

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

October 9, 2014

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Chesapeake Bay Program Office

Fish Shack Conference Room (Green Building)

410 Severn Ave

Annapolis, MD 21403

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09:30 **Welcome and Introductions**

09:35 **Meeting Minutes** **Rhoderick/Blunk**
The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the September 29, 2014 workgroup conference call for review and approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

09:40 **WQGIT Face-to-Face Meeting** **Blunk**
Kristen will present highlights from the WQGIT's face-to-face meeting, which was held on October 7th - 8th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss progress toward the 2017 Midpoint Assessment and next steps for the WQGIT and associated workgroups.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:10 **Ag BMP Verification Guidance Comments** **Rhoderick/Blunk**
John and Kristen will review comments received from select members of the BMP Verification Review Committee on the workgroup's final approved BMP verification guidance documents, and the follow-up responses provided.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:30 **Land Use Loading Rates** **Devereux**
Olivia Devereux with Tetra Tech will review how the land use loading rates are used in the Phase 6 Watershed Model calibration, sources of data used to inform the loading rates, synthesis process, and timeline. Workgroup members will be asked if they have any critical pieces of information to provide in addition to the full literature review that is

already underway.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 11:15 Poultry Litter Subcommittee Rhoderick**
John will discuss the Poultry Litter Subcommittee's recent work and progress to date in developing the Phase 6.0 recommendations report. John will also discuss next steps and schedule for the PLS to work collaboratively with the AMS over the next few months to finalize modeling recommendations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 11:30 NASS/Poultry Integrator Pilot Project Dubin**
Mark Dubin, Agriculture Workgroup Coordinator, will update workgroup members on the data collection pilot project being developed between the partnership, USDA-NASS, and the poultry industry.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 11:50 Panel Update Dubin/Hanson**
Mark and Jeremy Hansen with Virginia Tech will update workgroup members on the status of the workgroup's expert review panels.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 12:00 Lunch**

- 01:00 Innovative Agricultural Practices Rhodes**
To help mitigate the impacts of agricultural nutrient and sediment loading to local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay, the identification of innovative agricultural best management strategies are vital to addressing agricultural nutrient loss issues. Rachel Rhodes with the Maryland Department of Agriculture will present collaborative efforts with agricultural land owners to install Water Control Structures, Woodchip Bioreactors, Phosphorus Sorbing Materials (PSMs), and tax ditch restoration projects for potential wide-scale adoption throughout the agricultural community.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 02:00 Report on Agricultural P-dynamics in the CBWM Model Staver**
Ken Staver with the University of Maryland, will provide an overview of the findings from a recently released CBP Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) report entitled "A Review of Agricultural P-dynamics in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model". The report is the product of an *ad hoc* workgroup of scientists formed in September of 2011

to work with CBP modelers to investigate how phosphorus (P) transport from cropland was simulated in the CBP Watershed Model (CBWM).

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

03:15 **Review of AgWG Recommendations** **Giese**
Emma Giese, CRC Staffer, will review the draft notes from the meeting for comment.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

03:30 **Adjourn** **Blunk/Rhoderick**

Meeting Materials:

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Agenda Schedule:

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