



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

DATE: January 30, 2020

TO: Members
Department of Environmental Protection
Agricultural Advisory Board

THROUGH: Karl G. Brown, Executive Secretary
State Conservation Commission

FROM: Frank X. Schneider, Director
Nutrient and Odor Management Programs

RE: Manure and Nutrient Planning Technical Team

Recommendation Requested

State Conservation Commission (SCC or Commission) staff are asking for No recommendations. This memo is merely a report of a newly formed workgroup.

Background

In June and July 2019, the SCC and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) met with stakeholders and discussed multiple topics related to Nutrient Management (NM), Manure Management (MM), and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO).

As a result of these meetings, the SCC and DEP convened a Technical Advisory Team, called the Manure and Nutrient Planning Technical Team (MNPTT) to discuss possible NM, MM, and CAFO planning standards revisions.

MNPTT membership includes:

- Team Ag (Jedd Moncavage and/or Todd Rush)
- Red Barn (Peter Hughes and/or Darren Shenk)
- Rosetree (Eric Rosenbaum)
- County View Family Farms (Bill Fink and/or Evin Fitzpatrick)
- PennAg (Jennifer Reed-Harry)
- Nutrient Management Advisory Board (Leslie Bowman)
- Lancaster County Conservation District (Jeff Hill)
- Adams County Conservation District (Vy Trihn)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (Mark Goodson)
- Pennsylvania State University (Charlie White)
- SCC (Frank Schneider and/or Karl Brown)
- DEP (Jill Whitcomb and/or Kate Bresaw)

- Chesapeake Bay Foundation (Kelly O’Neil)
- Manure Broker/Hauler (Jeff Zimmerman and/or Woody Martin)
- DEP Agricultural Advisory Board (Darwin Nissley)
- Pa Farm Bureau (John Bell)

The MNPTT will meet once a month, over the next calendar year, to discuss many issues in regards to planning and implementation and to provide proposed policy/procedures, regulatory, and /or legislative changes that may be warranted for further discussion, to both the SCC’s Nutrient Management Advisory Board (NMAB) and DEP’s Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB), which can then make recommendations to the respective agencies.

To date, the MNPTT has met multiple times (October, November, December 2019, and January 2020) and worked thru a large list of possible items for further discussion. Through those meetings, the MNPTT has developed a list of items for further discussion. These items were prioritized for:

- High to low priority
- The extent of the proposed change (policy/procedure, regulatory, or legislative)
- The timeframe of the proposed change

The MNPTT has formed several smaller workgroups to perform a “deeper dive” into the comments. The workgroups formed are as follows:

- Act 38 - Plan Amendments/Updates/Review/Approval
- Act 38 – NMP Flexibility
- Act 38 - 9,000-gallon application rule
- Chapter 91 - Land Application of Manure Supplement to the MMM
- CAFOs

Summary

No recommendation is required. This memo is merely a report of a newly formed workgroup.