

FINAL AGENDA

Meeting of the Climate Change and Water Resources Workgroup of the

Advisory Committee on Water Information

February 19 - 20, 2014

Environmental Protection Agency

Conference Center -- Lobby Level

One Potomac Yard (South Building)

2777 S. Crystal Drive; Arlington, VA 22202

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OBJECTIVES OF MEETING

- Review key elements of the President's Climate Action Plan and the Executive Order on Climate Change Preparedness and their implementation related to water resources
- Develop options and recommendations for key actions needed to improve adaptation of water resources to a changing climate in response to Section 3 of the Executive Order
- Educate members about Workgroup mission and climate change interests and activities of member organizations and nonmembers
- Provide current information on Federal agency activities related to climate change and water and exchange practical information on key water and climate change adaptation challenges
- Engage members in the mission and activities of the Workgroup and establish relationships among members

Wednesday, February 19

8:30 REGISTRATION OPENS

9:00 WELCOME and OPENING REMARKS

Matt Larsen; Associate Director, Climate and Land Use Change, United States Geological Survey and past Co-Chair of the Federal Interagency Water Resources and Climate Change Workgroup

9:15 WORKGROUP INTRODUCTIONS

Each Workgroup member will be asked to give a 1 minute introduction that includes:

- Name
- Organization you represent
- Which Working Group Team you are on
- One of your organization's most significant climate change adaptation accomplishments or activities

10:30 BREAK

10:45 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: The President's *Climate Action Plan*: Implementation of Water Resources Elements

Susan Ruffo: Deputy Associate Director for Climate Change Adaptation; White House Council on Environmental Quality and Staff Lead; Council on Climate Change Preparedness and Resilience

11:30 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: WORKING DRAFT 2013 Highlights and 2014 Workplan for the Federal Agency Water Resources and Climate Change Workgroup

Chitra Kumar: Deputy Associate Director for Water; White House Council on Environmental Quality

11:45 ACWI CLIMATE WORKGROUP MANAGEMENT

ACWI Climate Workgroup Co-chairs Paul Freedman and Jeff Peterson lead a discussion of Workgroup goals, activities, and operations for 2014

- Reports from Subcommittees:
 - Key Information and Resources: Carol Collier
 - Webinars: Levi Brekke
- Discussion and Approval: Draft 2013 Workgroup Annual Report to full ACWI
- Discussion: Schedule for Development of Input in Response to Executive Order and 2014 Workplan for ACWI Climate Workgroup

12:30 NETWORKING LUNCH (Box Lunches for a nominal fee or Bring Your Own)

1:30

PANEL: SNAPSHOTS OF FEDERAL AGENCY ACTIONS FOR WATER RESOURCES ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE (5 minutes per agency)

Short presentations of key Agency accomplishments of 2013 and actions planned in 2014 by Federal agencies engaged in water resources and climate change adaptation programs and projects.

Speakers are asked to address ideas and options for key actions needed to improve adaptation of water resources to a changing climate in response to Section 3 of the Climate Change Adaptation Executive Order.

Panel I

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| • Geological Survey | Matt Larsen |
| • Bureau of Reclamation | Levi Brekke |
| • Fish and Wildlife Service | John Schmerfeld |
| • Army Corps of Engineers | Rolf Olsen |

Panel II

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| • Department of Agriculture | William Hohenstein |
| • Forest Service | Rich Pouyat |
| • Federal Emergency Management Agency | Mark Crowell |
| • Department of Energy | Craig Zamuda |

Panel III

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| • National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | Nancy Beller-Simms |
| • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Joan Brunkard |
| • Environmental Protection Agency | Mike Shapiro |

3:00

BREAK

3:15

GROUP BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Break-out sessions of subgroups based on major elements of *National Action Plan*; Federal and non-Federal leads for each break-out session

1. Improve Water and Climate Change Information for Decision-making
2. Strengthen Assessments of Water Resources Vulnerability to Climate Change
3. Expand Water Use Efficiency
4. Support Integrated Water Resources Management
5. Support Training and Outreach to Build Response Capability

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GROUP RECEPTION: *at the Socci Bar in the Renaissance Hotel across the street*

7:00

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Thursday, February 20

8:30 COFFEE AND DISCUSSION

9:00 PANEL DISCUSSION: A NON-PROFIT AND BUSINESS PRESPECTIVE ON WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE TO COMPLEMENT FEDERAL AND STATE EFFORTS

Representatives of business and non-profit groups will be asked to comment on their issues and activities related to water resources adaptation to climate change as well as key actions needed to improve national preparedness and adaptation in the context of the five recommendation topics in the *National Action Plan*.

Moderator: Paul Freedman; Water Resources and Climate Change Adaptation Workgroup Co-chair, representative of the Water Environment Federation, and President and CEO, LimnoTech

- Ed Pinero; Senior Vice President for Sustainability, Veolia North America, Veolia Water
- David Hunter; Senior Representative, Environment, Government, and International Affairs, Electric Power Research Institute,
- Stephen Harper; Global Director, Environment and Energy Policy, Intel
- Sarah Freeman; Lead Water Resources Specialist, Freshwater Program, World Wildlife Fund

10:30 BREAK

10:45 BREAK OUT GROUPS MEET TO REFINE AND REVISE OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A key goal of each break out group is to identify options and recommendations to improve adaptation to climate change in the topic area addressed by the group and then to identify one or two of the most critical actions.

12:00 WORKING LUNCH FOR BREAK OUT GROUPS (Box Lunches for a nominal fee)

1:30 REPORT FROM BREAKOUT SESSIONS (15-20 min report out from each break-out session)

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A key purpose of this discussion is to identify a coordinated package of up to 10 key actions and recommendations to improve water resources adaptation to climate change to provide to the interagency team working to implement Section 3 of the Executive Order on Climate Change Preparedness and Resilience. These could emerge as individual priorities from each group or through the identification of cross-cutting themes or common elements.

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WORKGROUP NEXT STEPS

Workgroup Co-Chairs Paul Freedman and Jeff Peterson review action items from meeting and next steps; final action on 2014 Workplan for the Workgroup

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