

AGENDA  
July 15, 2021  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
AgWG Conference Call

Conference Call Information

**Zoom Link\*:** <https://zoom.us/j/91676048147>

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**Workgroup Areas of Focus**

**Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation**

**Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments**

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

Workgroup Chair

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants- *Please enter name and affiliation under "Participants" or in "Chat" box*
- Approval of meeting minutes from the June AgWG call
- Introduction: [Leon Tillman](#), USDA-NRCS Chesapeake Bay Coordinator

**Implementation**

**10:10 Chesapeake Resilient Farms Initiative (10 min)**

Marel King

Marel King, CBC, will provide a quick summary of the Chesapeake Bay Commission's [Proposal for a USDA Chesapeake Resilient Farms Initiative \(CRFI\)](#), and answer questions.

**Accounting & Reporting**

**10:20 BMP Verification Ad Hoc Action Team (20 min)**

E. Kellner & V. Van Note

The Chesapeake Bay watershed jurisdictions have raised concerns related to Best Management Practice (BMP) verification implementation and reporting. These concerns were highlighted by the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) in a letter to the Management Board in September 2019. To address these questions, several issues and associated actions were

described during a Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership BMP verification meeting in January 2020. An outcome of that meeting the formation of the [BMP Verification Ad Hoc Action Team](#) (BMPVAHAT). Chair Elliott Kellner, WVU, and Coordinator Vanessa Van Note, EPA, will summarize the current status of discussions pertaining to agricultural BMPs.

## **CBP Assignments**

### **10:40 Ag Data Concerns (15 min)**

Loretta Collins

The CAST concerns ad hoc group has been meeting monthly since September to discuss the draft “CAST-21 Workplan” items and additional concerns that were raised by the AgWG’s jurisdictional membership. Loretta Collins, AgWG coordinator, will provide an update on these issues.

### **10:55 BREAK (5 min)**

## **Data & Modeling**

### **11:00 Planning Ahead: Phase 7 of the Bay Watershed Model (40 min)**

Gary Shenk

Gary Shenk, USGS, will discuss the development plan for Phase 7 of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model. This will include a brief history of Phase 6 development, timeline and vision for Phase 7 development, and input needed from the AgWG.

### **11:40 New Business & Announcements (10 min)**

- **76th Soil & Water Conservation Society International Annual Conference**, July 26th-28<sup>th</sup>
  - Provides the opportunity for attendees around the world to share their conservation stories and bring natural resource management solutions from far and wide into their homes and offices. (Virtual Event)
  - More info [here](#).
- **Soil Health Institute’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: “Soil Health: Enriching Soil, Enhancing Life”**, August 11-12<sup>th</sup>
  - Designed to connect the science of soil health with the information farmers request when adopting soil health practices, and the environmental benefits that follow. A wide array of practical information, research, and actionable takeaways will be presented that are relevant to farmers, agribusiness, consultants, scientists, field conservationists, government, and non-governmental organization professionals around the world. (Virtual Event)
  - More info and register [here](#).
- **Delaware Maryland 4R Field Day**, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Chestertown, MD (in-person)
  - More info and register [here](#).
- **Animal Mortality** Expert Panel Report – Finalizing report (summer 2021)
- **Directly Monitored MTTP19, BMP Guide**
  - The CBPO produced [a short guide](#) (also posted on the Calendar page) to clarify the definition of the Manure Treatment Technologies BMP and answer frequently asked questions. It is posted to CAST in two different places so users can find it. It is on the [BMP page](#), along with the “Manure BMP Fast Facts” and on the MTT Fast FAQ page.
- **Other Announcements?** - send to Jackie Pickford (Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov) for inclusion in “Recap” email

### **11:55 Review of Action and Decision Items (5 min)**

12:00 Adjourn

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, August 19th, 10AM-12PM: Conference Call**

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