

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ACWI. This meeting is to discuss broad policy-related topics relating to national water initiatives, and the development and dissemination of water information, through reports from ACWI subgroups. The agenda will include updates from ACWI's various subcommittees; a report on planning for the 10th National Monitoring Conference, which will be held in the spring of 2016 in Tampa, Florida; a proposal for a new workgroup within the Subcommittee on Hydrology; an update on activities and accomplishments related to the Open Water Data Initiative; and a report on the Hydrologic Frequency Analysis Work Group's progress on Bulletin 17C, Guidelines For Determining Flood Flow Frequency. The ACWI was established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-92-01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government on activities and plans that may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation's water information needs. Member organizations help to foster communications between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on sharing water information.

Membership, limited to 35 organizations, represents a wide range of water resources interests and functions. Representation on the ACWI includes all levels of government, academia, private industry, and professional and technical societies. For more information on the ACWI, its membership, subgroups, meetings and activities, please see the web site at: <http://acwi.gov>.

DATES: The formal meeting will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on October 27, 2015, and from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on October 28, 2015 (times are Eastern Daylight Time).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Dulles, located at 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon, VA 20170. The meeting will also be accessible by teleconference and WebEx. There will also be a teleconference line and a WebEx internet link available for the use of those who cannot attend in person. Information on the teleconference and WebEx is available on the ACWI website: <http://acwi.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy E. Norton, ACWI Executive Secretary and Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 417, Reston, VA 20192; email wenorton@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Up to a half hour will be set aside for public comment. Persons wishing to make a brief presentation (up to 5 minutes) are asked to provide a written request with a description of the general subject to Ms. Norton at the above address no later than October 19, 2015. It is requested that 65 copies of a written statement be submitted at the time of the meeting for distribution to members of the ACWI and placement in the official file. Any member

of the public may submit written information and (or) comments to Ms. Norton for distribution at the ACWI meeting.

Date

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