AMT Draft Charge/Nominations Feedback

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Background

We need to ensure the best available agricultural input data is in the phase 7 CAST

AND

Reviewing this information is a very detailed, time expensive task **BUT**

The Agriculture Workgroup does not have the capacity to do this

THEREFORE

We are making the Ag Modeling Team to review inputs for the Phase 7 Model.

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Make decisions on what the most appropriate agricultural input data are for the Phase 7 WSM.

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- Row Crops
- Hay and Ag Open Space
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- Data management
- Model my watershed
- Climate change

General member estimated commitment

Table 2. General member time commitment breakdown				
Activity	Time commitment (Hrs./Mo.)			
Meeting preparation	4			
General activities	4			
Monthly meetings	2			
TOTAL	10			

Chair estimated commitment

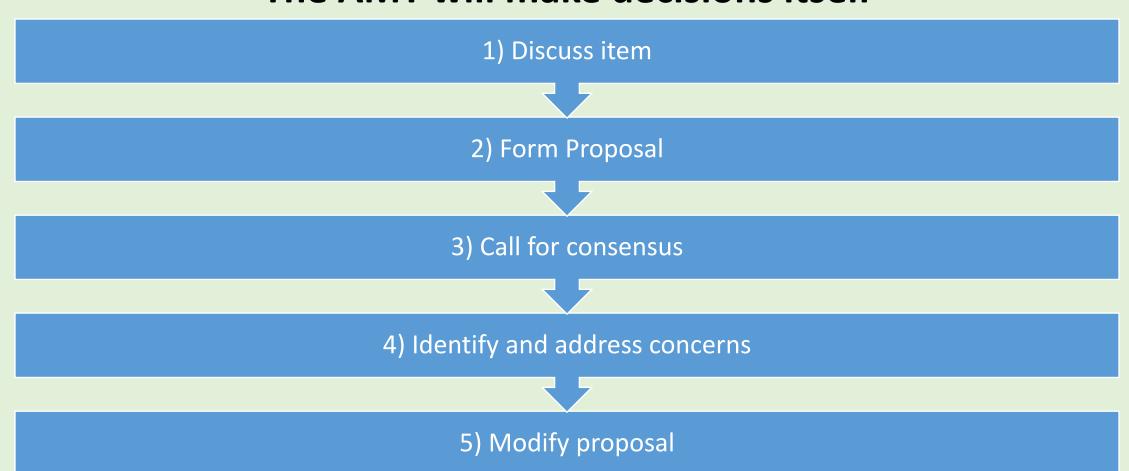
Table 3. Chair time commitment breakdown				
Activity	Time commitment (Hrs./Mo.)			
Meeting preparation	6			
General activities	4			
Monthly meetings	2			
Meeting agendas	2			
Direct group work	4			
Preparatory meetings	1			
Post meeting briefs	1			
TOTAL	20			

Initial Focus Topics

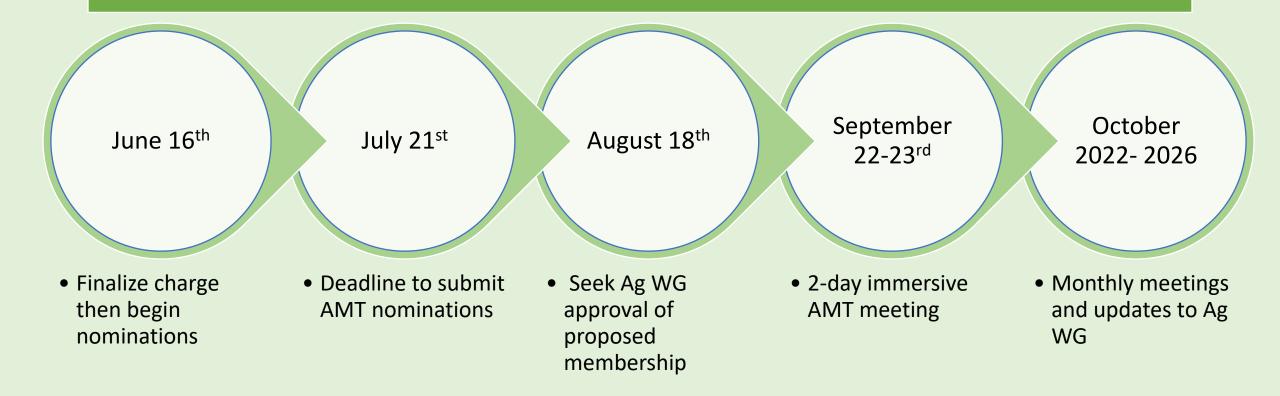
CROP	ANIMAL	MANURE	INORGANIC FERTILIZER	MODELING
Crop nutrient application	Reevaluate animal types	Dissolved Air Flocculants (DAF).	Soil and Water Extractable Phosphorus	Nutrient Application
Agricultural plant categories	Feeding operations	Manure Storage	Fertilizer breakdown	Land Use
Legume nitrogen fixation	Animal mortality	Nitrogen mineralization	Revisit AAPFCO NH4 to NO3	Cover factors
Timing of crop nutrient applications	Size	Transport	Biostimulants and biofertilizers	Evaluation of alternative agricultural data sources
Nutrient use Efficiency	Feeding additives	Storage and handling losses		Model Structure
Double cropping				
Climate change effects on				
crop types				
Crop uptake vs removal				

Structure (Consensus)

The AMT will make decisions itself



Tentative Timeline



* We will need to structure meetings to boost attendance on relevant topics, Crops then Animals, alternate, etc. *

Next Steps

Call for nominations –> June 16th – July 21st

 AgWG members will submit names and CV/resumes for review. Confirm group nominations -> July 21st to August 18th

- AgWG will vote to accept or reject nominees
- Contact nominees and confirm their availability

Establish workgroup priorities/timeline -> September 22-23rd

- 2 Day in depth review of CAST
- Provide context to new members
- MANDATORY

Vote