



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, December 10th, 2021
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

WebEx Webinar:

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AGENDA

1:00 P.M. 1. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

Chair Cheh will recap FARM's October meeting and share several announcements. She will also call for October meeting summary approval.

Recommended Action: Approve draft meeting summary

1:10 P.M. 2. FARM MEMBER REFLECTIONS ON THE BIPOC FARMERS MEETING

*Mary Cheh, FARM Chair
FARM Members*

Chair Cheh will provide several updates since the November 29th meeting on Land Access for Farmers Identifying as Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC). FARM members who participated in the meeting will be asked to share any new feedback they have on potential future actions and or learning needs.

Recommended Action: Provide feedback.

1:25 P.M. 3. FOOD SECURITY IN THE MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND UPDATE ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NO SENIOR HUNGRY BILL

Virginia State Delegate Danica Roem, Nichole Wescott-Hayes, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association – Virginia, DC Councilmember Mary Cheh, and Anna Sierra, Chief Development Officer, Executive Office, Maryland Department of Emergency Management

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Virginia State Delegate Danica Roem will discuss her plans for the 2022 Legislative session in Virginia. Councilmember Cheh will share information on the *No Senior Hungry Omnibus Act of 2021* that she has introduced at the Council of the District of Columbia. Ms. Sierra will share a draft of the Maryland Food Resiliency Council's first report to the MD General Assembly, highlighting recommendations that would require legislative action.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing. Share information on other pieces of proposed legislation related to food security and food system resiliency.

2:00 P.M. 4. 2022 COG FOOD AND AGRICULTURE RECOMMENDED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair
Lindsay Smith, Regional Food Systems Planner, COG

FARM Members will be asked to review and provide any feedback on several draft 2022 priorities to Councilmember and FARM Chair Mary Cheh ahead of her meeting with Legislative Committee of the COG Board. Every year, the COG Board adopts a set of regional, [legislative priorities](#).

Recommended Action: Provide any recommended changes to draft legislative priorities and preliminary guidance on limited outreach on 2022 legislation that aligns with priorities.

2:20 P.M. 5. FARM MEMBER, COG, AND REGIONAL UPDATES

- SNAP Emergency Allotments – Michael J Wilson, MD Hunger Solutions
- Arlington County Food and Agriculture Updates – Libby Garvey, Arlington County Board of Supervisors
- FRESHFARM Regional Grant Award – Hugo Mogollon, FRESHFARM
- Food and Water Resilience Project Update – Mark Scott, DC Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- COG FARM: FARM Committee 2022 and Healthy Food Policy Compendium updates. Feedback on proposed funding subcommittee – Lindsay Smith, COG
- Time for additional updates, announcements, and discussion

2:55 P.M. 6. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS AND ADJOURN

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

The next FARM Committee meeting is Friday, February 11, 2022, at 11 am.