



Agriculture Workgroup Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2026
10:00AM-12:00PM

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Purpose: To discuss the Ag E3 scenario development, explore systems thinking approaches to Bay restoration, and discuss relevant Clean Water Goal Team/ Water Quality Goal Implementation team efforts related to management strategy development and workgroup/goal team structure.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Roll Call, Review Meeting Minutes

10:00-10:10 AM

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

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

Speaker: Caitlin Grady, AgWG Chair

Materials: [April 2026 AgWG Meeting Minutes](#)

II. Ag E3 Scenario Development Update and Group Discussion 10:10-10:50 AM

Eric will review an early draft of the ag E3 Scenario. The group will be asked to share initial feedback on the draft. Please note: to ensure AgWG members have adequate time to review the materials before providing feedback, formal input will not be due until June 4th. The in-meeting discussion will be used as an opportunity to level-set and identify clear “sticking points” for the group.

Requested Action: Provide feedback on draft E3 scenario by 6/4

Speaker: Eric Hughes

Materials: Presentation; Initial Draft Ag E3 Scenario

III. Thinking in Systems – Agriculture and the Chesapeake Bay 10:50-11:30 AM

As the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership begins the post-2025 period of the Bay restoration effort, there is an opportunity to explore novel approaches to addressing nutrient and sediment pollution in addition to those that already work well. Caitlin will introduce work that she and colleagues have led focused on systems thinking – and opportunities to bring systems thinking to the Bay restoration effort, specifically in the agriculture space.

Requested Action: None

Speaker: Caitlin Grady

Materials: [Presentation](#)

IV. Clean Water Goal Team Updates – Impact to AgWG 11:30-11:55 AM

At the April 27th and May 18th Clean Water Goal Team meetings, Goal Team leadership shared updates on governance, structure, and management strategy development relevant to the Clean Water Goal and associated outcomes. Several discussion points have implications for the Agriculture Workgroup. Eric will walk the group through what was discussed and the work that will be required of the AgWG to address forthcoming requests from the CWGT.

Requested Action: Provide input on initial list of ideas for CWGT consideration by COB Friday, May 29th

Speaker: Eric Hughes

Materials: Coordinator Updates Slides; [April CWGT Slides](#); [May CWGT Structure Strawman](#)

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>
 - Last Meeting: 5/6 Virtual Meeting. Materials are available [here](#).
 - 8/5 In-Person Meeting (location TBD)
 - 11/4 Virtual Meeting
- **Upcoming Conference Proposal Deadlines**
 - [2026 Potomac Conference: The Future of Water Supply](#) – Speaker Submissions due Friday, May 15th
 - [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) - Session Proposals due Friday, May 29th
 - [Capital Area Natural Resource Management Symposium](#) – Abstract Submissions due Sunday, May 31st
- **Chesapeake Community Modeling Program: Chesapeake Community Research Symposium 2026**
 - The [2026 Chesapeake Community Research Symposium](#) will take place from June 1st-3rd in Annapolis, Maryland at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The theme of this year’s symposium is “Chesapeake Bay Research and Restoration: Next Generation Tools for a Dynamic Future”.
 - Our very own Caitlin Grady will be presenting! View the full agenda and register [here](#).
- **2026 Mid-Atlantic Agroforestry Conference- Registration Open**
 - The [2026 Mid-Atlantic Agroforestry Conference](#) will take place on June 4-5, 2026, in Pennsylvania Furnace, PA. The agenda will include farm/site tours, panel discussion, and resource guidance and statuses. Learn more and register for the conference [here!](#)

Next Meeting: June 18, 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