



## FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, August 12, 2022  
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
Virtual Only

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### AGENDA

**11:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL**

*Councilmember Mary Cheh, FARM Chair*

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

**Recommended Action:** Approve draft meeting summary.

**11:10 A.M. 2. WORK GROUP UPDATES**

*Mary Cheh, FARM Chair  
FARM Members*

Members of the Outreach Work Group, Catalytic Opportunities Work Group, Regional Agricultural Work Group, and Food Policy Directors Group will provide updates on activities since the June meeting and priorities for this fall.

**Recommended Action:** Receive briefings and discussion

**11:25 A.M. 3. HEALTHY MEALS, HEALTHY KIDS ACT AND CHILDHOOD NUTRITION**

*Crystal FitzSimons, Director of School and Out-of-School Time Programs, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC's)*

Virginia Representative Bobby Scott recently introduced H.R. 8450, the [Healthy Meals, Healthy Kids Act](#). The bill was passed out of committee before Congress's August recess.

FRAC's Crystal FitzSimons will provide an overview of the bill's key provisions, including major proposed improvements since Childhood Nutrition Reauthorization was last approved in 2010. She may also provide other federal updates on changes to key childhood nutrition programs as the beginning of the new school year approaches.

**Recommended Action:** Receive briefing and discussion

**11:45 AM 4. DISCUSSION: THE HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS POLICY COMPENDIUM FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON**

*Mary Cheh, FARM Chair  
FARM Policy Committee Members*

Chair Cheh will lead a discussion about the *Healthy Food Access Policy Compendium for Metropolitan Washington* with FARM Members, including how the document can be used to shape FARM's future work.

**Recommended Action:** Discussion

**12:10 P.M. 5. FY23 FARM PRIORITIES AND WORK PROGRAM, FY24 LEVEL OF EFFORT FARM POLICY COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

*Mary Cheh, FARM Chair  
Lindsay Smith, Regional Food Systems Planner, COG  
Steve Bieber, Water Resources Program Director, COG*

COG staff will briefly review the revised Work Plan and Budget for FY23 document with FARM members for discussion and feedback.

They will also introduce the FY24 Level of Effort (LOE) document and talk about the schedule for reviewing LOEs, budgets and the work program going forward now that FARM is a permanent policy committee.

FARM Members will also consider changes to the FARM Policy Committee Bylaws during this item that is carried forward from the June meeting.

**Recommended Action:** Review, discuss and approve FY23 Work Program, FY24 Level of Effort, Committee Bylaws

**12:40 P.M. 7. COG STAFF AND FARM MEMBER COMMITTEE UPDATES**

FARM Policy Committee Members and Alternates are invited to share announcements and updates, including on local legislation, budget-related items, upcoming events, or issues or concerns. COG staff will also share updates.

- Local updates from FARM Members
  - It's [National Farmers Market Week](#): Member visit updates
  - Additional, TBD

*COG staff updates*

- White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health
  - September conference date still TBD
  - Livestream watch party?
- Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> visit to FRESHFARM's [Pop Up Food Hub](#) in downtown Washington, DC at 10:30 am
- Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> (morning, to be confirmed): Virtual information sharing call on potential [USDA Regional Food Business Centers](#) RFA with guest speaker from the Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation
- Please watch for a final member RSVP request for the September 9<sup>th</sup> tour of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve.

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

*Councilmember Cheh, FARM Chair*

The next regularly scheduled FARM Policy Committee meeting is Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.