

Water Sustainability Committee

St. Louis, MO Hilton Airport Hotel

We are inviting you to attend a Water Sustainability Committee meeting following the USDA-ARS sponsored:

"It's Your Water Showcase" <http://watershowcase.mwa.ars.usda.gov/>

March 2 7:30 p.m.	March 3 7:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.
Hilton Airport Lounge	Hilton Airport Conference Room (TBD)
Casual networking and discussion	Committee meeting - see agenda below
All welcome Refreshment on your own	All welcome - Coffee and rolls in morning Lunch on your own

Meeting Agenda March 3, 2010

A. Who we are as a group: A proactive coalition of agricultural entities with concerns of water quality and water availability in a sustainable environment. The working group is a cross section of academia, agri-based businesses, production agriculture, and commodity organizations, representing both plant and animal agriculture.

B. Introductions and ground rules:

1. Novecta and its role
2. Participants and who they represent
3. Process that the carbon development committee followed
4. Rules of working together
 - a. Sharing information for the industry use not to give private / corporate information

C. Development of project scope:

1. Who to include?
 - a. Production agriculture
 - Agricultural crops
 - Livestock
 - b. Horticulture
 - Fruits and vegetables
 - Tree crops
 - c. Forestry

- d Agri-business -- support to production (suppliers and buyers)
 - Crop production
 - Fertilizer
- e Turf Management
- 2. What to include?
 - a Surface water
 - b Ground water
 - c Contaminants
 - Crop inputs
 - Livestock runoff
 - Soil particles
 - d Water usage and conservation -- available soil water, irrigation

D. Goals and objectives of project:

- 1. What are desired outcomes (deliverables)?
 - a Standard (auditable?)
 - b Guidance document
 - c White paper(s)
 - d Best management practices
- 2. Who is included in target audience?
 - a Production agriculture/horticulture
 - b Agri-business serving production (both suppliers and buyers)

E. Relationship to regulatory

- 1. Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) [CWA]
- 2. Other

F. Strategy from here

- 1. Scope
- 2. Committees
- 3. Research / Gathering current information
- 4. Conferences calls/meetings opportunities
- 5. Document writing
- 6. Funding

Thank you for your interest in this project. If you have questions or comments please contact:

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