

Forestry Workgroup Meeting Conference Call May 6, 2020 9am-11am

Conference Line: 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 200-260-643 URL: https://zoom.us/j/200260643 Password: 077911

9:00 am Welcome and Introductions

Rebecca Hanmer, Chair

9:10 am Best Practices to Minimize Unintended Environmental Impacts from Stream Restoration Practices - Tom Schueler, Chesapeake Stormwater Network

Tom will briefly report on some of the recommendations of two groups of stream experts to reduce potential for negative impacts from project during reach assessment, design, construction and operation. The 20 best practices are being considered as part of their larger—recommendations on how to improve implementation of the stream restoration practice in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Tom will describe the external review process that will begin w/ the USWG meeting on May 19th and extend for at least 30 days.

9:50 am

Post Healthy Watersheds Forests Grant Period Activities- Greg Evans, Virginia Special Assistant to the Secretary, Office of the Governor, Secretariat of Agriculture and Forestry and Eldon James, Rappahannock River Basin Commission

Greg and Eldon will provide a briefing on proof of concept work in the field, e.g aggregating landowner participation in carbon credit trading program in pilot area and getting landowners through the contract process. Multiple private sector firms have expressed interest in purchasing credits. They will also cover status and changes pertaining to lead pilot community negotiations, and COVID-19 impact on EDA mechanism development schedule.

10:30 am Round Robin

Please share a brief overview of what's going on in your organization (not limited to forestry—could be COVID or other topical item of interest).

11:00 am Adjourn