

## Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

### Meeting Agenda

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Meeting Materials

#### Conference Call Information\*

Zoom Link: <https://umces-edu.zoom.us/j/81478635498>

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**Calendar Page:** <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/agriculture-workgroup-meeting-january-2024>

#### Workgroup Areas of Focus

**Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation**

**Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments**

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\*\*Common Acronyms can be found at the end of this agenda.

#### 10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes – 5 minutes**

*Jeremy Daubert, AgWG Chair*

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants - *Please enter name and affiliation under "Participants" or in "Chat" box*
- **Decision requested:** Approval of [minutes](#) from the November AgWG call.

#### 10:05 **2024-25 Vice Chair & At-Large Membership – 10 minutes**

*Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator*

Eric will review the [list of nominees](#) for the open Vice Chair and at-large member positions, and nominees will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the group (in the interest of time, introductions will be reserved for nominees who have *not* already served a term on the workgroup). The procedure for confirming nominees via poll will be reviewed.

**Action requested:** SIGNATORY + MID-TERM AT-LARGE ONLY: Complete poll indicating approval or rejection of 2024-2025 at-large members and Vice Chair by **COB Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**.

### Accounting & Reporting/Data & Modeling

#### 10:15 **Accounting of Agricultural Conservation Practice Implementation: Integrating USDA and PA Practice Keeper Data Sources – 45-minute presentation**

*Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting, Inc.; Mark R. Nardi, USGS*

The USGS team developed geospatial analytical methods to compare Pennsylvania state-collected conservation practice data and NRCS and FSA conservation practice data. The evaluated period from 2006 through 2020 includes Lancaster, York, Juniata, and Franklin counties in Pennsylvania. Mark and Olivia will share the project purpose, methods, and results. They will also discuss how this could be applied in other states using similar methods. This pilot project was funded through the Chesapeake Bay Program.

**11:00 Overview of VA Pilot Project – 10-minute presentation**

*James Martin, VA DCR*

James will provide a brief overview of a VADCR/NRCS data sharing pilot project.

**11:10 Q&A – 25 minutes**

## **Wrap-up**

**11:35 New Business, Announcements & Updates – 20 minutes**

- **Agricultural Modeling Team**
  - Tom Butler, Coordinator of the AMT, will provide a brief update on the group's latest activities.
- **AgWG Leadership Change**
  - This will be Jeremy's final meeting as Chair of the AgWG; February will be Kathy's first meeting as Chair.
  - Thank you to Jeremy and all members - returning and outgoing - for your participation!
- **CBPO Leadership Change**
  - Martha Shimkin (EPA) has been selected as CBPO's Director, and Lee McDonnell (EPA) will be serving temporarily as Acting Deputy Director.
- **In-Person Meeting Poll**
  - Would you be interested in an in-person AgWG meeting later this year? We will be sharing a poll with members to determine interest/availability and solicit ideas.
  - **Action requested:** Complete in-person meeting poll by Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Agriculture Advisory Committee**
  - Review of [PSC decision](#) to create an [action team](#) to develop recommendations on whether to establish an Agricultural Advisory Committee. This was a response to [a letter](#) sent to the EPA Regional Administrator from the State Agricultural Secretaries in July 2023.
- **Beyond 2025**
  - Brief overview of Beyond 2025 and the Clean Water Small Group.
  - Clean Water Small Group will be presenting at the [January 22<sup>nd</sup> WQGIT meeting](#) – all workgroup members are encouraged to attend!
- **Other Announcements?**
  - Send to Jackie Pickford ([Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov)) for inclusion in "Recap" email.

**11:55 Review of Action and Decision Items – 5 minutes**

12:00 **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 10AM-12PM, Call-in Zoom

**\*\*Common Acronyms**

AgWG- [Agriculture Workgroup](#)

AMT- [Agricultural Modeling Team](#) (Phase 7)

CAST- [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#) (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)

CBP- [Chesapeake Bay Program](#)

CBPO- Chesapeake Bay Program Office

CBW- Chesapeake Bay Watershed

EPA- [United States] Environmental Protection Agency

FSA – Farm Service Agency

NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service

PSC – [Principals' Advisory Committee](#) (CBP)

PSU- Penn State University

WQGIT- [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)

UMD- University of Maryland

UMCES – University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture