

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

April 11, 2013

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Annapolis Field Office Conference Room

Annapolis, Maryland

Conference Call Number: 866.299.3188, Code: 267.5715

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Calendar Event Page: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/19182/>

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| 09:30 | Welcome and Introductions | Coale |
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| 09:40 | AgWG Meeting Minutes | Coale |
| | The draft minutes from the March 21, 2013 workgroup meeting held at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office will be reviewed for approval. | |

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

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| 09:45 | Urban Stream Restoration Panel Update | Dubin |
| | Mark Dubin, AgWG Coordinator, will request comments on the Urban Stormwater Workgroup's Urban/Non-Urban Stream Restoration panel recommendations based on the review comments by the Watershed Technical Workgroup. | |

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

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| 10:00 | BMP Verification Update | Coale/Dubin |
| | Frank and Mark will provide an update on the status for developing agricultural BMP verification protocol recommendations and tools for the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. | |

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

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| 10:15 | Poultry Litter Subcommittee Update | Glancey |
| | Jim Glancey, PLS Chair, will provide an update on the progress of the panel in addressing comments from the workgroup on state level data for poultry litter nutrient concentrations and litter production volumes. The panel requests concurrence from the workgroup to add poultry population calculations to its scope of work. | |

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

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| 10:30 | Nutrient Management Panel Update | Brosch |
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Chris Brosch, new NM Panel Chair, will provide an update on the progress of the panel, including an overview of the panel discussions and the draft work plan for developing recommendations for Phase 5 and 6 modeling suites.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

10:50 **Cover Crop Panel Update** **Meisinger**
Jack Meisinger, Panel Chair, will provide an update on the progress of the panel, including panel discussions and the review of the background panel report.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

11:00 **Conservation Till Panel Update** **Dubin**
On behalf of Wade Thomason, Panel Chair, Mark will provide an update on the progress of the panel, including panel discussions and the review of the background panel report.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

11:10 **USDA 1619 Data Request** **Dubin**
In response to a request from the BMP Verification Committee, a comprehensive list was developed to identify which USDA-NRCS Conservation Practice implementation data and database fields are not currently being collected and/or reported by NRCS, which the jurisdictions require in order to report and obtain verified credit for implementation. Mark will provide a brief update on the list and its presentation to the USDA-NRCS Chesapeake Bay Board of Directors meeting held on April 2-3, 2013.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

11:15 **Agricultural Projection Methods** **Johnston**
In response to a request from the Milestones Workgroup, and subsequent comments by the Agriculture Workgroup, Matt will present several potential options and examples to develop a short-term agricultural projection method for both crops and livestock. Matt will be seeking a recommendation of the projection method to be used to support the jurisdictional 2015 Two-Year Milestones goal development.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

12:00 **Luncheon Break**

01:00 **MPA Agricultural Modeling Workshop** **Dubin**

Mark will provide an update on the agricultural modeling workshop scheduled to be held on May 22-23, 2013 at the University of Maryland's College Park campus. The “**Building a Better Bay Model; A Workshop for Agricultural Partners**” event will support the implementation of the workgroup's top two priority lead MPA topics.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 01:10** **Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee** **Dubin/Johnston**
Mark and Matt Johnston, Non-Point Source Data Analyst, will request approval of an organizational structure, objectives and purpose to proceed with establishing an Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee under the oversight of the Agriculture Workgroup. The subcommittee will be tasked with providing technical modeling assistance to the associated panels, as well as to the workgroup for the Mid-Point Assessment (MPA) Phase 6 CBP model recommendations. The concept of establishing the new technical subcommittee was proposed and approved by the workgroup during the February meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 01:35** **CBP Phase 2 WIP BMP Analysis** **Sweeney**
Jeff Sweeney, EPA NPS Data Manager, will present the findings of a recent analysis of nearly 100 BMPs included in the jurisdictional Phase 2 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs). The analysis highlights the relative importance of specific BMPs in reaching the partnership's nutrient and sediment reduction goals at the Chesapeake Bay watershed and jurisdictional scales. Termed the “Watermelon Slides” by the BMP Verification Committee, this updated presentation is sure to provide you with new insights.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 02:35** **Partner Updates** **Coale**
Frank will open the floor to updates from the partnership.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 02:45** **Review of AgWG Recommendations** **Dubin**
The members will review and finalize the workgroup's meeting recommendations for endorsement and implementation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Finalized Workgroup Recommendations

- 03:00** **Adjourn**

Conference Call Materials:

Participants are requested to review the materials posted on the AgWG webpage for the meeting. Some documents may be posted just prior to the meeting, so please check back.

Agenda Schedule:

The meeting agenda is reflective of known information at the time of publication and may be subject to change due to other circumstances. Additional agenda items may be added if time is available.

Luncheon Information:

Workgroup members may either bring their lunch to the meeting room, or utilize one of the food establishments nearby.

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