



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

December 8, 2023
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting Only

Webex Meeting:

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Meeting number: 2424 766 4535
Meeting password: COGFARM1208
Join by phone:+1-202-860-2110

PROPOSED AGENDA

10:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME, FARM MEMBER UPDATES, AND MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL
Councilmember Jon Stehle, FARM Chair

Chair Stehle will call the meeting to order and call for approval of the October meeting summary. He will also provide a few FARM membership and leadership updates.

Recommended Action: Approve draft meeting summary.

10:10 A.M. 2. 2023 FARM BILL STATE OF PLAY
Hannah Quigley, Policy Specialist, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
Mae Stevens, Senior Vice President, Banner Public Affairs

The Farm Bill is among the most critical pieces of legislation for our food system, our environment, and the health and nutrition of communities across the nation. Leading advocates from national nonprofit partners will share updates on the marker bills they are tracking and opportunities for members to engage strategically in Farm Bill advocacy.

Action: Receive briefing

10:50 A.M. 3. 2024 COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
Councilmember Jon Stehle, FARM Chair
FARM Legislative Priorities Ad-Hoc Committee Chair

Members will engage in review of past year's legislative priorities and engage in a facilitated discussion of which to update for 2024. The legislative review committee will share their feedback on priorities and a process for sharing member lobbying opportunities. Members will identify new priorities to add based on the committee's learning and recent developments relevant to FARM's goals.

Action: Identify preliminary legislative priorities

11:30 A.M. 5. LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & FARM POLICY ACTIONS

Councilmember Stele will lead a discussion regarding next steps/action items to determine if there is any policy action that FARM should take at this time and/or recommend to the COG Board.

- **Overview of Nutrition Navigator Site**

*Victoria Treski, Director of Food Security Initiative, Bainum Family Foundation
Michelle Caruso, Director of Policy and Partnerships, Montgomery County Food Council*

- **Future Harvest Annual Conference Overview**

Grace Leatherman, Executive Director, Future Harvest - The Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture

Action: Member discussion

12:00 P.M. 8. ADJOURN

The next FARM meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

