



USDA NRCS Caribbean Area
United States Virgin Islands State Technical Committee Meeting (STCM)

Agenda

DATE: March 5, 2026 | 9:00am – 12:00pm

LOCATION: University of the Virgin Islands | Albert A. Sheen Campus | Northwest Wing Annex 102 and 103 ([Link](#))

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Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 am – 9:10 am	Welcome	Luis Cruz-Arroyo and Dr. Louis Petersen
9:10 am – 9:20 am	STC Meetings & Efforts Recap	Mario Rodriguez
9:20 am – 10:05 am	Conservation Programs Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2025 Recap • FY 2026 Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ranking Categories ○ Caribbean Geographic Area Rate Cap (GARC) for Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) 	Frank Velazquez and Javier Cruz
10:05 am – 10:15 am	Priority Watersheds Discussion	Mario Rodriguez
10:15 am – 10:25 am	Technical Service Providers Opportunities	Mario Rodriguez
10:25 am – 10:50 am	Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources Priorities	Mr. Jean-Pierre Oriol and Dr. Nicole Angeli
10:50 am – 11:50 am	Partner Updates	Luis Cruz-Arroyo
11:50 am – 12:00 pm	Wrap-up	Luis Cruz-Arroyo