

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

June 19, 2014

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Main Conference Room

University of Maryland State 4-H Center

8020 Greenmead Drive

College Park, Maryland 20740

Dial-in Number: 866-299-3188 code: 267.5715

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

Calendar Page: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/21223/>

09:30	Welcome and Introductions	Blunk
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09:35	Workgroup Meeting Minutes	Blunk
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The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the May 1, 2014 workgroup meeting held at the University of Maryland's 4-H Center for review and approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

09:45	A Pilot Using Remote Sensing to Identify Conservation Practices in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed	Coleman/Plunk
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Denise Colman, USDA-NRCS State Conservationist for Pennsylvania, and Dorsey Plunk, USDA-NRCS Remote Sensing Specialist, will present a new innovative pilot remote sensing project being initiated in Pennsylvania. In partnership with the Commonwealth's Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) who is financing the effort, the pilot will be used to identify non-cost shared agricultural practices within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The information will then be used to direct state and county personnel for visual verification.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:30	RI Technical Review Panel Report	Ensor
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Bob Ensor, Chair of the FE/RI Technical Review Panel, will present the panel's draft recommendation report for consideration by the workgroup. This presentation will begin the workgroup review process on the draft recommendations, and the panel is seeking comments and suggestions from the membership in preparation for a final draft recommendation report to be provided at the July workgroup meeting. Comments are being requested by COB July 8th to allow the panel to respond and incorporate potential modifications to the recommendation report prior to the July workgroup meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 11:45** **Manure Treatment Technology Subgroup Report** **Evans**
Kristen Hughes Evans, Manure Treatment Technology Subgroup Chair, will present the subgroup's final draft recommendation report for consideration and recommendation by the workgroup. Comments previously received on the draft report presented on May 1st will be noted, and the subgroup's responses will be provided. The final report will be used to assist the workgroup in establishing an expert review panel review process with an appropriate scope of work or "charge" based on the input received from the partnership.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

- 12:00** **Lunch**
- 01:00** **Panel/Subgroup Status Updates** **Dubin**
Mark Dubin, Workgroup Coordinator, will provide an update of activities for the remaining panels and subgroups under the oversight of the Agriculture Workgroup.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 01:15** **Partnership Governance Protocols** **Dubin**
Mark will provide a brief update on the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) approval of a new Governance Protocol for the GIT, as well as the sector and topic workgroups under its oversight. The Agriculture Workgroup will need to prepare to implement the protocols as well. Voting members have been defined as representatives of the signatories of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. For the Bay jurisdictions, specific voting members are currently being defined by the lead agency responsible for developing and implementing the WIPs, and who are a current, standing member of the WQGIT or a WQGIT Workgroup.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 01:30** **Agricultural BMP Draft Verification Guidance** **Dubin**
Mark will review the new draft agricultural verification guidance documentation developed since the May 1st workgroup meeting. The guidance documentation currently includes three elements: a descriptive guidance document, a jurisdictional verification protocol design table, and a revised verification matrix. The new draft documents were developed by a volunteer team of workgroup representatives based on recommendations from the BMP Verification Review Panel, the Agricultural Management

Plans Subgroup, the RI Technical Review Panel, and the workgroup. The team is seeking comments and suggestions from the membership in preparation for a final draft recommendation guidance to be provided at the July workgroup meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

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 Blunk/Rhoderick

Meeting Materials:

All materials from today's meeting will be posted on the event page:

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/21223/>

Agenda Schedule:

The meeting agenda is reflective 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.