

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

September 20th, 2017

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

AgWG Face-to-Face Meeting Agenda

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10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes** Workgroup Chairs

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants
- Approval of meeting minutes from the August 17th Face-to-Face Meeting and Aug 24th Conference Call

10:10 **EPEG Update** Tom Schueler

Tom Schueler, Chesapeake Stormwater Network, will update the Workgroup on the progress of the Agricultural Stormwater and Nursery Capture and Reuse Expert Panel Establishment Group (EPEG), established at the August 17 Face-to-Face Meeting. Decisions below are requested based on recommendations of the EPEG members.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve the EPEG's initial recommendation for enabling the group to focus on the development of a report specifically for agricultural stormwater management practices associated with agricultural livestock production areas, and to separately develop a report for nursery capture and reuse management practices associated with nursery production acreages.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve of the formation of a separate EPEG for the development of a nursery capture and reuse recommendation report for a future BMP panel, and to seek nominations for EPEG members.

10:30 **Interim BMP Approval** Loretta Collins

Following a request from a signatory member, the representation of agricultural stormwater practices as interim BMPs for the purpose of Phase III WIP development are brought to the Workgroup for consideration. The CBPO recommended interim BMP definitions and effectiveness values utilize the already approved efficiencies from the Urban Stormwater Workgroup's Stormwater BMP Panel report.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve the CBPO recommended interim BMP definitions and effectiveness values for agricultural stormwater practices for future planning purposes only.

- 11:00 **Land Use Workgroup Update** Peter Claggett *in absentia*
Peter Claggett, USGS presented a briefing on 2025 growth projections and an update on the resolution to a turf grass classification error on the September 11th Water Quality GIT Conference Call. Mechanisms used previously to identify land use acreage resulted in over-classification of turf grass in some areas that are actually pasture, crop-land or mixed-open. He is not able to present at today's meeting due to a concurrent meeting of the Land Use Workgroup. A recording of his September 11th presentation is available directly [here](#), and supporting materials are available online [here](#).
- 11:15 **BMP Expert Panel Updates** T. Sexton, R. Bryant
Chairs and coordinators of on-going AgWG BMP Expert Panels will provide updates on their work: Tim Sexton, VA DCR, will provide an update on the Cropland Irrigation Panel and Ray Bryant, ARS, will provide an update on the Agricultural Ditch Management Panel.
- 12:00 **LUNCH**
- 1:00 **AMS Status Update** Mark Dubin
Mark Dubin, UMD, will lead a discussion on the future of the Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee following a tabled request to sunset the subcommittee during the August 24th Conference Call.
- Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve of a proposal to temporary place the AMS on hiatus, but retain a placeholder structure for the subcommittee for reactivation by the Workgroup for future Phase 6 model updates.
- 1:15 **Phase 6 Review Update** Loretta Collins
Loretta Collins will review the status of the Phase 6 model review comments, and what changes were implemented by the WQGIT based on the Agriculture Workgroup recommendations.
- 1:30 **Phase 6 Scenarios**
The Phase 6 model scenarios will be presented during the September Water Quality GIT Face-to-Face Meeting on September 25-26. For those AgWG members that would like to learn more, they are invited to participate in the WQGIT remotely. Information is available online [here](#).
- 1:40 **BMP Verification Standards** Mark Dubin
Mark Dubin, UMD, will present an update regarding the full development of the alternate BMP verification evaluation standards for producer surveys. The initial report from Tetra Tech was presented to the Workgroup earlier this year on developing an approach to creating evaluation standards for producer survey methods of BMP verification. The draft recommendation report is scheduled to be provided to the AgWG for review and approval by early 2018. This is in response to CBP partnership's interest in developing and implementing alternative approaches for the verification of agricultural BMPs, and seeking CBP partnership approval of those alternative methods for use in the CBP Phase 6 modeling tools.
- 2:25 **Review of Action and Decision Items** Lindsey Gordon
Lindsey will review the action and decision items from the meeting.

2:30 **Adjourn**

Next meeting: October 19th Conference Call

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