



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, October 14, 2022
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

WebEx Connection Information:

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AGENDA

11:00 A.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL, AND REFLECTIONS

Councilmember Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

Chair Cheh will provide a welcome and call for approval of the August 2022 meeting summary.

As time allows, participating FARM members will be invited to share a key takeaway from the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve tour.

Recommended Action: Approve draft meeting summary.

11:15 A.M. 2. FIRST ANNUAL FARM POLICY COMMITTEE FORUM WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Stacy Dean, Deputy Under Secretary
USDA Food and Nutrition Service*

Deputy Under Secretary Dean will provide brief opening remarks, including a high-level overview of USDA's mission areas, agencies, priorities, and footprint in the region.

11:25 A.M. 3. SNAP, SCHOOL MEALS, AND REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONNECTIONS TO FEDERAL FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS

Dr. Patty Bennett, Regional Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Mid-Atlantic Region, USDA

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

Michael J Wilson, Maryland Hunger Solutions

Meredith Ledlie-Johnson, Virginia Cooperative Extension

Dr. Bennett will provide updates on key federal programs supporting food and nutrition in Metropolitan Washington including SNAP, WIC, school meals, and farmers market nutrition programs. She will explain how USDA works with our region's state agencies to support implementation of these programs.

Following structured conversation and questions with FARM members on committee and related priorities, there will be time for general discussion.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and discussion

12:10 PM 4. NATIONAL STRATEGY ON HUNGER, NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Craig Rice, FARM Vice Chair

Radha Muthiah, Capital Area Food Bank

Hugo Mogollon, FRESHFARM

Vice Chair Rice will lead a discussion about the recent White House Conference and new [National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#) and other conference outcomes as these relate to FARM's mission and FY23 Work Program. He will be joined by Radha Muthiah and Hugo Mogollon, who also participated in the conference, for their perspectives. All participants (in-person and virtual) will be welcome to offer observations as time allows.

Recommended Action: Discussion

12:40 P.M. 5. STAFF, FARM WORK GROUP, AND MEMBER UPDATES

COG staff, select FARM Work Groups, and FARM Policy Committee will share announcements and updates.

COG staff updates

- Open USDA federal funding opportunities
- Upcoming meetings, administrative and budget notes
 - We hope FARM Members and Alternates will join us on December 14th for COG's 2022 Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

Work Groups

- Catalytic Opportunities
- Food Policy Directors and Food Security Coordinators

Member Updates

1:00 P.M. 6. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS AND ADJOURN

Councilmember Cheh, FARM Chair

The next regularly scheduled FARM Policy Committee meeting is Friday, December 9th at 11:00 am.