

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

February 14, 2013

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Chesapeake Bay Program Office, 410 Severn Avenue

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

Annapolis, Maryland

Conference Call Number: 866.299.3188, Code: 267.5715

Virtual Meeting Room: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/agwg/>

Calendar Event Page: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/19180/>

09:30	Welcome and Introductions	Coale
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09:40	AgWG Meeting Minutes	Coale
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The draft minutes from the January 10, 2013 workgroup meeting held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Annapolis Field Office will be reviewed for approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

09:45	Urban Panel Recommendations	Dubin
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Tom Schueler, Urban Stormwater Workgroup Coordinator, presented the final draft findings of the Urban Stream Restoration and Urban Nutrient Management Panels for consideration by the workgroup from an agricultural perspective. Based on the comments provided by the AgWG and other partners as of January 31st, the UNM panel has provided a revised final draft reports for consideration. Final comments are being requested to provide to the USWG by February 19th.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

10:00	Agricultural BMP Verification Process	Coale/Dubin
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Frank and Mark Dubin, AgWG Coordinator, will provide an update of the workgroup's progress to develop an agricultural BMP verification protocol and the process/schedule for incorporating the partnership's recommendations into a finalized protocol.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:15	Agricultural Verification Protocol Concept	Coale
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Frank will moderate a discussion on the present draft verification protocol concept based on the November 29, 2012 recommendations of the workgroup. This revision has previously been provided to the WQGIT Verification Steering Committee and the BMP Verification Review Panel for their review and consideration. The discussion today will focus on the

specific matrix values associated with the four categories of BMPs, including relative cost, scientific defensibility, accountability, and transparency.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

11:45 Agricultural Projections Johnston
Matt Johnston, CBPO NPS Data Analyst, will discuss a request from the Milestone Workgroup to develop a new agricultural modeling projection for 2015. The proposed projection will be used to support the next round of jurisdictional Milestone goal development.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

12:00 Luncheon Break

01:00 MPA Agricultural Modeling Workshop Coale/Dubin
Frank and Mark will provide an update on the development of a Mid-Point Assessment Agricultural Modeling Workshop to support the implementation of the workgroup's top two priority lead MPA topics. The workshop is planned for early 2013 at a location in the Mid-Atlantic area.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

01:15 Mid-Point Assessment Modeling Priorities Coale/Dubin
Frank and Mark will present an organizational proposal to address the current and future needs by the workgroup to review and provide critical recommendations for the Chesapeake Bay Program's Phase 6 model representation of agricultural land uses and production systems.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

01:30 Agricultural Phase 6 Land Uses Coale/Dubin
The Land Use Workgroup (LUWG) has requested each of the sector workgroups to provide draft recommendations on proposed land use categories for the future Chesapeake Bay Program Phase 6 Modeling suite. The LUWG will be initiating their review of proposed Phase 6 land uses on February 25, 2013. The workgroup will review the agricultural land use options discussed during the January 10th meeting to recommend a preliminary draft proposal.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

02:30 **Proposed Maryland Phosphorus Index Tool** **Coale**
Frank will provide a presentation on a new comprehensive P Index Tool developed by the University of Maryland and being considered for use by the Maryland Nutrient Management Program.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

02:45 **Review of AgWG Recommendations** **Dubin**
The members will review and finalize the workgroup's meeting recommendations for endorsement and implementation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Finalized Workgroup Recommendations

03:00 **Adjourn**

Conference Call Materials:

Participants are requested to review the materials posted on the AgWG webpage for the meeting. Some documents may be posted just prior to the meeting, so please check back.

Agenda Schedule:

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

Luncheon Information:

Workgroup members may either bring their lunch to the meeting room, or utilize one of the food establishments nearby.