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**Chesapeake Bay Program
Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)
Conference Call**
Thursday, August 4, 2022
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
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Agenda

10:00 AM – Introductions and Announcements – Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC

- Approval of June Meeting Minutes– Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC
- New DC WTWG Representatives, Welcome! – Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC
- PSC and WQGIT CAST Update – Vanessa Van Note, EPA- CBPO
- 2021 Progress Released – Vanessa Van Note, EPA- CBPO
- Other announcements

10:15 AM – 2022 Progress Submission Update – Jess Rigelman, J7 Consulting LLC.

Jess Rigelman will provide an update on 2022 Progress submission, which includes the updated NEIEN Appendix. The WTWG will be asked to approve the Appendix after the presentation.

Decision Requested: WTWG approval of the updated NEIEN Appendix for 2022 Progress Submission.

10:30 AM – The Role of the Watershed Technical Workgroup in Phase 7 Development - Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC

Cassandra Davis will recap discussions at the July Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG) and follow up on our discussion of the Scope and Purpose of the WTWG on whether any changes need to be made. In addition, we will discuss the role of the WTWG in Phase 7 development.

Questions for the WTWG Membership:

1. *What role did the WTWG play in Phase 6 development?*
2. *What role should the WTWG play in Phase 7 development?*

10:50 AM – NEIEN Phase 6 (P6) Appendix/Soil and Water (S&W) conservation plan - Leon Tillman, NRCS and Vanessa Van, EPA- CBPO

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May 2022 AgWG Decision: *The AgWG endorsed the proposed changes to the Phase 6 NEIEN appendix for select NRCS practices identified as mapping to Soil and Water Conservation Plans in the Phase 5 NEIEN appendix. These BMPs would shift from “draft” to “release” status. **Final approval of changes in the NEIEN appendix will occur in the Watershed Technical Workgroup.***

Vanessa Van Note will give a brief overview of the expert panel that established S&W conservation plans and the rationale behind the phase 6 decision to move individual practices under the S&W conservation plan from release to draft.

Leon Tillman will present on crediting NRCS agriculture BMPs through the decision outlined above.

For reference (May 2022 and February 2022):

1. May 2022 AgWG Meeting:
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/agriculture_workgroup_conference_call_may_2022
2. February 2022 AgWG Meeting:
https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/agriculture_workgroup_conference_call_february_2022

11:20 AM – **Impact the AgWG Proposal would have on Future Data Reporting** – Vanessa Van Note, EPA - CBPO

Questions for state reps:

1. *How does your state track and report S&W Conservation Plans currently?*
2. *How would your current reporting change with the WTWG approval of the AgWG proposal?*

12:00 PM – **Meeting Adjourn**

Next Meeting: September 1 or 8, 2022 from 10:00 to 12:00 PM

- *Due to Labor Day Weekend and preexisting conflicts, the WTWG Leadership would like to push our meeting date ahead 1 week to September 8th. Does this work for the WTWG?*

Common Abbreviations/Acronyms	
AgWG- Agriculture Workgroup	BMPVAHAT- BMP Verification Ad Hoc Action Team
BMP- Best Management Practice	CBP- Chesapeake Bay Program
CAST- Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)	goals)
CBPO- Chesapeake Bay Program Office (houses EPA and myriad contractors and grantees working towards CBP	CRC- Chesapeake Research Consortium
CBW- Chesapeake Bay Watershed	DOEE- [DC] Department of Energy and Environment
DNREC- [DE] Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	EPA- [United States] Environmental Protection Agency
DoD- [United States] Department of Defense	FFWG- Federal Facilities Workgroup
FWG- Forestry Workgroup	MB- Management Board
LUWG- Land Use Workgroup	NFWF- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

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NEIEN- National Environmental Information Exchange Network	PA DEP- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
NYSDEC- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation	PSU- Pennsylvania State University
PSC- Principal Staff Committee	UMCES- University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
STAC- Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee	USDA-ARS- United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service
UMD- University of Maryland	States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDA-NASS- United States Department of Agriculture-National Agricultural Statistics Service USDA-NRCS- United	VA DEQ- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
USWG- Urban Stormwater Workgroup	WTWG- Watershed Technical Workgroup
WQGIT- Water Quality Goal Implementation Team	
WV DEP- West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection	