



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

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

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DRAFT AGENDA

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

Councilmember Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

11:05 A.M. 2. NEW MEMBER WELCOME, FARM ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL

Councilmember Cheh, FARM Chair

Chair Cheh will welcome new FARM members, provide a recap of FARM's efforts in 2021, and begin previewing the year ahead. She will release the drafts of the *Healthy Food Access Compendium for Metropolitan Washington* and the regional food security legislative tracker to FARM members for review. She will also call for approval of the December 2021 meeting minutes.

Recommended Action: Approve draft meeting summary.

11:15 A.M. 3. ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY AND RESILIENCE IN 2022 IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON: LOCAL HIGHLIGHT

Councilmember Todd Turner, Chair, Prince George's County Food Security Task Force

Councilmember Turner will share the recently released [Prince George's County](#)

[Food Security Task Force Report and Recommendations](#) and discuss next steps.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

11:30 A.M. 4. ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY AND RESILIENCE IN 2022: FEDERAL PRIORITIES AND OTHER KEY STATE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

Luis Guardia, President, Food Research and Action Center

Mr. Guardia will provide an overview of major policy challenges and priorities that FRAC is working on in 2022, including an effort to get Congress to extend USDA's waiver authority to enable the agency to extend free school meals for the 2022 to 2023 school year. Updates on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other important policy matters at the federal and state level will be provided.

Following these remarks, Radha Muthiah, CEO of Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB), will discuss CAFB's plans for 2022.

Recommended Action: Receive briefings and share related regional, state, and local updates.

12:05 P.M. 5. UPDATE: 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 provide an update on the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant that DC HSEMA is undertaking with partners in metropolitan Washington on food and water resilience planning.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

12:20 P.M. 6. FOOD FLOWS: POTENTIAL POST-PANDEMIC PATTERNS RELEVANT TO METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Philip J Palin, Subject-Matter Expert and Consultant, Supply Chain Resilience

Mr. Palin will provide an overview of the grocery supply chain – a critical source of nutrition for the region which has seen its market share grow during the pandemic.

There will be time for discussion of Agenda Items 5 and 6 after Mr. Palin's remarks.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

12:45 P.M. 7. FARM COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WORK GROUP PROPOSAL, AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Councilmember Cheh, FARM Chair and Councilmember Jon Stehle, FARM Vice Chair

Lindsay Smith, Regional Food Systems Planner, COG

COG staff will provide background on related food and agriculture work that occurs outside of the FARM Committee. Chair Cheh will propose the formation of several Work Groups for FARM member consideration and discussion. Vice Chair Jon Stehle will provide a short update on some organizational development and strategy questions for the FARM Committee now that it is permanent.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and provide feedback

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

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

The next virtual FARM Committee meeting is Friday, April 8th at 11:00 am