RMP Program Update for PY 2019

VACS Update Sessions – June 2018

Progress to date

Phase		# of Plans	Acres
Review		53	14,039
Implementation		333	66,302
Certified		12	8,823
Total		398	89,164

Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)

(October 2017)

Several recommendations:

- Continue to meet to discuss ideas related to implementation
- Develop a plan to focus on education and marketing opportunities
  - Want to increase implementation
  - Want to increase in areas outside of the Bay watershed
- Encourage policies to
  - Help get more implementation
  - Provide funding to SWCDs for verification and certification work
- Prioritize BMPs in a RMP

Certification & Development Projects in the Bay

- June 2018 – May 2019

- 60% of funding requested is dedicated to certification

- Projected to have:

  - 125 plans certified covering 32,010 acres
  - 24 plans developed covering 3,544 acres

- Rates

  - $2.50 to Developer for Certification
  - $10.00 to Developer for Development

Immediate Benefits of Certification for Producer

- RMP participant is eligible for RMP-2 payment of $5.00/acre
  - This does not count against their entity caps
  - This comes from state set-aside, not a SWCD's allocation
- CEF bonus for all BMPs that fall within the RMP area

RMP Incentives

- RMP-1 (RMP development): $10/acre

- RMP-2 (RMP Implementation): $5/acre
  - no longer eligible to authorize payment to plan developer; payment issued to the owner/operator

CEF Bonus for RMP BMPs

Applications for cost-share to implement BMPs that are within an approved Virginia Resource Management Plan management area will receive priority consideration over similar BMPs outside of the management area. The Ag BMP Tracking Module will automatically calculate a 10% reduction in the CEF score for these BMPs.

Communication with current RMP Participants:

DCR will send information to all current RMP participants

- explaining the benefits of completing the RMP

- explaining the next steps to be taken

Other

- June TRC conference call will focus on how to move plans to certification

- Numerous model enhancements – Roland will go over these

- Scott Ambler and Barbara McGarry are available to help a SWCD's TRC in the work on Plan Approval and Certification