

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)
Meeting Agenda
January 12, 2012
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Virginia Farm Bureau Office
12580 West Creek Pkwy.
Richmond, Virginia 23238-1110
Conference Call Number- 866.299.3188, Code- 267.5715
Virtual Meeting Room- http://chesapeake1.na4.acrobat.com/agwg_meeting_room/

09:30 **Welcome and Introductions** **Coale**

09:40 **Overview Meeting Objectives** **Coale**
Frank Coale, Workgroup Chair, will provide an overview of the objectives of the meeting to provide partnership discussion of the evaluation of nutrient management, cover crop and tillage practices through an expert review panel process.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:50 **Evaluation of Nutrient Management Practices** **Dubin/Dressing**
Mark Dubin, Workgroup Coordinator, and Steve Dressing, Tetra Tech, will provide a project report for evaluating agricultural nutrient management practices for representation in the Chesapeake Bay Program models. The workgroup will review and discuss the previous recommendations to the expert review panel, as well as assist in the identification of key academic, agency and NGO experts not on the panel that can be contacted for additional information and documentation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

10:50 **Conservation Tillage Expert Review Panel** **Coale**
Frank will review the proposed membership of the expert review panel for evaluating agricultural Conservation Tillage/Continuous No-Till practices. Following workgroup discussion and comment, a motion to endorse the panel membership will be requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Recommendation for Panel Membership

11:10 **Evaluation of Conservation Tillage Practices** **Dubin/Sievers**
Mark Dubin, Workgroup Coordinator, and Mark Sievers, Tetra Tech, will discuss the process for evaluating agricultural conservation tillage practices under the partnership approved "BMP Protocol" process for representation in the Chesapeake Bay Program models. The workgroup will review and discuss the previous recommendations to the expert

review panel, as well as assist in the identification of key academic, agency and NGO experts not on the panel that can be contacted for additional information and documentation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

11:40 BMP Verification Process Coale/Dubin

A proposal to develop a partnership approved BMP verification protocol was presented by EPA to the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) during their January 9, 2012 conference call. The proposal was subsequently endorsed by the team with several significant amendments. Frank and Mark will provide an overview of the proposed process and the amendments to the proposal before opening up the floor for discussion.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

12:00 Lunch

01:00 Cover Crop Expert Review Panel Coale

Frank will review the proposed membership of the expert review panel for evaluating agricultural cover crop practices. Following workgroup discussion and comment, a motion to endorse the panel membership will be requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Recommendation for Panel Membership

01:20 Representing Cover Crops in the Bay Models Brosch

Chris Brosch, Nonpoint Source Data Analyst, will provide an overview of how the various forms of both traditional and commodity cover crops are currently reported, represented and credited in the Chesapeake Bay Program models.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

01:40 Recommendations for Evaluating Cover Crop Practices Coale

Frank will lead a workgroup discussion to develop a set of workgroup recommendations for consideration by the panel in the evaluation of cover crop practices under the partnership approved “BMP Protocol” process.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

02:50 Evaluation of Cover Crop Practices Dubin/Sievers

Mark Dubin and Mark Sievers will discuss the process for evaluating agricultural cover crop practices under the partnership approved “BMP Protocol” process for representation in the Chesapeake Bay Program models. The workgroup will assist in the identification of key academic,

agency and NGO experts not on the panel that can be contacted for additional information and documentation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

03:15 **Review of AgWG Recommendations** **Coale/Dubin**
The members will review and finalize the workgroup's recommendations for endorsement and implementation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Finalized Workgroup Recommendations

03:30 **Adjourn**

Project Updates:

If sufficient time is available, short updates will be provided on modifications to agricultural information on ChesapeakeStat, the Chesapeake Bay Program's website and workgroup webpage, and the Poultry Litter Subcommittee.

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 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.