**Forestry Workgroup Conference Call**

**2/1/12 - Notes**

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**Next Steps/ Action Items**

* By February 8: FWG send names to Sally Claggett (sclaggett@fs.fed.us) about who could serve on the Forestry BMP Expert Panels (one for buffer panel, one for urban panel (tent.), one for forest stewardship panel (tent.)
* FWG can also weigh in on final 2 forestry BMPs to review at this time
* Verification protocols will be drafted by FWG Core Team (rep from each state) and discussed at the March meeting
* FWG to comment on the Overarching Forestry BMP Tracking Issues and Actions document on FWG website and get back to Sally with any corrections

**Presentation from Tetra Tech - Mark Sievers**

1. BMP Review Process

#### Internal panel discussions and reviews

#### The BMP gets assigned its efficiency and workgroup/panel approval

#### Goes to GIT 3 for final approval of BMPs

#### Begin tracking and reporting ASAP

#### Incorporated into Phase III of TMDL (by 2017)

## BMP Review Steps

#### And analysis, data gathering

#### Long approval process by 3 different work groups

#### Approvals

#### Tetra tech will put together report from 2009, will be put online

#### Report items

#### Schedule: final report done by Sept 30th

#### Final recommendations due by June

#### Go to link on Tetra Tech PPT for more info: <http://archive.chesapeakebay.net/pubs/Nutrient-Sediment_Control_Review_Protocol.pdf>

#### Need experts willing to serve on the Panel (~monthly 2 hour conference calls)

#### Suggested: state reps, professors, USFS, EPA, local experts

## NEXT STEPS: Pick 2 forestry BMPs for review this year—send final recommendations by 2/8/12 to Sally with Expert Panel

## Presentation from Sally Claggett

## Briefing Paper for Today’s Meeting

#### BMP options and what needs review (\*indicates new option)

#### New BMP: forest management/ management plan/ stewardship

#### Grass buffers need to be reviewed for proper efficiency

#### Targeting riparian buffers where they will do the most good (rework the current efficiency)

#### Riparian forest buffer with wetland swale treatment train: new, very efficient practice

#### Can only pick 2 BMPs to review right now (limited by $$)

#### BMPs will not be integrated into model until 2017, but start tracking them now

#### Managing riparian forest buffers is critical to making them work

#### Solely measuring efficiency of BMPs based on Sediment, N, P

#### Need to place priority on what will be used and make the biggest difference

#### Some BMP reviews require a lot of outside help (what do we need the most help with digging up literature on?)

#### Sally suggests focusing on: Urban tree planting and grass/forest buffer efficiencies

#### Why not look at Forest Stewardship or Forest Harvesting?

#### In-stream processing is dependent on loading rates?

## NEXT STEPS: Send 3 names to SC about who could serve on the Expert Panels (one panel about buffers, and one for urban arena, and one on stewardship)—that’s one for each panel

## Need for BMP Verification

#### Ag workgroup: better to have FWG covering forestry practices

#### Verification Framework (see slides)

#### Proposed urban BMP verification principles—for example

* 1. Avoid double counting
	2. Cost share practices, USDA data, plans, non-cost shared practices
	3. Separating cost-share and non-cost share practices
	4. Challenge for the Forestry Work Group is to come up with an annotated list and take it up the chain at the Chesapeake Bay Program
	5. Not every state will be held to the same standards

## Is anyone interested in a Marcellus shale tour? 2 day, focusing on impacts on forest: YES.

## Draft of *Chesapeake* *Forest Restoration Strategy* will be complete by the end of March. Julie Mawhorter is the lead.

## GIT 4 Crediting Conservation Workshop will be March 7-8

## NEXT STEPS: Overarching Forestry BMP Tracking Issues and Actions document. Read draft document and reply to Sally with corrections/concerns

## NEXT FWG Conference Call: March 6th, Tuesday at 9 am.

## Round Robin

#### VA: gravel road workshop in conjunction with VA Department of Forestry, along with department of transportation.

#### Upcoming national riparian conference with American Water Resources Association. Dr. Judy Okay is Technical Chair for the Conference.

#### WV: Cacapon Institute project, RFP for project community tree, tree kit: mixed species and stock sizes for people to use (supplying trees for 10 volunteer plantings)

#### PA: urban and forestry webinar, Tree Vitalize program, Feb 7th, agroforestry workshops

#### Forestry for the Bay: upcoming workshops in PA and VA, and MD, one is focus on wildlife

#### DEP: putting together a landowner’s packet on how to protect land, looking for fact sheets about types of buffers-- Please send to Derrick.

#### USGS: March 14-15th. Is CBP having an investigators workshop?