

AGENDA
December 19th, 2019
10:00 AM-11:45 PM
Conference Call

Conference Call Information

Zoom Link*: <https://zoom.us/j/553329453>

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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 Chairs

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants
- Approval of meeting minutes from the Nov 21st Conference Call

Data & Modeling

10:10 Ag Ditch Management (30 min)

Jeremy Hanson

The Agricultural Ditch Management Expert Panel released its recommendations report for CBP partnership review on September 4th, 2019. On September 18th, a public webinar discussing the panel's recommendations was held. The recording and associated materials can be found [here](#). The 30-day feedback window closed on October 7th and the panel's response to feedback was discussed on the Nov 21st AgWG call. Jeremy Hanson, VT and panel coordinator, will present the recommendation report to the AgWG for approval.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve the recommendation report of the Agricultural Ditch Management Expert Panel.

10:40 Stream Restoration BMP Discussion (35 min)

Chair, Coordinator

[Recommendations for Improving the Application of the Stream Restoration Prevented Sediment Protocol](#) from the Urban Stormwater Workgroup (USWG) was tentatively approved at the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) on December 9th. The memo presented is part of a series of memos from the USWG dedicated to improving the Stream Restoration BMP Protocols defined in the 2013 [Stream Restoration Expert Panel](#) report sponsored by the USWG. The new memo clarifies the definition of "bank armoring", emphasizes the need for site-specific data

collection, and provides guidance for conducting bank erosion rate monitoring and *applies exclusively to urban settings*. As part of the approval process for this memo, the WQGIT has requested that the AgWG revisit the use of default load reduction values assigned to stream restoration practices and applied to agricultural settings, originally defined in the 2013 report.

11:15 Nomination for 2020-2021 Term (10 min)

Chair

Time to review the governance protocols answer any questions regarding the nomination and voting process for the leadership and at-large positions open for the 2020-2021 term. **All nominations are due NO LATER than January 17th.**

11:25 New Business & Announcements (15 min)

- Wetland Expert Panel Report
- Update on Cropland Irrigation Expert Panel recommendations:
 - **Sept 19 MB Decision:** The Management Board (MB) decided on an approach that would allow Delaware to petition the Agriculture Workgroup (with input from STAC and STAR) to open a new expert panel once it documented new relevant science. Note: A decision on whether to approve the Expert Panel's report will be raised during the October MB meeting.
 - **Dec 12 MB Meeting:** The Cropland Irrigation Expert Panel Report was approved by super majority vote.
 - The public comment period for FSA [CRP/CREP program interim rules](#) is now open until February 4, 2020. On December 12, there was a webinar discussing the new rules and the recording is now available at [this link](#).

11:40 Review of Action and Decision Items (5 min)

Allie Wagner

Allie will review action and decision items from the meeting.

11:45 Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting:

January 15: Conference Call → 10AM – 12PM

Pending Topics:

Accounting & Reporting: Resource Improvement BMPs- Are they being accounted for at full potential?

• BMP crosswalk updates

Implementation: Strategizing technical assistance • Addressing the gaps- What the Phase III WIPs can tell us • Technical Service Providers

Innovation: Hemp- What are nutrient & sediment implications? (**Early 2019**) • Furthering research to update nutrient fertility recommendation- Why the time is now and where is the support?; Soil Health Initiatives (**Early 2019**) NRCS, Soil Health Institute

Data & Modeling: Data input updates for animal • USGS- Latest information tying water quality trends to BMP implementation

CBP Assignments: Adapting to climate change in the ag sector (**Early 2019**)