



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

Friday, June 11, 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, COMMITTEE BUSINESS, AND MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

Chair Cheh will provide a recap of April's meeting. She will also give an update on FARM Committee deliverables. The Chair will share several FARM member updates, proposed changes to committee Bylaws for consideration, and call for meeting summary approval.

Recommended Action: Discuss and approve proposed Bylaws change and draft meeting summary.

11:20 A.M. 3. FOOD SECURITY: COMMUNITY VOICE

Christopher Bradshaw, Executive Director, Dreaming Out Loud

Mr. Bradshaw will share an overview of Dreaming Out Loud work to ensure healthy food access, equitable food systems, and economic empowerment in Metropolitan Washington.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

11:35 A.M. 4. FOOD INSECURITY IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON: CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK UPDATE

Radha Muthiah, CEO, Capital Area Food Bank

Ms. Muthiah will brief the FARM Committee on Capital Area Food Bank's (CAFB) current operations and plans for supporting food insecure residents and partner provider organizations over the next year. She will share observations on near term opportunities for collaboration, investment, and policy change to support the needs of vulnerable residents and ensure an inclusive recovery in the region.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

12:00 P.M. 5. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT: LOCAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS, ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES, AND FOOD SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

Mike Belarmino, Senior Policy Advisor, Government Finance Officers Association

Mr. Belarmino will provide a high-level overview of the American Rescue Plan Act and allowable expenditures. FARM members will have an opportunity to ask questions, share insights into how their jurisdictions may be thinking about using funds to support food security and resilience, and identify regional priorities.

12:20 P.M. 6. FARM FY22 PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM AND PRORATED BUDGET

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair, Jon Stehle, FARM Vice Chair, Craig Rice, FARM Vice Chair, and Steve Bieber, Water Resources Program Director, COG

FARM's Executive Committee will provide a review of the FARM Committee's work in FY21, an overview of proposed major work program components for FY22, and a request for feedback on the work program by mid-July. Mr. Bieber will provide a short overview of the draft FY22 budget.

Following discussion and feedback from committee members, FARM's Executive Committee will present the work program and budget to the COG Board of Directors with a request to institutionalize the FARM Committee.

Recommended Action: Discuss and approve the draft FY22 prorated budget, provide feedback on the draft work program.

12:45 P.M. 7. FARM COMMITTEE MEMBER AND COG STAFF UPDATES

A time for FARM members to discuss agenda items further, reflect on any actions taken related to the last meeting, and share news about local food and agriculture policy and program developments.

Lindsay Smith will provide a short announcement on a USDA planning grant application that COG proposes to partner with several organizations to submit.

Recommended Action: Provide updates

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

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

The next virtual FARM Committee meeting is Friday, August 13th at 11:00 am