



**Advisory Committee on Water Information
Workgroup Concerning the “Shrinking Budget” Predicament
*Agenda***

March 25, 2013: 1:00 – 2:45pm EDT

Call in Numbers:

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| I) Introductions and Agenda Review | 1:00pm |
| II) USGS Research and Methods Development | 1:05pm |
| a. Overview –Jerad Bales, USGS Acting Associate Director for Water | |
| • Surface Water –Robert Mason, USGS Office of Surface Water | |
| • Groundwater –Bill Cunningham, USGS Office of Groundwater | |
| • Water-Quality –Donna Myers, USGS Office of Water-Quality | |
| • Models, Methods & Understanding –Jerad Bales | |
| b. Q&A | 1:45pm |
| III) Review & update Workgroup plans for developing advice & recommendations | 2:00pm |
| a. Options for identifying stakeholder priorities –can we develop a useful assessment? | |
| b. Innovative techniques –how can we develop recommendations? | |
| c. Innovative/alternative funding options –how can we develop recommendations? | |
| d. “List of Ideas” –how should we add to the List? screen the most beneficial Ideas?
characterize & consider the best Ideas? present advice & recommendations?
develop an “independent report?” | |
| e. Summarize next steps & update out meetings plan/schedule | |
| IV) Adjourn | approximately 2:30pm |

**OBJECTIVE: preparing advice & recommendations to help Assure Strong Water Monitoring Networks & Related Science
THE NEXT MEETING IS PLANNED FOR MONDAY, April 8, FOR 90 MINUTES BEGINNING AT 1PM EDT**