



Advisory Committee on Water Information — August 19-20, 2014

**Location: USGS National Center Auditorium
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Virginia 20192**
(see driving directions, page 5)

Red indicates that ACWI will be asked to make a decision.

Tuesday, August 19

7:30 Shuttle leaves Crowne Plaza in Herndon, to transport people to USGS (see note in [blue](#), page 6)

9:00 Remarks by Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, ACWI Chair **(15 minutes)**

9:15 Welcome and opening remarks – William Werkheiser, USGS Associate Director for Water, ACWI Alternate Chair **(15 minutes)**

9:30 Report from the Subcommittee on Hydrology – Robert Mason, USGS; Victor Hom, NOAA **(45 minutes)**

- Hydrologic Frequency Analysis Workgroup: Bulletin 17C
- Extreme Storms Workgroup
- Satellite Telemetry Interagency Work Group
- Hydrologic Modeling Work Group

10:15 Break **(15 minutes)**

10:30 Discussion: Open Water Data Initiative and the Subcommittee on Spatial Water Data (SSWD) **(60 minutes)**

- **Call for ACWI endorsement of the charge to SSWD:** [http://acwi.gov/acwi-minutes/acwi2014/LT ACWI re open water data initiative 2014-07-22.pdf](http://acwi.gov/acwi-minutes/acwi2014/LT_ACWI_re_open_water_data_initiative_2014-07-22.pdf) and [http://acwi.gov/acwi-minutes/acwi2014/Open water data proposal to acwi-7-21-14.pdf](http://acwi.gov/acwi-minutes/acwi2014/Open_water_data_proposal_to_acwi-7-21-14.pdf)

11:30 Lunch on your own **(60 minutes)**

12:30 Workgroup on the Challenges of Monitoring in a Shrinking Budget Environment

- Background information located here: http://acwi.gov/monitoring-challenges_wkg/reports/monitoring_challenges_report_may2014.pdf
- Presentation on Workgroup Recommendations – Peter Evans, Interstate Council on Water Policy; John Wells, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board; Wendy Norton, USGS **(45 minutes)**
- **Call for ACWI endorsement of workgroup recommendations and discussion of next steps – moderator (45 minutes)**

2:15 Break **(15 minutes)**

2:30 Demonstration of Water Quality Portal – Charles Kovatch, EPA, and James Kreft, USGS **(45 minutes)**

3:15 Update on ACWI Climate Group – Jerad Bales, USGS; Paul Freedman, Water Environment Federation **(30 minutes)**

- Background information located here:
http://acwi.gov/climate_wkg/Climate_water_recommendations_rpt-april_21_2014_final_draft.pdf

3:45 General Discussion and Wrap-up **(15 minutes)**

4:00 Adjourn

Wednesday, August 20

7:30 Shuttle leaves Crowne Plaza in Herndon, to transport people to USGS (see note in [blue](#), page 6)

9:00 Opening remarks and recap from previous day **(15 minutes)**

9:15 Update from Subcommittee on Ground Water (SOGW) – Robert Schreiber, CDM Smith, Inc.; Bill Cunningham, USGS; contributions by selected SOGW representatives **(45 minutes)**

- Status Report on the National Groundwater Monitoring Network
 - Brief summary of past accomplishments
 - Summary of progress and products since last ACWI meeting
 - EPA Regional Laboratories and new water-quality pilot sites (Mike Wireman, EPA; State agency representative, TBA)
 - Implementation plans
 - **Request for ACWI to approved updated Terms of Reference for SOGW**

10:00 Break **(15 minutes)**

10:15 Report from the Subcommittee on Sedimentation – Meg Jonas, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers **(45 minutes)**

- **Call for ACWI endorsement of a resolution on reservoir sustainability:**
http://acwi.gov/acwi-minutes/acwi2014/SOS_2014_resolution_on_reservoir_sustainability.pdf

11:00 Report from the Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable – John Wells, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board **(30 minutes)**

11:30 Report from the Interstate Council on Water Policy – Sue Lowry and Peter Evans **(30 minutes)**

12:00 Lunch on your own **(60 minutes)**

1:00 Round-table updates from members – Part 1 [each member organization will be given a couple of minutes to update the group on their organization’s activities] **(60 minutes)**

- 2:00 Update from National Water Quality Monitoring Council – Gary Rowe, USGS **(45 minutes)**
- Report on the 2014 National Monitoring Conference
 - Update from the Water Information Strategies workgroup
 - Communication and Outreach workgroup activities
 - National Network of Water Quality Reference Sites
 - USGS/EPA Water Quality Portal
 - National Monitoring Network / Coastal Water Quality
 - Methods and Data Comparability Board / National Environmental Methods Index / Sensors
- 2:45 Break **(15 minutes)**
- 3:00 Round-table updates from members – Part 2 **(60 minutes)**
- 4:00 Public Comment Period **(15 minutes)**
- 4:15 Adjourn

Note:

This is a draft agenda and is subject to revision. Each revised version will be posted on the ACWI website's registration page for the meeting:

<http://acwi.gov/acwi-minutes/acwi2014/index.html>.

All the speakers' presentations will be available after the meeting on the ACWI website, along with the meeting agenda and minutes. As soon as these materials are published on the website, all ACWI members and all those who attended the meeting will receive notification via email.

If you plan to attend the meeting in person, please register here:

https://docs.google.com/a/usgs.gov/forms/d/1CUwZnxGw_Q2GZwwFcpxyTmPI0ys5ME5mYIDHxUPvb3A/viewform

Webinar and Teleconference Information:

For those who are unable to attend in person, the meeting will also be accessible via telephone and WebEx:

Teleconference: To access the Audio Bridge, each participating location must call the dial-in number:

1. 4848 (USGS participants in the National Center)
2. 703-648-4848 (participants at USGS locations outside the National Center)
3. 855-547-8255 (toll-free number for participants at non-USGS locations)

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WebEx for August 19:

Topic: (20) ACWI Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Time: 8:45 am, Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)

Meeting number: 713 398 299

Meeting password: (This meeting does not require a password.)

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WebEx for August 20:

Topic: (20) ACWI Annual Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Time: 8:45 am, Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)

Meeting number: 718 737 247

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Directions to USGS National Center 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192

From Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

- Get on George Washington Memorial Parkway from Aviation Circle.
- Continue on George Washington Memorial Parkway. Take VA-267 W to Reston Parkway (Exit 12) in Reston.
- Turn left onto Reston Parkway.
- Turn right onto Sunrise Valley Drive.
- Turn left onto U.S. Geological Survey Drive.
- Proceed to the sign for visitor parking (on your left).
- The USGS auditorium is directly inside the visitor entrance.

From Dulles International Airport

- Take VA-267 E to Reston Parkway (VA-602) in Reston.
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Information about accommodations in the Reston, VA, area:

The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Herndon, Virginia (near Reston), has a block of rooms reserved for ACWI meeting attendees and is within walking distance of countless restaurants, shops, and a multiplex movie theatre.

Here is the link for reserving your hotel room:

<http://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=WASHV&PMID=99801505&GPC=ACW>

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Address: 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon, VA 20170
 Phone: 703-471-6700
 Room Rate: \$139.00

Concessions

- Complimentary Breakfast Buffet in our Houlihan's Restaurant
- Complimentary Wireless Internet in Guest Rooms
- Complimentary Shuttle Service to/from Dulles International Airport (IAD)
- Complimentary Shuttle Service to/from USGS Office in Reston **
- Complimentary Refrigerator and Microwave in Guest Rooms
- Complimentary Parking

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- Houlihan's Restaurant & Bar on-site
- Happy Hour Monday – Friday from 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 24-hour Fitness Center
- 24-hour Business Center
- Indoor Pool with Whirlpool
- 50% discount on daily passes to the Sport & Health Club across the street
- Enterprise Car Rental on-site
- Gift Shop
- ATM on-site

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