



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
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# **Agriculture Workgroup**

November 2024

# Agenda

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**AgWG Governance  
Document Update**

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**PADEP Remote Sensing  
Pilot Project Update**

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**Biochar Opportunities in  
Climate Smart Ag**

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**Unpacking CESR**

# **AgWG Governance Document Update**

# The “what?” and “why?”

- Adopt minor changes to AgWG governance document
  - Needs to be aligned with CBP/WQGIT governance
  - workgroups must “...*strive to maintain a membership that is representative of the signatories to the Agreement... Membership should be based on the following construct to the maximum extent possible (Table 1): Members from each signatory (one each with an alternate identified) (9)...*” (page 12).
- The District of Columbia has appointed a member to the AgWG
  - Kate Lee, Director of Office of Urban Agriculture, DC Dept of Energy and Environment
  - Welcome, Kate!

# **PADEP Remote Sensing Pilot Project Update**

# Biochar Opportunities in Climate Smart Ag



# Discussion



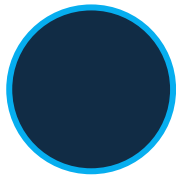
# Unpacking CESR





# Discussion





# **Announcements & Updates**

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## For Awareness:

- 2025-26 At-Large Membership
  - Terms of 6 at-large members expiring; call for nominations has been released. Send nominations to Caroline ([kleis.caroline@epa.gov](mailto:kleis.caroline@epa.gov)) and Eric ([hughes.eric@epa.gov](mailto:hughes.eric@epa.gov)) with nominee name, affiliation, contact information, and short resume/bio
  - Nominations due Jan 9, 2025
- Chesapeake Agroforestry Network (CAN) Meeting
  - Jan 7, 2025, 10:00 AM
  - Optional joint meeting of the AgWG, Forestry Workgroup, and CAN, and will feature presentations relevant to our group. Reach out to Ruth Cassilly ([rcassilly@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:rcassilly@chesapeakebay.net)) and Katie Brownson ([katherine.brownson@usda.gov](mailto:katherine.brownson@usda.gov)) for more information.

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## Anything else?

- Send to Caroline Kleis ([Kleis.Caroline@epa.gov](mailto:Kleis.Caroline@epa.gov)) for inclusion in “Recap” email

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# Thank you!

Any questions?

You can contact me at [Hughes.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Hughes.Eric@epa.gov)



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