

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

August 14, 2014

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Chesapeake Bay Program Office

Fish Shack Conference Room (Green Building)

410 Severn Ave

Annapolis, MD 21403

Conference Line: 866-299-3188 Code: 267.5715

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09:30 Welcome and Introductions Rhoderick/Blunk

09:35 Workgroup Meeting Minutes Rhoderick/Blunk
The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the July 24, 2014 workgroup meeting held at the University of Maryland's 4-H Center for review and approval. In addition, the draft minutes of the workgroup's conference call meeting held on August 8, 2014 will also be reviewed for approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

09:45 Workgroup Actions Status Report Dubin/Johnston
Mark Dubin, Workgroup Coordinator, and Matt Johnston, Watershed Technical Workgroup Coordinator, will provide a brief report on the status of the RI Technical Review Panel Recommendation Report. The panel report was fully approved by the workgroup on August 8, 2014.

In addition, Mark will provide a status report on the workgroup's Agricultural BMP Verification Guidance document, which was also approved by the workgroup on August 8, 2014.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:00 Incorporating Fertilizer Sales Data in Phase 6 Johnston
Matt Johnston, Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee (AMS) Coordinator, will present a draft method for incorporating fertilizer sales data into the Phase 6 Watershed Model. The AMS is looking for feedback on the draft method.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:25 Workgroup Priority Tasks Rhoderick/Blunk

John and Kristen will hold an open discussion with the members to identify key priority recommendations for the workgroup to address in the coming weeks in preparation for the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) meeting scheduled for October 7-8, 2014. The WQGIT meeting in Pennsylvania will focus on the critical decisions and timelines towards developing the new Phase 6.0 modeling tools for 2017. The priorities identified by the workgroup will be used to focus the discussions for future workgroup, panel and subcommittee meetings.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

12:00 Lunch

1:00 MDA Panel Membership Requests Keppler
Jason Keppler, MDA, will request the Agriculture Workgroup's endorsement of Maryland's request to replace their current representative members serving on the Agriculture Workgroup's expert panels and subcommittee, with the associated list of new recommended representatives. The new recommended members will be present to address their expertise related to the respective charges of the panels and subcommittee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

01:15 Sample Size Estimation for BMP Verification Dressing/Harcum
Steve Dressing and Jon Harcum of Tetra Tech will present a statistically-based approach to estimating appropriate sample sizes for BMP verification. Trade-offs and challenges will be described, and examples given to illustrate the approach.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

02:15 BMP Development Priorities for Phase 6.0 Rhoderick/Blunk
John and Kristen will hold an open discussion on the development of an updated priority list for the evaluation of existing and new agricultural BMPs. The WQGIT has requested a prioritized list of BMP evaluations from each workgroup in preparation for their meeting on October 7-8, 2014. A final priority recommendation will be determined by the workgroup during the September meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

03:25 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

Blunk/Rhoderick

Meeting Materials:

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Agenda Schedule:

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