



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER AD-HOC COMMITTEE (FARM)

Friday, August 13th, 2021
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

WebEx Webinar:

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AGENDA

11:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

11:05 A.M. 2. RECAP OF PREVIOUS MEETING, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL, AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

Chair Cheh will provide a brief recap of June's meeting and call for meeting summary approval. She will also welcome several new FARM Members.

Recommended Action: Approve draft meeting summary

11:20 A.M. 3. COG LEADERSHIP RETREAT REPORT AND NEXT STEPS

Craig Rice, FARM Vice Chair

Jon Stehle, FARM Vice Chair

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

11:30 A.M. 4. HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND FOOD SECURITY: ENGAGING HISPANIC/LATINX COMMUNITIES IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Carla Paredes-Gómez, Community Health Specialist, Fairfax County Health Department

Ms. Paredes will provide a perspective on working with Hispanic/Latinx

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community members and numerous partners during the pandemic to build relationships, provide COVID-19 screenings, and connect vulnerable community members with assistance for basic needs.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

11:50 A.M. 5. FARM HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS POLICY COMPENDIUM PREVIEW

Debbie Noymer, MPH Candidate, Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University

Ms. Noymer will share several themes from her research on food security and healthy food access policies in DC, MD, and VA. Through an interactive exercise, FARM members will provide feedback to guide completion of the compendium.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and provide feedback

12:15 P.M. 6. BRIEFING: REGIONAL FOOD AND WATER RESILIENCE CATASTROPHIC PREPAREDNESS GRANT

Mark Scott, Critical Infrastructure Specialist, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DC HSEMA)

Mr. Scott will brief the FARM Committee on a Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant that DC HSEMA received to undertake food and water resilience planning with partners in the National Capital Region.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and provide feedback

12:35 P.M. 7. FY22 FOOD SECURITY FUNDING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA

*Ona Balkus, Food Policy Director, District of Columbia
Heidi Hertz, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Commonwealth of Virginia
Rachel K. Sledge, Assistant Director of Government Affairs, Maryland Department of Human Services*

FARM members and other speakers will brief the committee on how DC, MD, and VA, are allocating federal relief and other funds to support food security in FY22.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and identify follow-up questions for regional priority exploration.

1:00 P.M. 8. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS AND ADJOURN

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

There will be a special joint session with the Chesapeake Bay and Water

Resources Policy Committee on BIPOC Farmers and Land Access on Monday, September 20th.

The next FARM Committee meeting is Friday, October 8th.