



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 10th, 2023
9:30 am to 1:30 pm

In-person meeting*: Kirby Training Center,
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments,
777 N. Capitol St., NE,
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FINAL AGENDA

9:00 A.M. 1. OPEN NETWORKING

Coffee, tea, and morning refreshments will be available.

WebEx will begin a few minutes before 9:30.

9:30 A.M. 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Clark Mercer, Executive Director, COG

Councilmember Jon Stehle, FARM Policy Committee Chair

COG's new Executive Director, Clark Mercer, will provide a welcome to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

FARM Chair Jon Stehle will introduce FARM Policy Committee leadership and

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facilitate introductions of all members and guests.

He will also call for approval of the December meeting summary.

Recommended Action: Approve December Meeting Summary.

9:55 A.M. 3. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE RESILIENCE SPEAKER AND DISCUSSION

Kevin Atticks, Acting Secretary of Agriculture, Maryland

In early January, Kevin Atticks was appointed by Governor Moore to serve as Maryland's new Secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Atticks will discuss the new administration's priorities for agriculture, including where he foresees opportunities for Maryland and surrounding jurisdictions to collaborate to strengthen the region's food and farm economy, and to support a more equitable and resilient food system.

Ample time for question and discussion will be provided, including for FARM members to raise additional pressing issues related to food security and food access with one another and meeting attendees.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and discussion.

11:00 A.M. 4. BACKGROUND FOR AFTERNOON STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Jon Stehle, FARM Chair
Lindsay Smith, Regional Food Systems Planner, COG

COG staff will briefly introduce the FARM Policy Committee: 2022 Year-in-Review document and share COG's 2023 Legislative Priorities.

Chair Stehle will introduce the draft, high level strategic planning document which organizes FARM's priorities and introduces several activities for the next two years. He will provide some framing for the rest of the agenda and ask members to generate some initial ideas for the strategic planning session during lunch.

FARM Members will provide short updates relevant to strategic planning.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

11:15 A.M. 5. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AND WORKING LUNCH BREAK

WebEx concludes.

The next regularly scheduled FARM Policy Committee meeting is Friday, April 14th at 10:00 am. This meeting will be virtual only.

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FARM COMMITTEE MEMBER STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

WebEx resumes.

11:45 A.M. 6. AGENDA REVIEW AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Jon Stehle, FARM Policy Committee Chair
Kate Kennedy, FARM Policy Committee Vice Chair
Steve Bieber, Water Resources Program Director, COG*

COG staff will provide a provide a brief introduction and overview of progress on the FY23 Work Program. A proposed FY24 budget will also be shared. They will also share membership changes to FARM and provide several other organizational development notes for discussion.

Chair Stehle and Vice Chair Kennedy will recap feedback shared during lunch and set the stage for the rest of the meeting.

12:00 P.M. 7. STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR 2023 AND 2024

*Jon Stehle, FARM Policy Committee Chair
Kate Kennedy, FARM Policy Committee Vice Chair*

Chair Stehle and Vice Chair Kennedy will facilitate member discussion to hear any questions or observations at this point in the agenda as they inform strategic planning.

Members will be asked to consider, react to, and help to refine the strategic planning document. They will also discuss preferences related to enhancing organizational development and communications. Preliminary objectives for the FY24 Work Program may also be addresses.

Recommended Action: Review and refine Strategic Planning Framework for 2023 and 2024.

1:15 P.M. 6. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Open time for FARM members to share updates and announcements.

1:30 P.M. 7. ADJOURN

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