



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, December 9th, 2022
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

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

Councilmember Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

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

Recommended Action: Approve draft meeting summary.

11:10 A.M. 2. FEDERAL UPDATE ON FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Ellen Teller, Director of Government Affairs, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)

LaMonika Jones, Interim Director, DC Hunger Solutions

Cassie Edner, Public Benefits Attorney and Virginia Hunger Solutions, Director Virginia Poverty Law Center

MD Hunger Solutions (invited)

As the end of 2022 and a change in Congressional leadership approaches, Ellen Teller will provide an update on how the end of the session is proceeding and issues that FARM may want to track and weigh in on.

Respondents will discuss how this information could impact residents in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. They will also provide regional

updates for FARM member discussion and consideration.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and discussion

11:45 A.M. 4. FARM BILL 101

Emma Scott, Clinical Instructor, Food Law and Policy Clinic, Harvard Law School

The U.S. Farm Bill is set to expire next September and work is already underway to reauthorize this critical, omnibus law impacting agriculture and food and nutrition. Just how big is the Farm Bill? What does it cover? Emma Scott will provide a high-level overview of the titles in the bill and share insights on the reauthorization timeline.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and discussion

12:15 P.M. 5. FARM MEMBER BUSINESS: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND OTHER UPDATES

Councilmember Stehle, FARM Vice Chair

Michael J Wilson, Executive Director, MD Hunger Solutions

Lauren DeSimone, Food System Financing Advisor, Virginia Community Capital

Following a short introduction from Councilmember Stehle and Michael J Wilson, FARM Members will review and comment on draft 2023 legislative priorities covering food and farming issues as part of the COG Board's annual priority setting process.

There will also be a brief update from FARM's Catalytic Opportunities Work Group.

Lauren DeSimone will offer an update on the region's USDA Regional Food Business Centers and request letters of support from the FARM Committee and interested member jurisdictions and organizations.

Recommended Action: Review and comment on proposed 2023 legislative priorities, share local updates as time permits.

12:40 P.M. 6. YEAR IN REVIEW AND LOOKING AHEAD

Councilmember Cheh, FARM Chair

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Chair Cheh will review FARM milestones from 2022 and offer her thoughts on work ahead for FARM and other partners to improve food security and strengthen the region's food system.

Councilmember Stehle will lead a discussion with members to understand preferences for meeting, learning, and acting in 2023.

Recommended Action: Provide feedback.

1:00 P.M. 7. ADJOURN

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair