Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA NRCS Caribbean Area

Puerto Rico State Technical Committee Meeting (STCM)

Agenda

DATE: February 11, 2026 I 9:00am – 12:00pm

LOCATION: Jardín Botánico Sur, 1201 C. Ceiba, San Juan, 00926 (Link)

VIRTUAL OPTION: Join meeting I **Meeting ID:** 246 770 295 263 94 I **Passcode:** Zz6ag2op

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Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 am – 9:10 am	Director's Welcome	Luis Cruz-Arroyo
9:10 am – 9:20 am	STC Meetings & Efforts Recap	Ricardo Colón

9:20 am – 10:05 am	Conservation Programs Update
	• FY 2025 Recap
	• FY 2026 Focus
	  ○ Ranking Categories
	  ○ Caribbean Geographic Area Rate Cap (GARC) for Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)
		Frank Velazquez and Javier Cruz

10:05 am – 10:25 am	National Cooperative Soil Survey Activities & New Crop Productivity Indexes	Manuel Matos
10:25 am – 10:45 am	Priority Watersheds Discussion	Mario Rodriguez
10:45 am – 11:50 am	Partner Updates	Ricardo Colón
11:50 am – 12:00 pm	Wrap-up	Luis Cruz-Arroyo

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