



Outline for ACWI “Shrinking Budget” Presentations & Deliberation

Feb21 Revised Draft –meetings will generally be scheduled for 90 minutes beginning at 1pm Eastern Time
Contact Wendy Norton (703-648-6810, wenorton@usgs.gov) if you want to be added to the ACWI Distribution List
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)	
Review & Update Workgroup Deliberation/Drafting Plans (Evans)	Feb11
USGS Water Quality Networks (Myers, 40 minutes)	Feb25
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)	Mar11
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, update plans for developing “advice and recommendations”	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