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## Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Meeting Materials](#)

### Virtual Meeting Information

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### Workgroup Areas of Focus

**Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation**

**Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments**

### Intro & Announcements

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

*Kathy Brasier, AgWG Chair*

- Welcome new AgWG staffer, Caroline Kleis!
- 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 May AgWG call.
- **Decision requested:** Consensus decision for Agroforestry EPEG charge.

### Data & Modeling

10:05 **PA DEP Remote Sensing BMP Verification Pilot Project: Phase 1 Summary Report – 65 minutes (presentation and Q&A)**

*Tom Howard, Resolve Hydro; Ashley Hullinger & Scott Heidel, PA DEP*

Tom will present an overview of Phase 1 of PA DEP’s BMP verification pilot project. The AgWG has received regular updates on the status of this project from the DEP/Resolve Hydro team throughout the year. The draft Methodology Plan will be reviewed, and feedback from the group will be requested during the discussion period.

### Accounting & Reporting

11:10 **Agroforestry BMP Expert Panel Establishment Group – 10 minutes (discussion and vote)**

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*Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator*

Eric will briefly review the proposed charge of the Agroforestry Expert Panel Establishment Group (EPEG), as discussed at recent AgWG meetings and shared directly with AgWG members on 6/7/24.

AgWG Voting Item:

The group will be asked to vote to approve the charge of the agroforestry EPEG.

## **Innovation & Implementation**

**11:20 NFWF Funding Opportunities for Agricultural Projects – 35 minutes (presentation and Q&A)**  
*Jake Reilly, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)*

Jake will provide an overview of NFWF funding opportunities for ag projects in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

## **Wrap-up**

**11:55 New Business, Announcements & Updates – 5 minutes**

- **Agricultural Modeling Team**
  - Brief verbal update on the group's latest activities.
- **Opportunities in Agriculture for a Thriving Chesapeake Bay Watershed Beyond 2025**
  - July 23, 2024 – Optional reception/mixer in the evening (Time: TBD)
  - July 24, 2024 – Workshop (8:00 am – 4:30 pm)
  - Join a conversation with leading agricultural scientists and experts from across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to discuss the latest advances in:
    - Nutrient management and soil health; economic and other incentives for conservation practice adoption; nutrient flows across the supply chain; movements and markets for local food; agricultural land preservation.
  - Through an interactive discussion with the workshop participants, scientists will share their recommendations based on decades of agricultural research in the Bay Watershed and how we can sustain thriving agriculture AND have a healthy Chesapeake Bay. Workshop recommendations will be shared with the Chesapeake Bay Beyond 2025 Steering Committee to inform efforts post-2025.
- **Other Announcements?**
  - Send to Eric Hughes ([Hughes.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Hughes.Eric@epa.gov)) for inclusion in "Recap" email.

**12:00 Review of Action and Decision Items; Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 10AM-12PM (Virtual)**

### **Acronym List**

AgWG- [Agriculture Workgroup](#)

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

BMP – Best Management Practice

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

CBP- [Chesapeake Bay Program](#)

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CBPO- Chesapeake Bay Program Office  
CBW-Chesapeake Bay Watershed  
CTIC – Conservation Technology Information Center  
CVN – Conservation Validation Network  
EPA - [United States] Environmental Protection Agency  
FSA – Farm Service Agency  
MLRI – Modeled Load Reduction Indicator  
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service  
NFWF – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
ORISE – Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education  
PADEP – Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
PSC – [Principals’ Advisory Committee](#) (CBP)  
PSU- Penn State University  
SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
WQGIT- [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)  
UMD - University of Maryland  
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture  
USGS – United States Geological Survey  
USFS – United States Forestry Service