



Development of Recommendations to Assure Strong Water Data & Science in a Constrained/Shrinking Budget

Agenda

April 8, 2013: 1:00 – 2:30pm EDT

Call in Numbers:

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| I) | Introductions and Agenda Review | 1:00pm |
| II) | Revision/Acceptance of Notes from March 25 Meeting | 1:05pm |
| III) | Review of the November 6 Letter from Assistant Secretary Castle | 1:10pm |
| | a. Overview –Peter Evans | |
| | i. Scope of the Assistant Secretary’s request, specific considerations identified | |
| | • Funding sources? | |
| | • Collaboration, leveraging or delegation? | |
| | • New and emerging technologies? | |
| | • Priorities for monitoring locations, data parameters and interpretive studies? | |
| | • Use of geospatial data and statistical methods? | |
| | • Reduce cost of monitoring? | |
| | • Collect, manage and deliver data and apps for public use? | |
| | • ACWI Coop Program Task Force recommendations? | |
| | • Any other reasonable options? | |
| IV) | Options for Organizing & Developing the Workgroup Report | 1:40pm |
| | a. Overview –Peter Evans | |
| | i. <u>Option A</u> could be to structure the report around the specific considerations identified in the November 6 letter; | |
| | ii. <u>Option B</u> could be to structure the report around the “List of Ideas” we have developed, which track our Workgroup meeting topics | |
| | iii. Other options are invited from Workgroup participants | |
| | b. Clarification of the “federal responsibility” and “national benefit” that warrant federal investment | |
| | c. Characterization of various users application of USGS data & interpretive science in terms of “federal responsibility,” “national benefit,” <i>etc.</i> | |
| | d. Characterization of the “design strategy” for each of the three monitoring networks | |
| | e. Value of gathering stakeholder priorities for increased and decreased funding, given limited time and resources | |
| | f. Other suggestions for prioritizing the reduced FY-2015 funding that Interior anticipates? | |
| V) | Plans for Next Meetings(Apr22, May6, May28, Jun10 & Jun24) | 2:50pm |
| VI) | Adjourn | approximately 3:00pm |

THE NEXT MEETING IS PLANNED FOR MONDAY, April 22, FOR 90 MINUTES BEGINNING AT 1PM EDT