

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

December 11, 2014

9:30 PM to 3:00 PM

4-H Center

8020 Greenmead Drive

College Park, MD 20740

Conference Line: 866-299-3188 Code: 267.5715

Webinar Link: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/agwg/>

Calendar Page: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/21229/>

9:30 **Welcome, Introductions, Review Meeting Minutes** **Chairs**
The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the November 6th, November 13th and November 21st workgroup meetings for review and approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

9:45 **Workgroup Updates** **Chairs**
The workgroup Co-Chairs will review relevant workgroup updates including:

- Cover Crops Expert Panel Report Approval
- Conservation Tillage Expert Panel Report Approval
- Nutrient Management Expert Panel Report Review

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:15 **Virginia Tech Project Updates** **Hanson**
Jeremy Hanson, Virginia Tech Project Coordinator, will highlight the RFP, which was released on December 8th for performing a literature search for non-published agricultural data and research reports. The effort will assist Tetra Tech in identifying references for the development of Phase 6.0 land use loading values. Jeremy will also update the workgroup on plans for a stakeholder meeting with the new Manure Treatment Technologies Panel, scheduled for December 15th near Baltimore. More information is available at:
<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/22245/>

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:30 **STAC Response Letter** **Dubin**
Mark Dubin, Workgroup Coordinator, will review a proposed letter of response to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC).

STAC has contacted each of the CBP workgroups who have previously utilized STAC financial support for workshops and conferences, to provide a description on how the findings are being incorporated into the workgroup's decision making and actions.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

10:35 Agricultural Assistant Position Update Dubin
Mark will provide an update on the development of a new agricultural assistant position recently funded by EPA to provide additional support to the workgroup and its BMP expert panels.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:45 Delaware's Crop Residue Transect Survey Fox/Monteith
Based on the lack of current information to correctly report acreages of agricultural Conservation Tillage and the new High Residue BMP, federal, state and local agencies with the assistance of the University of Delaware launched a new crop residue transect survey in early 2014. Marcia Fox and Tyler Monteith with DNREC will provide an overview of the new project, the results of the 2014 survey, as well as future plans to expand the survey for cover crops.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Milestones Update Sweeney
Jeff Sweeney will provide an overview of the impacts that the 2012 Census of Agriculture data will have on milestones and progress.

1:30 Expert Panels Phase 6.0 Chairs
At the recommendation of Jack Meisinger, Cover Crops Panel Chair, the workgroup recommended the formation of an ad hoc subgroup during the November 13th workgroup meeting. The subgroup was charged to consider the suggestions provided by Jack and develop a comprehensive recommendation on the Phase 6.0 Expert Panel process for future and existing panels, including the Cover Crops, Conservation Tillage and Nutrient Management expert panels. Kristen and John will review the subgroups' discussions and recommendations for workgroup consideration.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

2:00 2015 Agriculture Workgroup Meetings Chairs

The workgroup chairs will present a new concept for scheduling meetings and conference calls for the workgroup based on feedback received from the partners earlier this year. The members will be invited to participate in an open floor discussion of the concept and provide recommendations for the chairs, coordinator, and staffer.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

2:45 Review of AgWG Recommendations Giese
Emma Giese, CRC Staffer, will review the draft notes from the meeting for comment.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

3:00 Adjourn

Meeting Materials:

All materials from today's meeting will be posted on the event page:

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Agenda Schedule:

The meeting agenda is reflective known information at the time of publication and may be subject to change due to other circumstances.