

Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (FRRCC)

MEETING AGENDA

March 29 – 30, 2011

Sheraton National Hotel
900 South Orme Street
Arlington, VA 22204

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

- 8:00 am** **REGISTRATION (Hotel)**
- 8:30** **Call to Order / Discussion of Meeting Agenda and Committee Process**
- **Alicia Kaiser**, FRRCC Designated Federal Officer
 - **Dr. Steven Balling**, FRRCC Chair
 - **Lawrence Elworth**, Agricultural Counselor to the Administrator, EPA
 - **Abby Dilley**, FRRCC Facilitator
- 9:00** **Updates from EPA Agricultural Counselor Lawrence Elworth**
- 9:30** **Presentation: Great Lakes Water Quality Issues**
- **Tom Christensen**, Regional Conservationist, Central Region, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (45 mins)
 - **Patty Birkholz**, Director, Office of the Great Lakes, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (45 mins)
- 11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:15** **Charge to Discussion Groups**
- 11:30** **Working Lunch / Discussion Group Breakout Session**
- 1:30 pm** **Discussion Groups Report Back to Committee**
- 3:00** **BREAK**

- 3:15** **Presentation: West Coast Water Quality Issues (Bay Delta and Puget Sound)**
- **Mike Machado**, Executive Director, Delta Protection Commission (45 mins)
 - **Ron Shultz**, Policy Director, Washington State Conservation Commission (45 mins)
- 4:45** **Public Comment Session**
- 5:15** **BREAK**
- 6:30** **Presentation: Overview of USDA Conservation Programs**
- **Rob McAfee**, Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, USDA NRCS
- 8:00** **ADJOURN**

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

- 7:30 am** **REGISTRATION (Hotel)**
- 8:00** **Call to Order**
- 8:30** **Discussion Group Breakout Session**
- 10:30** **BREAK**
- 10:45** **Discussion Groups Report Back to Committee**
- 12:15 pm** **Plenary Discussion**
- Themes from this meeting
 - Goals for advancing discussions and generation of ideas/recommendations to EPA
 - Next steps
- 1:30** **Public Comment Session**
- 2:00** **ADJOURN**