

Outline for ACWI Constrained/Shrinking Budget Deliberation

January 3 Revised Draft –meetings will generally be scheduled for 90 minutes beginning at 1pm Eastern Time
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Meeting & Call-in Details will be included in the Agenda for each Meeting

Organization & Planning	Dec3
USGS Streamgauge/ Surface Water Networks	Dec10
Strategic Streamgages	
National purpose gages	
State, tribal & local cost-share gages	
DCPs, telemetry & Internet	
Quality assurance	
Standards & procedures	
Training (for USGS & others)	
Strategic Directions for USGS Water Science, 2012-2022 (Evenson)	Jan14
Summary of the priorities that USGS has identified for monitoring and related science	
Federal Appropriations & FTEs (Bales)	Jan14
5yr perspective on investment in these USGS programs relative to overall federal budget for USGS, DOI, & Congressional allocation for DOI, EPA & USFS	
USGS Groundwater Networks (Cunningham)	Jan28
Monitoring Networks	
Existing network	
Proposed network	
Network support infrastructure	
Quality assurance	
Standards & procedures	
Training (for USGS & others)	
USGS Water Quality Networks (Myers)	Feb11
Monitoring networks	
Existing network	
Proposed network	
Network support infrastructure	
Quality assurance	
Standards & procedures	
Training (for USGS & others)	
Data Management (Moore, 40 minutes)	Feb25
IT Infrastructure, including security and maintenance	
NWIS and NWIS Web	
Modern Delivery Services (web services, WaterAlert, etc.)	

Water Census (Evenson, 20 minutes)	Feb25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed budgets • Ecological use estimation • Human use estimates 	
Related Science (Hamilton, moderator)	Mar11
Major Aquifer Studies (Dennehey, 15 minutes)	
NAWQA (Wilber, 15 minutes)	
CWP Interpretive Studies (Hamilton, 30 minutes)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Regional streamflow characterization (floods, low flows, streamflow estimation, etc.) (Mason) • National program spinoff studies (Hamilton) • Local studies leading to national programs or priorities (Hamilton) 	
Research and Methods Development (Bales, moderator)	Mar25
Data Collection	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW (Mason, 10 minutes) • GW (Cunningham, 10 minutes) • WQ (Myers, 10 minutes) • Models, methods, and understanding (Bales, 30 minutes) 	
Review, revise plans	Mar25
Needs Served by USGS Monitoring & Related Science	Apr8
Summary of DOI and OFA needs & tolerance for uncertainty	
Summary of state, tribal, local & interstate needs & tolerance for uncertainty	
Summary of private sector needs & tolerance for uncertainty	
Summary of NGO & other needs & tolerance for uncertainty	
Characterization of Needs Served by USGS Monitoring & Related Science	Apr22
Consideration of potential recommendations	Apr22
Identify, Evaluate & Prioritize Options	
Consider need for documentation	
Consideration of potential recommendations	May6
Identify, Evaluate & Prioritize Options	
Develop advice & recommendations: so USGS can “continue to provide high quality monitoring and related science within the framework of constrained financial resources”	
Selection & prioritization of potential recommendations	May27
Provide Assistant Secretary the opportunity to review & comment on the draft	
Consider comments on proposed recommendations	Jun10
Agree on recommendations	Jun24