

Subcommittee on Ground Water

Draft Minutes
Monday, April 16, 2018
Conference Call
USGS Headquarters

Attachment 1 – Draft Agenda for Monday, April 16, 2018

Attachment 2 – Draft SOGW Minutes –March 19, 2018

Attachment 3 – Revisions to 2019 Program Announcement

Time	Topic	Discussion Leader
Noon	<p>Welcome and Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Cunningham, federal co-chair, USGS representative* • Bob Schreiber, non-federal co-chair, ASCE representative* • Lauren Schapker, executive secretary, NGWA • Brandon Kernen, ASDWA representative, Darrel Osterhoudt, alternate* • Cary Betz, State Representative* • Chris Carlson, Forest Service* • Dave Langseth, NGWA representative* • Kara Goodwin, EPA representative* • Mary Musick, GWPC representative* • Dave Wunsch, AASG representative* • Jeffrey Davis, • Janice Hiller, In-Situ • John Yellich, Michigan Geological Survey • Jessica Lucido, USGS • Treasure Bailey, EPA Region 8 • Tim Parker, Parker Groundwater • Daryll Pope, USGS • Mike Wireman, Granite Ridge Groundwater • Dave Larson, Retired • Joe Fillingham, Wellntel • Marian Singer, Wellntel • Kathleen Fultz, Water Quality Association • Chuck Job, NGWA • Rick Copeland, FL DEP • Doug Yeskis, USGS • Johanna Kovarik, Forest Service • Candice Hopkins, USGS • Lori Huntoon, ASTM • Tom Nicholson, NRC • Joe Gurrieri, USFS • Mark Everett, LANL • Adrienne Bartlewitz, USGS • Lily Lee, WY DEQ • Sandy Eberts, USGS • Chuck Schalk, USGS Hydrologic Networks Branch 	Bob

* Voting organization representative/alternate per Terms of Reference

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John LaFave, MT Bureau of Mines and Geology <p>*The names in bold represent attendees on the call.</p>	
12:05	<p>Call Purpose</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status Report: Cooperative Agreements 2. Status Report: NGWMN Portal 3. New Directions 4. Updating ACWI SOGW webpages 5. Outreach Report 	Bob
	Business Portion	
12:07 P	<p>Approval of agenda – additions/deletions (Attachment 1) Opportunity to add to the agenda</p> <p>The agenda was approved without revision.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Approve agenda</p>	Bob
12:09 P	<p>Approval of previous minutes (Attachment 2)</p> <p>The minutes were approved as drafted.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Approve minutes</p>	Bob
	SOGW Work Items	
12:10 P	<p>Status Report: Cooperative Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Data Providers- Planning status calls • New Awards/Data Providers <p>Daryll reported USGS is still waiting on final approval for the latest round of awards. He hopes to know more by the May conference call with an aim to announce awards by June 1.</p> <p>Daryll also reported he is working on planning for next year by touching base with existing data providers whose projects may be coming to an end soon. Daryll and Candice will talk with each data providers to make sure they are aware of reports and procedure for wrapping up the project.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	Daryll
12:15 P	<p>Status Report: NGWMN Portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of ongoing work • Upcoming work <p>Candice provided the group with updates on the portal. She noted WY DEQ is set up as data provider and are getting some pilot sites set-up. Web services are up next. AZ DWR got web services up and running, but so far are only pulling data from 5 sites.</p> <p>Candice’s team is also doing work in the background to correct some pre-fetch errors. There is now a method of allowing the cache to fail to alert her team to issues that they might otherwise have been unaware of.</p> <p>A range of units are being used on the portal, so she is reaching out to data providers to clarify.</p> <p>She reported that she and Daryll are making a list of items to be submitted</p>	Candice

	<p>as work requests to be completed in quarter four. Please let her or Daryll know of any suggestions.</p> <p>Bob asked about the extent of pre-fetch errors to determine if its specific to the NGWMN. Candice confirmed it does seem to be confined, as data from STORET is not having the same issues.</p> <p>Bob asked how much effort should be put into recruiting work requests in the final two weeks and Candice provided additional history and background, noting prioritization of work requests is out of their hands. Daryll followed up by saying there are plenty of items already on the list and their priority will be making sure enough web developing time is allocated.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	
12:25	<p>Program Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New members needed for 2019 • Meeting to discuss 2019 Program Announcement • Overview of Program Announcement Changes page and comments <p>Bob announces that Mike Wireman is stepping down from SOGW activities.</p> <p>Daryll discussed other changes to the Program Board, including Alex Butler, data provider from Eastern region, who will no longer be participating. Daryll asked the group for suggestions from Eastern region.</p> <p>An SOGW rep for the Program Board is also needed to take Mike's spot. If interested in serving, email Bob/Bill/Lauren. Daryll reviewed the time commitment for serving on the Program Board.</p> <p>Daryll circulated a list of changes to 2019 Program Announcement. Daryll noted there will be a call to address the changes. He gave an overview of a new section required that asks how the program announcement addresses Secretary Zinke's priorities. The program announcement also clarifies eligibility information. New data providers will not be allowed to apply for well maintenance or well drilling in the first year—the data providers must get program up and running first. This year, will also ask for supporting letters for proposals.</p> <p>Daryll is also working with Program Board on modifications to scoring proposals.</p>	Daryll
12:35P	<p>New Directions: Discussion Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from existing task groups • Soliciting volunteers for upcoming topics <p>Bob noted that limited action has taken place here, so he suggested postponing updates until the June call once groups have had a chance to conduct follow-up.</p>	Bob

	<p>Status of any workgroups to explore topics to date (Well Logs/Well Completion Reports (Data Preservations); Citizen Science GWLevels; GW/SW Exchange)</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange; Discussion</p>	
12:45P	<p>Updating ACWI SOGW webpages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers needed <p>Chuck Schalk will report back to the group on what webpages need to be updated on of the SOGW website and asked for few additional volunteers to assist.</p> <p>Adrienne Bartlewitz introduced herself as the new Executive Secretary of ACWI and noted that the ACWI charter is currently under review for renewal in July. She suggested that, given the short timeline, the websites are updated ASAP.</p> <p>Mary referenced the effort at the 2016 ACWI SOGW Las Vegas meeting about what needs to be changed, which could be helpful in identifying website updates needed.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange; Volunteers solicited</p>	Bob
12:50 P	<p>Outreach Report</p> <p>Previous Outreach: Upcoming Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGWA Groundwater Summit (Dec 3-4, 2018 in Las Vegas). Call for Papers – April 20 Bill will submit something on the NGWMN for the Groundwater Summit with the abstract deadline approaching.. Annual Public Meeting of the Interagency Collaborative for Environmental Modeling and Monitoring (ICEMM) on April 24 – 25, 2018 AASG Annual Meeting (June 3-7, 2018 in Rehoboth Beach, DE) Dave W provided highlights of the conference, noting Daryll will be speaking. AWRA conference “The Science, Management and Governance of Transboundary Groundwater” July 9-11, 2018 Fort Worth. GWPC Annual Forum will take place in September in New Orleans; Mary provided some highlights including a plan to do a similar Q&A session like last year. The UIC conference will be in Fort Worth in 2019. <p>Other events?</p>	Various
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1:00 P	Next Meeting—Monday, May 21, 2018	Bob