

**ACWI Workgroup on USGS Monitoring Challenges in a Shrinking Budget Environment
Teleconference
24 June 2013**

Attendees:

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| Peter Evans, ICWP | Ben Pratt, SRBC | Tony Willardson, WSWC |
| Wendy Norton, USGS | John Wells, ACWI-SWRR | Judy Campbell Bird, ACWI-NLC |
| Jerad Bales, USGS | Robert Goldstein, EPRI | Dwayne Young, EPA |
| Pixie Hamilton, USGS | Mary Musick, GWPC | Darrell Osterhoudt, USGS |
| Eric Evenson, USGS | Robert Mace, WSWC | Marie Garsjo, ACWI-SOS |
| Mike Yurewicz, USGS | Chris Reimer, NGWA | Bob Schreiber, ASCE |
| Dave Carlton, ASFPM | Brandon Kernen, ASDWA | |

Action Items:

- Get Eric Evenson's water cycle graphic, for use in the report.
- Wendy will give Peter a list of major participants and their affiliations, for inclusion in the final report.

Introductions and Agenda Review

- Peter Evans reviewed the agenda to start the meeting.
- The meeting began with review of the recent revisions to the draft report.

Review of Draft Outline for Workgroup Report & Ideas Provided from the Workgroup

- Task description
- Basis in Federal responsibilities and national benefits
- Recommendations for FY 2015 – which recommendations should the workgroup redirect, eliminate, combine, or leave in the "parking lot" for later consideration; which recommendations require additional information from USGS?
- Recommendations for later implementation (3-5 years or longer term) – which recommendations should the workgroup redirect, eliminate, combine, or leave in the "parking lot" for later consideration; which recommendations require additional information from USGS?
- Who will be the main users of this report? Probably USGS, and maybe a few people in the Water & Science portion of DOI.
- There was an extensive discussion of the definition of "science" that's in the report; not everyone feels that data collection/management should be included in "science." The definitions were accordingly rewritten for the sake of clarifying the guiding principles and recommendations.
- Can we illustrate the water cycle (perhaps in an attachment at the end)? This would help clarify our use of the term "watersheds" to ensure that we're not excluding groundwater.

- We will not include the longer-term recommendations in the initial draft submitted to Anne Castle, but will table those items for later discussion with the full ACWI.
- Peter outlined comments provided by Jerad and USGS staff; we will talk about those recommendations in depth at the next meeting (July 8).

Plans for Next Meetings

- ACWI reconfiguration and appointments
- Plan for providing draft recommendations to the Assistant Secretary's office? (Peter will transmit the draft report and let Anne Castle ask for a meeting if she wants one. Will also schedule some time with Bill Werkheiser and Jerad Bales.)
- Information needed from USGS?
- Drafting team?
- Next meetings schedule (July 8 & 22, Aug 12 & 26, Sept 9 & 23?).

Adjourn

Next meeting July 8 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time