

AGENDA  
October 21, 2021  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
AgWG Conference Call

Conference Call Information

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**Workgroup Areas of Focus**

**Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation**

**Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments**

10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes**

Workgroup Chair

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants- *Please enter name and affiliation under "Participants" or in "Chat" box*
- Approval of [meeting minutes](#) from the September AgWG call

**Accounting & Reporting**

10:05 **Animal Mortality Expert Panel Report (30 min)**

Jeremy Hanson

Jeremy Hanson, CRC, will review Expert Panel (EP) ) [response to feedback](#) received on the [Animal Mortality EP report](#) during the 30-day partnership review period that ended on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Today the AgWG is asked to approve the Animal Mortality EP report. The Technical Appendix is in draft form and will provide guidance on how the Expert Panel recommendations are to be incorporated in the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST) and how to track and report associated BMPs in the National Environmental Exchange Network (NEIEN). Final edits and approval of the Technical Appendix will be determined in the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG).

**Decision:** The AgWG is asked to approve the Expert Panel report, *Estimates of Nutrient Loads from Animal Mortalities and Reductions Associated with Mortality Disposal Methods and Best Management Practices (BMPs) in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.*

## CBP Assignments

### 10:35 Towards Phase 7: Ag Data Concerns (25 min)

Loretta Collins

Loretta Collins, AgWG coordinator, will review any feedback received from partners to-date regarding items to be considered for the Phase 7 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model (CBWM). In September, Gary Shenk, USGS and Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting discussed the [development plan for Phase 7](#) of the CBWM and [examples](#) of how proposed changes might impact functionality of agricultural aspects of the CBWM. The agenda for the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's (WQGIT) October 25-26 meeting can be found [here](#). The WQGIT will be determining priority items for Phase 7 at this meeting. The AgWG will continue prioritizing ag data concerns in the coming months.

### 11:00 BREAK (5 min)

## Data & Modeling

### 11:05 Incorporating Industry Animal Population Data into the CBP Modeling Tools (45 min)

Vanessa Van Note, EPA-WTWG Coordinator, will facilitate discussion regarding the unresolved item from the CAST-21 Workplan: *Accommodate with CAST21 QA/QC'd historic and current layer population data for Hillandale Farms, Spring Grove, PA*. The August AgWG presentation is [here](#) for reference. Feedback and question received from partners since the August meeting will be addressed. Questions regarding protocols for the use of alternative data sources will be discussed. The AgWG will need to make a decision on inclusion of the Hillandale data in CAST-23 and in the Phase 7 watershed model at a future meeting(s).

### 11:50 New Business & Announcements (5 min)

- **October 25-26, 9 AM-4 PM (VIRTUAL)**
  - Water Quality Goal Implementation Meeting on Phase 7 Development
  - Contact Hilary Swartwood ([Swartwood.Hilary@epa.gov](mailto:Swartwood.Hilary@epa.gov)) for more info
- **Oct 26-27th, 2021: Sustainable Watersheds & Agriculture Symposium (VIRTUAL), Center for Watershed Protection**
  - This symposium provides an opportunity for watershed and resource conservation professionals to discuss and learn about the role agriculture can play in improving watershed health and water quality. The symposium will gather watershed managers, agricultural practice specialists and researchers from around the country. The event will include technical and practical presentations, as well as plenty of opportunities to network with other professionals and discuss this important topic.
  - Agenda is [here](#).
  - Register [here](#) before October 20th, 2021.
- **Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021: "4waRd Thinking" Trainings, Pennsylvania 4R Nutrient Stewardship Alliance**
  - The Pennsylvania 4R Nutrient Stewardship Alliance (PA4R) has received funding to provide education to Pennsylvania's farm advisers about 4R Nutrient Stewardship practices. This funding includes the development of six webinars on 4R topics as well as the creation of a "4waRd Thinking" cohort designed to help 30 farm advisers gain in-depth, in-field education and exposure to 4R practices.

- The first set of webinars include the following topics: [Crop Planning](#), [The Evolution of Nutrient Management](#), and Using [Advanced Nitrogen Management](#) Technologies to Move the Needle. The second set of webinars will be held in Fall 2022.
- Registration for webinars and applications for cohort participation can both be found [here](#).
- **Nov 15th, National Fish and Wildlife (NFWF) Applications for Proposals Due**
  - NFWF is soliciting proposals under the **2022 Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants (INSR)** program to accelerate the rate and scale of water quality improvements specifically through the coordinated and collaborative efforts of sustainable, regional-scale partnerships in implementing proven water quality improvement practices more cost-effectively.
  - Final Proposal Due Date: Nov 29th, 2021.
  - Read more [here](#). Contact: Jake Reilly at [jake.reilly@nfwf.org](mailto:jake.reilly@nfwf.org)
- **National Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program learning module** has been posted and is available for viewing! This training module is designed to provide a high-level overview of the Clean Water Action (CWA) Section 319 Nonpoint Source (NPS) program for State and Territory NPS Programs. The first half of the training provides general information applicable to a wide variety of audiences interested in learning more about the NPS program. The second half of the module is more specific information that would be beneficial to grantees.
  - View the module at [EPA's Watershed Academy Homepage](#)
- **Other Announcements?** - send to Jackie Pickford ([Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov)) for inclusion in "Recap" email

11:55 **Review of Action and Decision Items (5 min)**

12:00 **Adjourn**

### **Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, November 18, 10AM-12PM: Conference Call**