

Subcommittee on Ground Water

Monday, May 21, 2018

Noon Eastern, 11 Central, 10 Mountain and 9 am Pacific

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Attachment 1 – Draft Agenda for Monday, May 21, 2018

Attachment 2 – Draft SOGW Minutes –April 16, 2018

Attachment 3 – 2018 Workgroups and Task volunteers

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, LBG Guyton • Janice Hiller, In-Situ • Treasure Bailey, EPA Region 8 • Tim Parker, Parker Groundwater • Daryll Pope, USGS • Dave Larson, Retired (IL GS) • Joe Fillingham, Wellntel • Marian Singer, Wellntel • Kathleen Fultz, Water Quality Association • Chuck Job, NGWA • Rick Copeland, FL DEP • Mike Woodside, USGS • Johanna Kovarik, Forest Service • Candice Hopkins, USGS • Lori Huntoon, ASTM • Tom Nicholson, NRC • Joe Gurrieri, USFS • Mark Everett, LANL • Adrienne Bartlewitz, USGS • Lily Barkau, WY DEQ • Chuck Schalk, USGS • Sandy Eberts, USGS <p>*Those names in bold represent attendees on the call</p>	Bob

* Voting organization representative/alternate per Terms of Reference

12:05	<p>Call Purpose</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status Report: Cooperative Agreements and Program Board 2. Status Report: NGWMN Portal – Call for Action 3. Updating ACWI SOGW webpages 4. Review of New Directions/Workgroups 5. Outreach Report 	Bob
Business Portion		
12:07 P	<p>Approval of agenda – additions/deletions (Attachment 1) The agenda was approved without revision.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Approve agenda</p>	Bob
12:09 P	<p>Approval of previous minutes (Attachment 2) The minutes were approved without revision.</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 • Schedule for New Awards/Data Providers <p>Daryll reported that the funding allocation for FY2018 awards has not yet been received, so they are still unable to make the awards. They are still aiming for a July 1 start date for new projects.</p> <p>Daryll has also been gathering progress reports from the first year of projects.</p> <p>The FY19 program announcement is currently under review.</p> <p>The Program Board is still seeking volunteers to serve next year. They are looking for a new representative from the eastern region, as well as a representative of the SOGW on the Program Board. If interested, please contact Bob, Bill, and Lauren.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	Daryll
12:25 P	<p>NGWMN Portal: SOGW Role and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A “5-year plan” for the NGWMN Data Portal • Status of ongoing work • FY18Q4 work <p>Bill provided introductory remarks on subcommittees role for the 5-year plan on the portal, noting the importance of the SOGW role in guiding the direction of the portal. As USGS is doing 5-year work plans, Candice and Daryll would like input from the SOGW as it develops a plan for the portal.</p> <p>The plan would be a strategic revision of the data portal plan that integrates with other systems in USGS. Once in place, the plan will help guide the amount of effort and direction for developers.</p>	Bill Daryll/Candice Candice

	<p>In terms of the overall charter for the ACWI, Adrienne noted the charter is still under review for renewal, but would like to have this process completed by July. They are also looking at ACWI membership and Tim Petty (DOI Asst Secretary for Water and Science, and ACWI Chair) has some ideas on revisions to membership. At this point, no discussions underway for timing on next ACWI annual meeting.</p> <p>Adrienne asked to contact her with any questions or comments on ACWI membership. Bob notified Adrienne that membership suggestions had previously been provided to Wendy Norton. Adrienne ask that they be re-sent to her.</p> <p>Candice highlighted the vision for the portal, now that pilot phase is finished. They would like the portal to align with other USGS products in look and feel, so that its more easily found by users. Water Quality Portal Strategic Plan could be a helpful model for the NGWMN. The plan will also identify near-term and long-term priorities, as well as identify how it aligns with ACWI activities.</p> <p>Daryll highlighted that the plan goes beyond just developer activities and could also highlight “how to serve spring data” etc. If interested in volunteering, it will require one to two conference calls a week to help develop.</p> <p>Bob asked if the budget is a concern with the development of the five-year plan. Candice said that highlighting directions and path, rather than specific items will be helpful and less tied to specific budget items.</p> <p>Bob asked about what other programs are taking place relating to serving water information and how they might interact together. Candice suggested there are several ongoing activities, so she suggested have someone present to the SOGW at a later date.</p> <p>Mary asked about ownership and interoperability, since a lot of the data is owned by states, rather than USGS. Candice explained that portals contact caches of data. Bill noted data providers own the data shared by the portal, and they need to have input in, and be fully informed about, how their data might be shared.</p> <p>David Wunsch suggested the Program Board could be a good venue for discussion on the five-year plan.</p> <p>Daryll wants to be sure outreach and publicity are a part of the five-year plan topics.</p> <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers for Portal Workgroup: Portal Strategic Planning Document • Information Exchange – FY18 plans 	
12:35P	<p>ACWI SOGW webpages</p> <p>Bob thanked Chuck Schalk with his comments, and Chuck said there is quite a bit of information that requires updating.</p>	Bob

	<p>Bob, Bill, Lauren, Chuck and Daryll will work with Adrienne to get the SOGW page current.</p> <p>Status Update</p>	
12:40P	<p>New Directions: Status of Workgroups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of new workgroup participation • Recruitment of new • Plans for June progress reports <p>Bill reviewed the status of the SOGW “new directions” work groups.</p> <p>Bob reinforced that the status of the workgroups will be discussed in more detail in the June meeting, so more volunteers are needed to take place in more frequent conference calls so that progress can be made on products.</p> <p>Dave Wunsch volunteered for water quality/usage group.</p> <p>Cary Betz volunteered for gw/sw interaction group.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange; Recruitment charge to SOGW</p>	Bill/Bob
12:50 P	Outreach Report	Various
	<p>Upcoming Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AASG Annual Meeting (June 3-7, 2018 in Rehoboth Beach, DE) Dave noted that Daryll will give a presentation on the NGWMN, Tim Petty and the new USGS director will also be attending. • AWRA conference “The Science, Management and Governance of Transboundary Groundwater” July 9-11, 2018 Fort Worth. Bill will be presenting on the NGWMN from the perspective of transboundary groundwater. • GWPC Annual Meeting (Sept 10-13, 2018 in New Orleans). Abstract deadline: Mary provided highlights and noted the call for papers ends on Friday May 25. Highlights include: a focus on big data for one of the sessions, as well as emerging contaminants, class V wells, CWA/surface water discharges. Candice will be presenting on the NGWMN. <p>Other events?</p>	<p>David W.</p> <p>Bill</p> <p>Mary</p>
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1:00 P	Next Meeting—Monday, June 18, 2018	Bob