

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2014

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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Annapolis, MD 21401**

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9:30 **Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Minutes** **Rhoderick/Blunk**
The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the August 14, 2014 workgroup meeting held at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office in Annapolis for review and approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

9:45 **Virginia Tech Support for BMP Panels** **Hanson**
Jeremy Hanson, VT Panel Coordinator, will discuss the cooperative agreement with Virginia Tech to support coordination of expert panels, and their next steps toward kicking off a manure treatment technologies expert panel this year.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:00 **USDA-NASS Annual Survey** **NASS**
Dale Hawks, Maryland State Statistician, and Amanda Dawson, Census Administrator, both with USDA-NASS, will present an overview of the agency's Agricultural Census and annual agricultural data products, methods of data collection, data reliability, and publication timing differences between the two. Their presentations will be followed by an open forum discussion with the workgroup members.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

11:30 **BMP Development Priorities for Phase 6.0** **Rhoderick/Blunk**
John and Kristen will lead a workgroup discussion on updating the priority list for the evaluation of existing and new agricultural BMPs. The WQGIT has requested a prioritized list of BMP evaluations from each workgroup in preparation for their meeting on October 7-8, 2014. The Agriculture Workgroup discussed an initial list and approach during the August 14th meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

12:00 Lunch

1:00 TetraTech Verification Sampling Approach Dressing
Agriculture Workgroup members will re-present the supplemental verification document for a statistically-based approach to estimating appropriate sample sizes for BMP verification. This approach was developed by TetraTech and introduced during the August 14th meeting for receiving workgroup review comments.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

2:00 Poultry Litter Subcommittee Update Rhoderick
John will update Agriculture Workgroup members on the continuing work of the Subcommittee, which has held two conference calls in the past month. John will provide the progress to date, and intended schedule and next steps for completing Phase 6.0 recommendations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

2:20 Agriculture Workgroup Updates Blunk/Rhoderick

- Representatives from the Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee will discuss the next steps needed to finalize the Phase 6.0 agricultural land uses. The AgWG will be asked to make a final recommendation during the August 29th conference call.
- Chris Brosch will discuss a path forward to finalize the Phase 5.3.2 recommendations.
- Representatives for the BMP expert panels will update Agriculture Workgroup members on their progress and next steps toward developing recommendations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

2:55 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

3:00 Adjourn Blunk/Rhoderick

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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