

## **NWQMC Steering Committee Minutes for March 3, 2017**

**Meeting Attendees:** Candice Hopkins, Wendy Norton, Mike McHale, Alice Mayo, Gary Rowe, Susan Holdsworth, Dan Sullivan, Jeff Schloss, Julie Vastine

### **1. Membership Updates (Gary and Susan)**

- No progress has been made in filling vacancies since February
- Gary is working on finding a Gulf of Mexico replacement and is in contact with ASCE about potentially filling the vacant agency slot
- Susan is working on finding replacements for Region 7 and Region 9 positions

### **2. 2018 National Monitoring Conference Update (Jeff, Alice)**

- It's looking like Kansas City will be the venue for the conference, but Jeff is still working on contracting. We should know if this is our venue after Jeff visits March 25-26.
- The idea of merging the 2018 NMC with the USGS WQ Conference and EPA NARS conference was discussed. Combining conferences may provide a way to keep attendance high amidst anticipated budget cuts. Jeff needs to know what each agency would require early in the planning process to secure space.
- ACTION: Gary is going to follow-up with USGS Headquarters about Conference approval and attendance

### **4. NNRW (Mike)**

- Mike has been working with the team in Fort Collins to make further progress
- Mike has sent out a Doodle poll and is trying to schedule a meeting for the work group

### **5. Sensors WG (Dan)**

- The sensor poll that was distributed already has 40 responses
- The Invasive Species Group had a call and discussed ideas for finding existing decontamination protocols

### **6. Volunteer Monitoring (Julie)**

- Barb Horn is finishing a Volunteer Monitoring Database
- The group is looking for success stories or templates for moving volunteer monitoring data into the Water Quality Portal
- The VM group is lining up three webinars for the next several months

### **7. Collaboration and Outreach (Candice)**

- The Training and Certification group is working on a questionnaire for the NWQMC that will be presented at the April 10 meeting
- Two posters are in draft form and should be finalized soon and made available to the entire Council