DRAFT AGENDA
Water Resources Adaptation to Climate Change Workgroup of the
Advisory Committee on Water Information
March 9, 2017: 1:00 – 2:30 eastern

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Attendees:
Paul Freedman, non-Fed Co-chair, WEF
Janet Cushing, USGS
Jason Morrison, Pacific Institute
Laura Weintraub, LimnoTech
Marla Stelk, ASWM
Mike Block, NGWA
Paul Gruber, NGWA
Deirdre Mason, ASDWA
Nancy Turyk, NALMS
Lisa Engelman, AWRA
Karen Metchis, EPA
Carol Colllier, AWRA
Chris Carlson, USFS
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Tony Willardson, WSWC
John McShane, ASFPM
Eloise Kendy, TNC
Rob Moore, NRDC
Rachel Pence, WUCA
Wendy Norton, USGS-ACWI

I) Introductions and Agenda Review

II) Approval of Notes from Previous Meeting (see draft notes at
http://acwi.gov/climate_wkg/index.html)

III) Presentation: Corporate Strategies for Engagement in Water Sustainability:
Jason Morrison, President Pacific Institute; Director United Nations CEO Water Mandate.
www.ceowatermandate.org

Q: How did these initiatives start? Were they initiated by companies, government, NGOs?
A: In the U.S., the California Water Action Collaborative (CWAC) is the first time that multiple companies and multiple NGOs came together to get their efforts more organized; it brought together multiple bilateral partnerships to form a consortium that would “incubate” these efforts. In other cases in other countries this type of effort generally begins through top-down national dialogue. Every case is different.

Q: Are there instances where this has been initiated by citizens who have identified a problem with water quality or quantity but aren’t able to effect change through political means?
A: Yes, sometimes. But these more strategic collective actions are beyond philanthropy; in those cases they see a real material risk around water. Sometimes a community is an instigator or partner, but usually the effort is driven by a local government or NGO.
Q: What do you think the momentum is on this, relative to engaging more companies? How will we get broader participation? State by state? Or will it come through the companies in stipulating supply chain requirements?
A: The supply chain pressure is a big piece of this, and raising awareness around that is important.

IV) Presentation: Corporate Water Stewardship: Quantified, examples in practice:
Laura Weintraub, Senior Engineers LimnoTech www.limno.com
Presentation slides are available here: https://acwi.gov/climate_wkg/minutes/
Q: You talked about the tool you developed for EPRI; the electric power industry comprises a large percentage of the Nation’s water use. To what extent do you think the industry is embracing these ideas?
A: There is definitely interest. They have a good handle on how they use water, and they’re feeling the pressure as stakeholders ask questions. They are reporting their water use more publically, and they’re using alternative sources. They’re becoming more active in their communities and basins. They’re behind the food and beverage industry, but they are moving ahead in their efforts to achieve better water management.

V) Status of Workgroup Report January Meeting (see final report)
• Acceptance of report by full ACWI on February 23 – a caveat statement saying that this is the workgroup’s meeting product (and not an official policy position by ACWI) was added to the report and the report title was slightly changed; we opted for this strategy to expedite release of the report
• Posted on WRACC website: https://acwi.gov/climate_wkg/wraccu_meeting_report_final_03_01_17.pdf
• The report could be vetted through the full ACWI as an official ACWI policy position, if the workgroup feels that an official ACWI endorsement is important; however, that process can be long and involved.
• Action: Wendy will put a link to the report on the homepage so it’s easier to find.

VI) Round Robin Reports from Workgroup Members (a brief highlight of your organization’s activities related to climate change and water)
• Ecodrought Newsletters: https://nccwsc.usgs.gov/science/ecological-drought (will all culminate in a national workshop later this summer)
• TNC – launched a new website nrcsolutions.org to help communities learn more about flood management and identify which nature-based solutions might work for them.
• TNC – published info on infrastructure-based solutions (we will perhaps have a presentation featuring this later in the year).

VII) Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time