



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Forestry Workgroup Meeting

April 3, 2024

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This meeting will be recorded for internal use to ensure the accuracy of the meeting notes.

9:00 Welcome and Introductions- *Kesha Braunskill, USFS, FWG Co-Chair*

9:10 Call for new at-large members- *Sophie Waterman, CRC*

9:15 Strategy Review System (SRS): Riparian Forest Buffers- *Katie Brownson, USFS*

At the June Management Board meeting, both Forestry Workgroup outcomes will have an opportunity to provide an update to the Management Board. Katie will provide a brief overview of the new SRS process and get input on how best to use our time with the Management Board in June.

9:25 Phase 7 of CAST-*Gary Shenk, USGS*

Gary will provide an overview of the effort to develop Phase 7 of the Chesapeake Bay watershed model (CAST). He will also outline opportunities for the Forestry Workgroup to provide input on model development. Following Gary's presentation, we will discuss workgroup priorities for informing Phase 7.

10:10 CREP Permanent Easement Program- *Katrina Tucker, MD DNR*

Katrina will present on Maryland's CREP Permanent Buffer Easement Program, which has recently been made available statewide.

10:35 Round Robin on State Forest Conservation Programs- *all*

Each state will briefly summarize forest and buffer conservation programs available in their state. This will provide a foundation for understanding where there are opportunities to improve forest and buffer conservation efforts.

10:55 General Round Robin