

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Face-to-Face Meeting

December 17th 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

Conference line: 866-299-3188 Code: 2675715#

Webinar link: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/agwg/>

Meeting materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/22593/>

CBP Office, Fish Shack

AgWG Pre-Meeting Workshop for New AgWG Participants

- 9:00 **Introduction to the AgWG and Chesapeake Bay Program** Mark Dubin, AgWG Coordinator
- All new and “old” AgWG participants are invited to this introduction and overview of the Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG) and Chesapeake Bay Program designed to provide newcomers with information that will assist them in their new role. Topics (with background links to CBP information) include:
- [CBP structure overview](#) (Note: The AgWG, a sector workgroup, falls under the [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)).
 - [AgWG](#) structure, [panels](#), subcommittees, and [governance](#)
 - Overview of Phase 6.0 expert panels and [BMP evaluation process](#)
 - Review of [CBP BMP verification standards](#) and timelines
 - Overview of existing Phase 5.3.2 modeling structure and the new Phase 6.0 development and agricultural sector modeling

10:20 **Short Break**

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- 10:30 **Welcome, introductions, review November meeting minutes** Workgroup Chairs
- 10:40 **Finalization of AgWG Governance Protocol and At-Large Membership** Workgroup Chairs
- The Co-Chairs will brief the workgroup on the revised version of the AgWG governance protocol, and introduce the proposed at-large membership as selected by the signatory representatives. The workgroup will be requested to review the list of at-large members for acceptance and endorsement.
- Action Item:** Review the signatory list of at-large members for workgroup endorsement.
- 11:00 **Review of December WQGIT Meeting Actions and Decisions** Workgroup Chairs
- The Co-Chairs will brief the workgroup on the action and decision items from the December 14-15 WQGIT face-to-face meeting.

- 11:20 **Nutrient Management Task Force Update** Workgroup Chairs/Jenn Volk
The Co-Chairs will review subsequent updates to the Phase 5.3.2 Nutrient Management Task Force Report since the November 19th conference call meeting, and will provide a briefing on the decisions from the WQGIT meeting on Dec. 14-15.
- 11:50 **EPA Proposal for Nutrient Management Compliance Rate Adjustments** Kelly Shenk/Jeff Sweeney
Kelly Shenk and Jeff Sweeney will present on EPA's proposal to inform nutrient management compliance rates using information captured in the Nutrient Management Task Force's crosswalk and other data sources.
- 12:20 **Break for Lunch**
- 1:00 **Phase 6.0 Panel Updates** Mark Dubin
Mark Dubin will provide updates on the progress made by the Phase 6.0 AgWG BMP Panels.
- 1:15 **Phase 6.0 Priority BMP Evaluations** Workgroup Chairs/Mark Dubin
The AgWG will review and discuss the current list of "Tier 3" agricultural BMPs which have not yet been prioritized and assigned for expert panel evaluation for Phase 6.0. The workgroup will be asked to provide comments, additions, and corrections in preparation for a prioritization recommendation during the January 2016 workgroup meeting. Future resource budgeting and BMP evaluations will be based on the workgroup's prioritized BMP list.
- Action Item:** Review the current list of "Tier 3" BMPs in preparation for workgroup prioritization.
- 1:45 **Manure Treatment Technologies Panel Report** Jeremy Hanson
Jeremy Hanson will update the workgroup on the Manure Treatment Technologies Panel and their report.
- 1:50 **Animal Waste Management Systems Panel/Wetlands Panel Update** Jeremy Hanson
Jeremy Hanson will update the workgroup on the Animal Waste Management Systems Panel and Wetlands Panel.
- 2:00 **Short Break**
- 2:05 **Use of Aerial Imagery to Inform Land Use/Acreage Adjustment Methodology** Peter Claggett
Peter Claggett will brief the workgroup on the use of aerial imagery to inform land use and the proposed methodology of making acreage adjustments in the model.
- 2:45 **Phase 6.0 Beta Ag Land Use Loading Ratio Report** Tom Jordan/Gene Yagow
Tom Jordan and Gene Yagow will present the Virginia Tech committee's final draft report on the Phase 6.0 Agricultural Land Use Loading Ratios. The findings of the committee were previously reviewed and approved by the workgroup during the September quarterly meeting for the Beta version of Phase 6.0. 40 mins

Action Item: Review the committee final draft report for workgroup endorsement.

3:25 **Discussion of AgWG Leadership Transition and Timeline** Workgroup Chairs
Discuss the process by which the AgWG will be soliciting nominations and electing a new chair and vice-chair.

3:35 **Finalization of Proposed 2016 AgWG Meeting Calendar** Workgroup Chairs
The AgWG will be asked to approve the revised proposed 2016 meeting calendar.

Action Item: Review the 2016 workgroup meeting calendar for workgroup endorsement.

3:45 **Wrap-Up/Review of Action and Decision Items** Workgroup Chairs/Mark Dubin/Lindsey Gordon

4:00 **Adjourn**

Next conference call:

Thursday, January 21th 10:00AM-12:00 PM

Next face-to-face meeting:

Wed – Thu, February 17-18 – Location TBA