

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG) & Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)

Meeting Agenda

November 7, 2013

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

USDA Log Lodge (Building 302)

Powder Mill Road and Log Lodge Road

Beltsville, MD 20705

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/cnrNq>

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/19189/>

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 October 3, 2013 workgroup meeting held at the USDA BARC Log Lodge for review and approval.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Ag Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

09:40	Meeting Management	Coale
	Frank will discuss the management and purpose of the meeting, as well as recognize the chair and members of the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG) that have been invited to a joint workgroup meeting today.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:50	BMP Expert Review Panel Reports Update	Dubin
	Mark Dubin, Agriculture Workgroup Coordinator, will provide an overview of the results of the partnership review process for the initial Phase 5.3.2 panel report recommendations for the Cover Crops, Conservation Tillage and Nutrient Management panels.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:10	Poultry Litter Subcommittee Update	Glancey
	Jim Glancey, subcommittee chair, will provide a brief update on the development of poultry production data recommendations for future consideration by the workgroup.	

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:30 Agricultural Functional Equivalent Recommendation Report York
Dana York, representing the Maryland Department of Agriculture, will present a 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. The Agriculture Workgroup will be asked to make a determination on how to proceed with the partnership review of the draft recommendation report.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Agricultural FE NEIEN Appendix York/Johnston
Dana and Matt Johnston, WTWG Coordinator, will co-present a recommendation for developing the capacity within the NEIEN Appendix for allowing jurisdictional reporting of the agricultural FE BMPs identified in the recommendation report. Recognition of the reported FE data by the CBP models for credit will be determined after a full partnership review and approval process.

ACTION REQUESTED: Watershed Technical Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

01:00 Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Report Dell/Johnston
Curtis Dell, Chair of the AMS, and Matt will provide a report on the activities of the AMS subcommittee, including a new tracking template of the full recommendations received from the Building a Better Bay Model workshop, and the prioritized activities of the subcommittee based on the workshop recommendations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Agriculture Workgroup Participation

01:45 Mid-Point Assessment Timeline for Phase 6.0 Models Johnston/Dubin
Matt and Mark will discuss the current timeline for developing the Phase 6.0 modeling tools for the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership's Mid-Point Assessment, and its implications to the workgroup and subcommittee in providing new modeling input data.

ACTION REQUESTED: Agriculture Workgroup Participation

02:00 Riparian Forest Buffer Status Report Claggett
Sally Claggett, Forestry Workgroup Coordinator, will describe a new riparian forest buffer status report currently being developed, to obtain comments and suggestions from the workgroups. The recent decline of landowner enrollments in federal agricultural easement programs in the region is slowing

implementation progress towards meeting the states' Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) targets.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

02:15 Agricultural Management Plans Subgroup Update Dubin
Mark will provide an update on the activity of the new subgroup in developing a verification protocol recommendation for agricultural management plans.

ACTION REQUESTED: Agriculture Workgroup Participation

02:30 Manure Treatment Technology Subgroup Update Dubin
Mark will provide an update on the activity of the new subgroup in developing a plan of work for the future BMP expert panel.

ACTION REQUESTED: Agriculture Workgroup Participation

02:45 Review of AgWG Recommendations Giese
Emma Giese, CRC Staffer, will review the draft notes from the meeting for comment.

ACTION REQUESTED: Ag Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

02:55 WTWG Approval of NEIEN Appendix Johnston
Matt will review the current version of the NEIEN Appendix for Annual Progress reporting by the jurisdictions for workgroup approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Watershed Technical Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

03:10 WTWG Update on 2013 Progress Johnston
Matt will discuss the 2013 Progress timeline, all activities to date, and address any immediate information needs with the workgroup.

ACTION REQUESTED: Watershed Technical Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

03:40 Adjourn

Meeting Materials:

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

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