



Agriculture Workgroup Meeting Agenda

June 18, 2026
10:00AM-12:00PM

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Purpose: To learn more about the Workforce Workgroup and Workforce Outcome, to continue discussions on the Ag E3 Scenario development, and to provide the Workgroup with relevant partnership updates related to the Clean Water Goal Team and Partnership governance and structure.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Roll Call, Review Meeting Minutes

10:00-10:10 AM

Jenn will open the meeting and request participants share their name and affiliation using the meeting “Chat” function. Jenn will then ask workgroup members to approve the May AgWG meeting minutes.

Requested Action: Decision – Approval of [May 2026 AgWG Minutes](#)

Speaker: Jenn Fetter, AgWG Vice Chair

Materials: [May 2026 AgWG Minutes](#)

II. Cross-Partnership Collaboration: Workforce Workgroup 10:10-10:45 AM

Under the [2025 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement](#), the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership established a Workforce outcome to “Increase the ability of all job seekers in the watershed to understand, participate and succeed in career pathways that positively support the Chesapeake Bay watershed”. Bart Merrick, Vice Chair of the Workforce Workgroup, will provide an overview of this outcome and its targets, as well as the Workforce Workgroup’s perspective on cross-partnership collaboration. The purpose of this session is to initiate communication and collaboration between the Agriculture and Workforce Workgroups and serve as a platform for preliminary discussions about ag conservation workforce challenges identified by AgWG members. This was also a core theme of the Bay in the Balance conference held in March. Jenn Fetter, AgWG Vice Chair and Pennsylvania signatory member of the Engaged Communities Goal Team, will facilitate discussion.

Requested Action: None

Speaker: Bart Merrick, NOAA; Workforce Workgroup Vice Chair

Materials: Presentation

III. Ag E3 Scenario Update and Work Session 10:45-11:35 AM

Eric will share with the group the latest developments in the Phase 7 Ag E3 Scenario, including work done to date by the Ag E3 Small Group. The majority of this time will be spent setting assumptions for efficiency BMPs.

Requested Action: None

Speaker: Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator

Materials: Presentation; Draft Ag E3 Scenario

IV. Partnership Updates 11:35-11:55 AM

Eric will provide the group with updates relating to the upcoming June Clean Water Goal Team meeting, Management Strategy and Work Plan development, and Governance and Management Framework.

Speaker: Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator

Materials: Coordinator Updates Slides

V. Wrap-Up 11:55 AM-12:00 PM

Eric will provide final updates before the meeting adjourns.

Requested Action: None

Speaker: Eric Hughes

Materials: Coordinator Updates Slides

VI. Adjourn 12:00 PM

- **Announcements**

- **Agricultural Advisory Committee Meetings 2026**
 - The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) has set their dates for quarterly meetings in 2026 (see below). Information will be posted on the AAC page as it becomes available:
<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/agricultural-advisory-committee>
 - 8/5 In-Person Meeting (location TBD)
 - 11/4 Virtual Meeting
- **The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is seeking applicants for the Deputy Director of Water Resources position in the Department of Conservation and Recreation.**
 - This position application closes on **June 13, 2026**. To learn more about the position and to apply, visit the following [website](#).
- **USDA NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE)**
 - In its second national application period, the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) “protects the agricultural viability and related conservation values of eligible land by limiting nonagricultural uses which negatively affect agricultural uses and conservation values, protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring or conserving eligible grazing land, and protecting and restoring and enhancing wetlands on eligible land.”
 - The ACEP has two components: Agricultural Land Easements and Wetland Reserve Easements. Additionally, through ACEP, USDA offers the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP). Additional information on these components and the ACEP-ALE program in general is available through the USDA NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program webpage: [NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program \(ACEP\)](#)

Next Meeting: July 16, 2026, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Acronym List

AgWG- [Agriculture Workgroup](#)
 AMT- [Agricultural Modeling Team](#) (Phase 7)
 BMP – Best Management Practice
 CAST- [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#) (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)
 CBP- [Chesapeake Bay Program](#)
 CBPO- Chesapeake Bay Program Office
 CBW- Chesapeake Bay Watershed
 CTIC – Conservation Technology Information Center
 CVN – Conservation Validation Network
 DLLC- Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative
 EPA - [United States] Environmental Protection Agency
 FSA – Farm Service Agency
 MLRI – Modeled Load Reduction Indicator
 NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
 NFWF – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 PADEP – Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

PSC – [Principals' Advisory Committee](#) (CBP)
PSU- Penn State University
SARE- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education
SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation Districts
WQGIT- [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)
UMD - University of Maryland
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
USGS – United States Geological Survey
USFS – United States Forestry Service