

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

March 13, 2014

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

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Annapolis, Maryland 21403

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09:30	Welcome and Introductions	Coale
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09:35	AgWG Meeting Minutes	Coale
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Frank Coale, Agriculture Workgroup Chair, will introduce the draft minutes from the January 30, 2014 workgroup meeting held at the USDA BARC Log Lodge for review and approval. Due to the cancellation of the February 13th meeting due to a federal closure, no February minutes are available for approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

09:40	Draft Interim Governance	Coale/Dubin
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Frank and Mark Dubin, Agriculture Workgroup Coordinator, will present an interim workgroup governance protocol for use until the partnership approved policy is provided by the PSC and the WQGIT at a future date. Several membership requests have been received concerning the establishment of interim governance, especially in preparation for the selection of a new workgroup Chair. The draft interim governance has been developed based on the draft WQGIT governance under partnership review.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

10:00	Agriculture Workgroup Chair Recommendation	Dubin
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Multiple nominations for a new workgroup chair were received as of COB January 9, 2014. Mark will review the nominees who accepted the invitation for consideration, including background information on each applicant. The workgroup will be asked to form a recommendation from the confirmed nominees. Confirmation of the new chair will be made by the WQGIT during their April 14th meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

11:00 Poultry Litter Subcommittee Recommendation Report Glancey
Jim Glancey, Chair of the Poultry Litter Subcommittee, will provide an update on the development of a draft recommendation report being developed by the subcommittee. The draft report addresses 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 presentation of the draft subcommittee report for partnership review is tentatively scheduled for the April workgroup meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

11:15 USDA CEAP Report Update Dell/Dubin
Dr. Curt Dell, Chair of the Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee, and Mark will provide an update on plans to schedule a special partnership meeting with Dr. Lee Norfleet, USDA-NRCS Model Team Leader, on the latest Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) report. USDA's second CEAP report for the Chesapeake Bay was released on December 5, 2013. Dr. Dell and Mark will review a draft set of preliminary questions that will be provided to Dr. Norfleet in preparation for the requested discussion.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

11:40 Ag Functional Equivalent Technical Review Update Ensor
Bob Ensor, FE Technical Review Panel Chair, 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

12:00 Lunch

01:00 Riparian Buffer Loading and Effectiveness Recommendations Okay
Dr. Judy Okay, representing the Forestry Workgroup, will present the 2014 Expert Panel Report on Riparian Buffer Loading and Effectiveness Recommendations as part of a cross-sector partnership review.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

01:20 Virginia Tech Technical Assistance Priorities Coale
Frank will provide a recap of the workgroup discussions held on January 30th regarding priorities for the new Virginia Tech project

which will provide technical assistance 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 form a recommendation based on jurisdictional Phase 2 WIP agricultural priorities.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 02:50 Agricultural BMP Draft Verification Guidance Coale/Dubin**
Frank and Mark will present and review the latest 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 and Recommendations

- 03:20 Review of AgWG Recommendations Giese**
Emma Giese, CRC Staffer, 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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