



Agriculture Workgroup Meeting Agenda

August 20, 2026
10:00AM-12:00PM

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Purpose: To discuss and vote on the process for changing AgWG membership under the new Governance and Management Framework, vote on the E3 Scenario for the Agricultural Sector, and discuss management strategy development for the Clean Water Goal.

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 June and July AgWG meeting minutes.

Requested Action: Decision – Approval of June and July 2026 Meeting Minutes

Speaker: Caitlin Grady, AgWG Chair

Materials: [June 2026 AgWG Minutes](#), [July 2026 AgWG Meeting Minutes](#)

II. AgWG Membership Under New Partnership Structure 10:10-10:50 AM

The new Chesapeake Bay Program [Governance and Management Framework](#) allows for the designation of up to 15 *voting members* (9 signatory, 6 at-large). The AgWG currently maintains a voting roster of 21 members (9 signatory, 12 at-large), all of whom have historically been eligible to participate in the partnership's past consensus-based decision-making process.

At the last AgWG meeting, the group discussed potential paths forward for conforming to the partnership's new structure, and time was made for members to share their feedback on the 15-voting member structure. Given concerns raised by multiple AgWG members, we will revisit this topic to determine the best path forward for satisfying the new voting membership requirement. Workgroup members will be asked to vote on the *process* for conforming to the new structure; voting to approve at-large members will not happen at this meeting.

Requested Action: Decision – Approval of Membership Adjustment Process
Speaker: Caitlin Grady, AgWG Chair; Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator
Materials: Coordinator Updates Slides

III. Approval of Ag E3 Scenario Assumptions and Discussion of Scenario Base Year 10:50-11:20 AM

At the July AgWG meeting, the group reviewed the Draft Final Phase 7 Ag E3 Scenario Assumptions Spreadsheet, which included the latest input on P7 Ag E3 assumptions from AgWG members (communicated through AgWG meetings and meetings of the Ag E3 Small Group). Further discussion of the E3 assumptions and scenario base year took place during this time, and the AgWG was asked to approve the final set of E3 assumptions for Clean Water Goal Team review. It was determined that additional time was needed to answer remaining questions on assumptions for a limited number of BMPs. This month, Eric will provide additional information on remaining questions/concerns, and the group will be asked to approve the final set of assumptions.

Requested Action: Decision – Approval of the updated draft Phase 7 Ag E3 Scenario
Speaker: Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator
Materials: Draft Final Phase 7 Ag E3 Scenario Assumptions Spreadsheet

IV. Management Strategy Development for the Clean Water Goal 11:20-11:55 AM

At the July Clean Water Goal Team meeting, the Goal Team received an update on the Clean Water Management Strategy and expectations were outlined for Management Strategy and Workplan development. An initial strawman of draft Management Approaches and potential challenges was also shared. Eric will review this update with the group and discuss how this will impact the AgWG in the coming months. This will also serve as an initial discussion around drafting a workplan to submit to the Clean Water Goal Team.

Requested Action: None
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.
 - 8/13 Virtual Meeting from 9:00-2:00
 - Agenda items included an overview of the Bay Program governance and structure, a conversation/Q&A with Goal Team Chairs, a discussion on opportunities for AAC members to engage within the partnership, updates from the AAC Subcommittees, and a discussion on the 2026 AAC Recommendations to the Executive Council. You can view the agenda and associated materials on the [AAC August calendar page](#).
 - 11/4 Virtual Meeting from 10:00-2:00
 - The AAC will tentatively meet again on 11/4 to finalize EC recommendations.

○ **Clean Water Goal Team Meetings 2026**

- The Clean Water Goal team meets monthly on the 4th Monday from 1:00-4:00 PM. The Clean Water Goal Team calendar and additional information is available on their webpage, linked [here](#).
- The next Clean Water Goal Team meeting is August 24th. Agenda and materials are accessible [here](#).

○ **New! The Chesapeake Bay Program released the most recent update for the Modeled Loads Reduction Indicator.**

- To learn more and read the press release, click [here](#)!

○ **New! GMF Webinar Materials and Recording**

- The Chesapeake Bay Program Governance and Operations (GO) Team recently hosted a [webinar](#) outlining key parts of the Governance and Management Framework on July 28th. To view the associated presentation, click [here](#).
- The webinar recording is now available. You can view the [recording](#) on the Chesapeake Bay Program YouTube channel. Additionally, a FAQ document has been compiled and posted to the calendar page, accessible [here](#).

- **New! Recently Published USGS News Article:** [Evaluating the Effects of Stream-Restoration Practices in an Impaired Agricultural System.](#)
 - This page summarizes the previously shared study, *Sediment Response To Stream Restoration In An Agricultural Watershed*, which monitored the impact of stream restoration in an agricultural watershed and found that restorations helped retain sediment on streambanks and floodplains.
 - You can read the overview through the following [link](#) and the full study [here](#)!
- **New! Upcoming CRC Roundtable**
 - The next CRC roundtable, *Tidal Wetlands: Trends and Tactics*, will take place August 19th from 12-1 PM. This roundtable will discuss sea level rise, restoration case studies, and wetland goals, and will feature speakers from the VA Department of Wildlife Resources and University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. To learn more and register, click [here](#).

Next Meeting: September 17, 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