

# **Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)**

## **Meeting Agenda**

**November 13, 2014**

**10:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

**Main Conference Room**

**University of Maryland State 4-H Center**

**8020 Greenmead Drive**

**College Park, Maryland 20740**

**Conference Line: 866-299-3188 Code: 267.5715**

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**10:00 Welcome and Introductions/ Meeting Minutes** **Rhoderick/Blunk**

The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the October 22<sup>nd</sup> conference call for review and approval.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

**10:10 Agriculture Workgroup Updates** **Rhoderick/Blunk**

- Status of Cover Crops, Conservation Tillage, and Nutrient Management Panels expert panels' 2014 recommendations and Partnership review
- Toxic Contaminants Workgroup kickoff meeting on 11/5
- AMS membership request
- Wetlands Expert Panel stakeholder meeting 11/21

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

**10: 45 Agricultural Land Use Reference Search Update** **Dubin**

Mark Dubin, Agricultural Coordinator, will provide an update on the providing additional assistance to Tetra Tech for identifying literature sources for the Phase 6.0 agricultural land use base loading rates.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

**11:00 Review of Manure Tech Proposal** **Hanson**

Jeremy Hanson, Virginia Tech, will present the proposed panel membership and scope of work for the Manure Treatment Technologies Expert Panel. Per the BMP protocol, feedback and approval will be solicited from the workgroup members.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

**12:00 Lunch**

**1:00 Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Schedule** **Johnston**

Matt Johnston, Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee chair, will present the AMS' proposed schedule of work in preparation for Phase 6.0 for the coming months.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

**1:20 EPA Analysis of Programmatic Milestones Shenk**

Kelly Shenk, EPA Region 3 Agricultural Advisor, will provide an overview of EPA's analysis of jurisdictions' programmatic milestones for the agricultural sector. The analysis identified goals that showed constructive progress, as well as ones that may need additional effort to garner proposed nutrient and sediment reductions. The results of the analysis could be useful in identifying what topics the workgroup could address to assist the jurisdictions in meeting future implementation goals in the agricultural sector.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

**2:00 Nutrient Management Phase 5.3.2 Panel Report Update Brosch**

Chris Brosch, panel chair, will provide an update on the Expert Panel's response to comments.

**2:30 Expert Panels Phase 6.0 Blunk/Rhoderick/Meisinger**

John and Kristen will discuss the next steps for the agricultural BMP expert panels as they focus their efforts on Phase 6.0 recommendations. Jack Meisinger will introduce options for the workgroup to consider.

**3:15 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

**3:30 Adjourn Blunk/Rhoderick**

**Meeting Materials:**

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**Agenda Schedule:**

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