

**Farm, Ranch, and Rural Community Committee Meeting  
Wednesday May 25 – Thursday, May 26**

**Meeting Agenda**

2777 Crystal Dr. Arlington, VA,  
EPA Potomac Yards South,  
Room 4730/80; Fourth Floor

*Call-in Number: 1-866-299-3188; Code: 304-8493#*

**Meeting Goal:**

- *Lay the foundation and define next steps for the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Community Committee's (FRRCC) draft recommendations on EPA's role in soil health in response to Administrator McCarthy's charge to the Committee.*

The path forward includes:

- *Engaging in a robust discussion about outreach engagement and soil and health to allow the Committee to identify key issues, develop draft recommendations, and where possible reach agreement on recommendations;*
- *Providing an opportunity for EPA staff and committee members to interact and exchange perspectives on successes and challenges on EPA's role(s);*
- *Providing an opportunity for the public to provide input to the committee on the subject of soil health before, and after, its deliberations; and*
- *Identifying milestones, timeline, and assignments for completing recommendations.*

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

- 9:00 – 9:15     Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose of Meeting
- *Opening comments – Donna Perla, EPA DFO; Ron Carleton, EPA Agricultural Counselor; and Steve Balling, FRRCC Chair*
  - *Introductions and groundrules – Paul De Morgan, RESOLVE*
- 9:15 – 9:40     Opening Comments and Discussion with EPA Deputy Administrator
- *Introduce EPA Deputy Administrator – Steve Balling, FRRCC Chair*
  - *Comments and discussion – Stan Meiburg, EPA Deputy Administrator*
- 9:40 – 10:00     Certificates of Appreciation to FRRCC Members
- *Acknowledge efforts and share certificates – Stan Meiburg, Deputy Administrator, and Ron Carleton, EPA Agricultural Counselor*
- 10:00 – 10:30     Outreach and Engagement
- *Brief presentation – Dave Petty, FRRCC Deputy Chair*
  - *Questions and discussions*

- 10:30 – 10:45 OWM Nutrient Recycling Challenge
- Brief update presentation – *Allison Wiedeman, Hema Subramanian, and Joseph Ziobro, USEPA Office of Waste Water Management*
- 10:45 – 10:55 **Break** (and transition to breakout sessions)
- 10:55 – 12:00 Facilitated Breakout Sessions: Outreach and Engagement (presorted to ensure diversity of perspective)
- Objectives: reassess the outreach and engagement recommendations and identify any key issues or recommendations to convey forward to the full Committee
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch** (being brought in)
- 1:00 – 2:00 Outreach and Engagement Recommendations
- Present proposed recommendations
  - Discuss and strive to reach consensus on recommendations
- 2:00 – 2:30 Soil Health Working Group Update
- Update on activities and path forward – *George Boggs and Larry Sanders, Co-Chairs, Soil Health Working Group*
  - Clarifying questions and discussion
- 2:30 – 2:45 **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:15 Region 9 Soil Health Strategy – An Example
- Region 9 presentation – *Kerry Drake, EPA Region 9 (via phone)*
- 3:15 – 4:15 EPA Regional and Program Staff
- Discussion with EPA regional and program staff on their role(s)
- 4:15 – 4:45 Soil Health from NACD Perspective
- Brief presentation – *Jeremy Peters, National Association of Conservation Districts*
  - Clarifying questions and discussion
- 4:45 – 5:30 Public Comment
- Registered members of the public will submit their names if they wish to make comments during this public comment session.
- 5:30 Adjourn for the Day
- Dinner announcement/logistics and reminder of the plan for next day

**Thursday, May 26, 2016**

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome and Recap**
- Quick recap of yesterday’s discussion; agenda and goals for today; assignment into breakout groups – *Steve Balling, George Boggs, Larry Sanders, and David Petty*
- 9:30 – 11:00 **Facilitated Breakout Sessions: Soil Health** (*presorted to ensure diversity of perspective*)
- Objective: identify soil health recommendations including integrating any outreach and engagement recommendations
- 11:00 – 11:10 **Break** (*and transition to plenary session*)
- 11:10 – 12:00 **Soil Health Recommendations**
- Present summary of conversations including any proposed recommendations including integration of outreach and engagement recommendations
  - Discuss to identify key issues and strive to reach consensus on recommendations
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch** (*being brought in*)
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Discussion: Pulling Deliberations Together**
- What messages do we have consensus on?
  - What are the gaps?
  - What outstanding issues are left to deal with?
  - What effort is needed?
  - Identify a path forward
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Public Comment Period**
- Registered members of the public will submit their names if they wish to make comments during this public comment session
- 2:30 – 2:40 **Break**
- 2:30 – 3:30 **Moving Forward**
- Delegate tasks and timeline to finalize EPA Soil Health Framework Recommendations, and integrate outreach and engagement recommendations into soil health framework – *Steve Balling, George Boggs, Larry Sanders, and Dave Petty*
  - Delegate tasks to finalize outreach and engagement – *Steve Balling and Dave Petty*
- 3:30 – 3:45 **Status of the FRRCC and Future Plans**
- Overview of status – *Donna Perla*
- 3:45 – 4:00 **Closing**
- Appreciations and close out instructions for travel – *Ron Carleton, Donna Perla, and Cheryl Woodward*
- 4:00 **Adjourn**