



**HYDROLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MINUTES  
January 25, 2001**

The meeting was held at the National Weather Service Headquarters (NWSH), Room 8246, Silver Spring, MD, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Thursday, January 25, 2001

The following members and guests attended the meeting

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| 1. Review Agenda               | Austin |
| 2. Introductions               | All    |
| 3. Presentation of new members | Austin |

4. Approval of October Minutes	Austin
5. Review activities and accomplishments of Working Groups	
Modeling planning team report	Frevert/Spath/Tseng
Flood frequency planning team report	Becker/Woodward
Status of streamgaging task force	
6. New Directions for the SOH	Austin
7. Electronic clearinghouse fashion using the water.gov domain	
8. Announcements and comments from guests	All
9. Summary of meeting and action items Grimm	Grimm
10. Schedule for the next meeting	Austin

1. Review of the Agenda and time schedule

The agenda shown above was approved.

2. Introduction of members and guests

People introduced themselves and announced whom they represented.

3. New Members were introduced including Steve Nelson (NSF) and Tom Zembrzuski (USGS)

Glenn noted that EPA and Forest Service representation is still needed.

4. Approval of minutes of October meeting

The Subcommittee approved the October 2000 minutes.

5. Review Activities and Accomplishments of Working Groups

Report of the Modeling Work Group

Don Frevert and Ming Tseng reported on the hydrologic modeling work group. The modeling workshop held on November 8 and 9, 2000 was a success. The workshop was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Tucson, AZ. The purpose of the workshop was to scope out issues for the 2002 Conference. Arlen Feldman is taking over as chair of the task group for the 2002 conference. A summary of the workshop will be sent to the subcommittee [ACTION] Any suggestions for the conference should be emailed to Don.

Report of Hydrologic Frequency Analysis Work Group

Martin Becker reported on the activities of the frequency analysis work group. Members have been communicating by email to work on the three major tasks of the work group.

The work group continues to discuss the guidance for estimating discharges in ungaged areas. Will Thomas, Mike Grimm, and Rick McCuen have completed a new draft position paper for the purpose of focusing the issue. The final draft was distributed to the workgroup on 1-22-01 for review and comment. After comments are received and revisions are made, the position paper will be forwarded to the subcommittee [ACTION].

Martin also discussed the future of the workgroup specifically with regard to if the group will address funditional issues for which the public can attach a benefit.

The workgroup will formally elect a new chair at the next meeting in May [ACTION].

The Bulletin 17B frequently asked questions (FAQs) has not had any progress.

#### 6. New Directions for the SOH

Glenn proposed to the group that a discussion of the current role and possible new directions of the SOH be held. We went around the room for ideas. Ideas were as follows;

1. -for inter-agency coordination
2. -for oversight of subgroups and identification of issues
3. -look out for large issues that need support, i.e., Interstate Council on Water Policy
4. -get broader participation from those affected early on
5. -must establish completion of projections by subgroups
6. -suggested to look at recent ASFPM report on floodplain management in U.S. for new ideas for SOH
7. -share websites
8. -come up with examples of interagency effectiveness to share with respective upper management

#### 7. Electronic Clearinghouse water.gov domain

Glenn continued the discussion from the last meeting of having an electronic clearinghouse of water information at [www.water.gov](http://www.water.gov) domain

It was agreed that a subgroup be formed [ACTION]. Send email to Tom Dietrich to identify agency representatives. Everyone was also requested to provide example websites of what their respective agency is involved in with respect to hydrology and water resources.

## 8. Announcements

Tom Z (USGS) -A USGS Fact Sheet relating to the National Streamflow Information Program is being distributed to a wide circle of constituents. The USGS will be asking for comments. The USGS is looking for agency representatives on the stream gaging task group and names can be provided to Tom Z. USGS is planning four workshops on the stream-gaging program with the first scheduled for Feb. 14-15, 2001 in Washington DC.

Bill Merkel (NRCS) - **[ACTION]** Recommended the chair invite an expert to discuss Global Climate, Water and Atmospheric Change activities at a future meeting.

Will Thomas announced the following meetings

- ACWI meeting is May 16-17, 2001.
- ASFPM annual meeting in Charlotte, NC on June 3-8, 2001

Doug James announced

- National Water Quality Monitoring Council National meeting in Austin, TX is scheduled for April 25-27

Glenn Austin (NWS) - A master list of DCPs for the USGS listing where the NWS requests 1 hour readings is about halfway completed.

## 9. Summary of meeting and action items was completed

10. The next SOH meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3rd, 2001, 10:00 - 12:30 p.m in Silver Spring, MD in room 14316 at the National Weather Service Headquarters (NWSH), Silver Spring, MD, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD

The Hydrologic Frequency Analysis Workgroup will meet the day prior on Wednesday, May 2, 2001 from 12:30pm until ? The meeting will be held in Washington, DC at 401 Ninth St, NW - suite 1000. This is located about two blocks from the Gallery Place/Chinatown metro station (red line).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

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