel and the Agricultural Management Plans Subgroup (AMPS).

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 03:20** **Review of AgWG Recommendations** **Giese**
- Emma Giese, CRC Staffer, will review the draft notes from the meeting for comment.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 03:30** **Adjourn**

Meeting Materials:

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Agenda Schedule:

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