

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

May 9, 2013

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Chesapeake Bay Program Office

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room

Annapolis, Maryland

Conference Call Number: 866.299.3188, Code: 267.5715

Virtual Meeting Room: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/agwg/>

Calendar Event Page: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/19183/>

09:30	Welcome and Introductions	Coale
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09:40	AgWG Meeting Minutes	Coale
	The draft minutes from the April 11, 2013 workgroup meeting held at the USFWS Annapolis Field Office will be reviewed for approval.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

09:45	Urban Stream Restoration Panel Update	Dubin
	Mark Dubin, AgWG Coordinator, will provide an update on the WQGIT review of the Urban Stormwater Workgroup's Urban/Non-Urban Stream Restoration panel recommendations.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:55	Poultry Litter Subcommittee Update	Glancey
	Jim Glancey, PLS Chair, will provide an update on the progress of the panel in addressing comments from the workgroup on state level data for poultry litter nutrient concentrations, litter production volumes, and poultry population calculations. In addition, Jim will discuss the comparative analysis currently being developed with the current Phase 5.3.2 modeling suite.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

10:20	Cover Crop Panel Update	Meisinger
	Jack Meisinger, Panel Chair, will provide an update on the progress of the panel, including panel discussions and the review of the background panel report. In addition, Jack will discuss the panel's approach to developing recommendations for the Phase 5.3.2 modeling suite to meet the WQGIT 2013 approval timeline.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

10:45 Conservation Till Panel Update Dubin
On Behalf of Wade Thomason, Panel Chair, Mark will provide an update on the progress of the panel, including panel discussions and the review of the background panel report. In addition, Mark will summarize the panel's approach to developing recommendations for the Phase 5.3.2 modeling suite to meet the WQGIT 2013 approval timeline.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

11:00 Agricultural Projection Methods Update Johnston
Matt Johnston, NPS Data Analyst, will present the results of the jurisdictional selection on three potential options to develop short-term agricultural projection methods for both crops and livestock. Matt will discuss the next steps in implementing the new double exponential smoothing method to support the jurisdictional 2015 Two-Year Milestones goal development and annual agricultural projections.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

11:25 Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Dubin/Johnston
Mark and Matt will provide an update on the establishment of the new Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee under the oversight of the Agriculture Workgroup. The subcommittee will be providing technical modeling assistance to the associated panels, as well as to the workgroup for the Phase 6.0 model development.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

11:40 MPA Agricultural Modeling Workshop Dubin
Mark will provide an update on the agricultural modeling workshop scheduled to be held on May 22-23, 2013 at the University of Maryland's College Park campus. The **"Building a Better Bay Model; A Workshop for Agricultural Partners"** event will support the implementation of the workgroup's top two priority lead MPA topics.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

12:00 Luncheon Break

01:00 Agricultural BMP Verification Guidance Coale/Dubin
Frank and Mark will discuss guidance received from the BMP Verification Committee regarding the development of agricultural BMP verification protocols. The deliberations of the Committee's Transparency Subgroup concerning the definition of "transparency" when applied to NPS BMP verification will also be discussed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 01:20 Agricultural BMP Verification Matrix Coale**
Frank will lead a partnership discussion on continuing the development of the draft agricultural BMP verification matrix based on the guidance received from the BMP Verification Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 02:35 Partner Updates Coale**
Frank will open the floor to updates from the partnership.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 02:45 Review of AgWG Recommendations Giese**
Emma Giese, AgWG Staffer, will review and finalize the workgroup's meeting recommendations for endorsement and implementation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Finalized Workgroup Recommendations

- 03:00 Adjourn**

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.

Luncheon Information:

Workgroup members may either bring their lunch to the meeting room, or utilize one of the food establishments nearby.