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Dear:

During the 2017 General Assembly Session, the Department was directed to establish at Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) to encourage the implementation of Resource Management Plans (RMPs). Item 364 Q directs the SAG to examine the funding, training, and resource needs, as well as explore new incentives, for additional implementation of RMPs. A report from the SAG will be provided to the Governor and the Chairman of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

At the June 13, 2017 meeting of the SAG, the Department, with the assistance of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (Districts), was requested to conduct a short survey of a group of representative RMP participants. The Department is requesting your assistance in conducting this survey.

The Department has screened twenty RMP participants, who have approved plans, but have not received RMP certification to participate in this survey. The participants represent a distribution of RMPs by District (eleven Districts), by farm type (crop, pasture, and hayland), and by RMP developer. Each District will receive only the participant information relevant to that District.

I am requesting that a District staff member contact each participant on the attached list by phone and ask the provided questions. A short survey has been created in SurveyMonkey to expedite the reporting of responses back to the Department. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RMPCertification2017>. If your staff would prefer to provide participant responses utilizing e-mail, please provide all responses to Ms. Barbara McGarry at barbara.mcgarry@dcr.virginia.gov.

In order to include all survey results into the SAG process and report, I request that all participant responses be submitted to the Department no later than August 11, 2017. This survey may prompt participants to ask your staff additional questions. Please feel free to direct any additional

questions to Ms. Barbara McGarry at barbara.mcgarry@dcr.virginia.gov or 804.317.0297 or Mr. Scott Ambler at scott.ambler@dcr.virginia.gov or 540.332. 9231.

Thank you for your assistance with this important effort.

Sincerely,

Clyde. E. Cristman

Attachments: List of District RMP participants
List of Survey Questions

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