

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

January 30, 2014

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Log Lodge (Building 302) Main Conference Room

USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Powder Mill Road and Log Lodge Road

Beltsville, Maryland 20705

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09:30	Welcome and Introductions	Coale
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09:35	AgWG Meeting Minutes	Coale
	Frank Coale, Agriculture Workgroup Chair, will introduce the draft minutes from the November 7 and December 12, 2013 workgroup meetings held at the USDA BARC Log Lodge for review and approval.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

09:40	Agriculture Workgroup Nomination Update	Coale
	After over four years of serving as the chair of the Agriculture Workgroup, Frank announced his decision during the December workgroup meeting to step down as chair in early 2014 once a new chair has been selected. Frank will review the nominations for workgroup chair received as of COB January 9, 2014. The new chair will be selected from the confirmed nominees at the February meeting.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:50	USDA CEAP Report Update	Coale
	Frank will discuss plans to schedule a special partnership meeting with USDA on the latest Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) report. USDA's second CEAP report for the Chesapeake Bay was released on December 5, 2013. The study looks at the land use, crop history, production, agronomic, and conservation practices of farms in the watershed from 2009 to 2011. The study information was collected by USDA-NASS through producer interview, and was subsequently utilized in the project's modeling tools to estimate the effects on local rivers and streams.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:00 Agricultural Management Plans Subgroup Update Kindig
Dave Kindig will provide an update on the activity of the subgroup in developing a verification protocol recommendation for agricultural management plans.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:15 Manure Treatment Technology Subgroup Update Giese
Emma Giese will provide an update on the activities of the subgroup in developing a plan of work for a future BMP expert review panel.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:20 Ag Functional Equivalent Recommendation Report Update Giese
Emma will provide an update on the technical review of the Maryland Department of Agriculture's draft recommendation report to define and implement a tracking and reporting protocol for agricultural functional equivalent (FE) BMPs. The draft report represents the culmination of several years of work by Dana and other collaborators to address the original Chesapeake Bay Executive Order USDA goal for enabling the partnership to track and report non-cost shared agricultural BMPs to the Chesapeake Bay Program models for credit.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:30 Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Dell
Curtis Dell, Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee chair, will update the workgroup members on AMS recent activities and progress.

10:45 Poultry Litter Subcommittee Report Update Glancey
Jim Glancey, Chair of the Poultry Litter Subcommittee, will provide an update on the subcommittee's development of a draft recommendation report on model data inputs for representing commercial poultry production in the CBP models. The three areas of recommendation include poultry litter nutrient concentration values, litter mass volume generation, and annual bird populations for the Bay watershed. The subcommittee report is expected to be available to initiate the partnership review process at the February meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

11:00 Virginia Tech Technical Assistance Priorities Coale
Frank will provide an overview of the new technical assistance resource from Virginia Tech soon to be available to the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership, including the Agriculture Workgroup and its panels and subcommittees. The Virginia Tech assistance will supplement and

enhance that already being provided by Tetra Tech to the partnership. The workgroup will consider an initial list of five priorities for Virginia Tech to potentially provide technical assistance on.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Homeowner BMPs Tom Schueler
Tom Schueler, Urban Stormwater Workgroup Coordinator, will present on behalf of the workgroup their proposal for crediting Homeowner BMPs, and will answer questions about the tracking, reporting, and verification elements of the recommendations.

1:30 Agricultural BMP Draft Verification Guidance Coale
Frank will present and review a new draft verification guidance matrix and supporting documentation based on the recommendations received from the partnership's independent BMP Verification Review Panel. The new draft verification guidance package incorporates the previous protocol elements formerly proposed by the workgroup with the panel review modifications, and retains a to-be-determined section for addressing the management plan BMP category. The recommended guidance for this category is being developed separately by the Agricultural Management Plans Subgroup (AMPS).

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

03:20 Review of AgWG Recommendations Giese
Emma will review the draft notes from the meeting for comment.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

03:30 Adjourn

Meeting Materials:

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Agenda Schedule:

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