

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)
Conference Call Agenda
February 23, 2012
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
CBPO Conference Room 305A
Conference Call Number- 866.299.3188, Code- 410.267.5731
Virtual Meeting Room- http://chesapeake1.na4.acrobat.com/agwg_meeting_room/

09:00 **Welcome and Introductions** **Coale**

09:15 **AgWG Meeting Minutes** **Coale**
The review and approval of the minutes from the January 12, 2012 workgroup meeting held at the Virginia Farm Bureau Office outside Richmond, Virginia.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:20 **Chesapeake Bay Program Website** **Kilbert**
Victoria Kilbert, CRC Staff, will provide an overview of the recently released new website for the Chesapeake Bay Program, including helpful tips for navigation. The new website provides us the opportunity to collaborate with the workgroup membership to update contact listings, provide advance scheduling for meetings and conference calls, and improve supporting documentation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:35 **BMP Verification Process** **Batiuk/Coale**
The Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) endorsed a proposed process to develop a partnership approved BMP verification protocol during their January 9, 2012 conference call. The proposal was subsequently endorsed by the Management Board, and is expected to be acted upon by the Principals Staff Committee (PSC) on February 16th. Rich Batiuk, EPA Associate Director of Science, will describe the proposed process in further detail, and the potential involvement of the workgroup. Frank will open up the floor for discussion and potential workgroup recommendations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

10:00 **Evaluation of Nutrient Management Practices** **Dubin/Dressing**
Mark Dubin, Workgroup Coordinator, and Steve Dressing, Tetra Tech, will provide a project update for evaluating agricultural nutrient management practices for representation in the Chesapeake Bay Program models.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 10:20 Interim NM Modeling Analysis Shenk/Sweeney**
Gary Shenk and Jeff Sweeney, EPA Modeling Team, will discuss the preliminary modeling results of a new potential interim approach for representing agricultural NM in the Phase 5.3.2 Models. The new approach was proposed by Virginia to represent nutrient application reduction benefits as a straight BMP effectiveness value for potential use in the Phase 2 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs).

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 10:50 Evaluation of Conservation Tillage Practices Dubin/Sievers**
Mark Dubin, Workgroup Coordinator, and Mark Sievers, Tetra Tech, will provide a project update for evaluating agricultural conservation tillage practices for representation in the Chesapeake Bay Program models. The proposed panel membership will be reviewed and endorsement requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 11:10 Evaluation of Cover Crop Practices Dubin/Sievers**
Mark Dubin, Workgroup Coordinator, and Mark Sievers, Tetra Tech, will provide a project update for evaluating agricultural cover crop practices for representation in the Chesapeake Bay Program models. The proposed panel membership will be reviewed and endorsement requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 11:30 Evaluation of Poultry Litter Management Glancey/Dubin**
Dr. Jim Glancey, Subcommittee Chair and Mark Dubin, Workgroup Coordinator, will provide a project update for evaluating agricultural poultry production and litter management practices for representation in the Chesapeake Bay Program models. The Subcommittee's next meeting is scheduled for February 27th.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 11:45 Review of AgWG Recommendations Coale/Dubin**
The members will review and finalize the workgroup's recommendations for endorsement and implementation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Finalized Workgroup Recommendations

- 12:00 Adjourn**

Project Updates:

If sufficient time is available, short updates will be provided on modifications to agricultural information on the ChesapeakeStat decision support tool.

Conference Call Materials:

Participants are requested to review the materials posted on the AgWG webpage for the meeting. Some documents may be posted just prior to the meeting, so please check back.

Agenda Schedule:

The meeting agenda is reflective of known information at the time of publication and may be subject to change due to other circumstances. Additional agenda items may be added if time is available.

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