

Subcommittee on Ground Water

Monday, November 19, 2018 12:00pm ET

Meeting Minutes

Conference Call

USGS Headquarters, Reston VA

Attachment 1 – Draft Agenda for Monday, November 19, 2018

Attachment 2 – Draft SOGW Minutes –October 15, 2018

Attachment 3 – Revised Draft Portal Strategic Plan

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, Barr • Janice Hiller, In-Situ • Treasure Bailey, EPA Region 8 • Tim Parker, Parker Groundwater • Daryll Pope, USGS • Dave Larson, Retired, IL St. Geo Survey • Joe Fillingham, WellIntel • Marian Singer, WellIntel • 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 • Adrienne Bartlewitz, USGS • Lily Barkau, WY DEQ • Luke Buckley, MT Bureau of Mines and Geology • Chuck Schalk, USGS • Chad Wagner, USGS • Joe Williams, US EPA ORD • Dan Sullivan, USGS • John LaFave, MT Bureau of Mines and Geology 	Bob

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	*Names in bold represent attendees on the call.	
12:05	<p>Call Purpose</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status Report: Cooperative Agreements 2. Status Report: NGWMN Portal 3. Status Report: NGWMN Portal Strategic Plan 4. Joint SOGW/NGWMN Data Providers Meeting 5. ACWI SOGW Website Task Group 6. Outreach Report 	Bob
Business Portion		
12:07 P	<p>Approval of agenda – additions/deletions (Attachment 1) Opportunity to add to the agenda</p> <p>Bob noted Lori Huntoon is interested in participating in some of the new directions work groups.</p> <p>Dan Sullivan introduced himself and his background working with Upper Midwest Water Science Center. He’s the water quality team leader in the center and was also involved with the National Water Quality Monitoring Council. He will be the Designated Federal Officer for the ACWI.</p> <p>Agenda approved as drafted.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Approve agenda</p>	Bob
12:09 P	<p>Approval of previous minutes (Attachment 2)</p> <p>Minutes 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 • FY19 Funding Opportunity <p>Daryll noted most of his recent work has been getting ready for data provider meeting in December.</p> <p>The funding opportunity closes at the end of November. Webinars have received good traction and interest.</p> <p>New data providers will give a 15-20 minute presentation on their network on Wednesday morning during the upcoming meeting.</p> <p>Bill asked whether the subcommittee could provide any additional assistance in getting applications in, but Daryll said he thinks most activity is in place.</p> <p>During the Face to Face meeting, the Program Board is also going to meet on Monday afternoon to begin preparations for reviewing the next round of applications and getting everyone up to speed.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	Daryll
12:15 P	Status Report: NGWMN Portal	Candice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of ongoing work • Upcoming work <p>New work: Candice met with development staff for qtr 1 and qtr 2 for next year. New data providers in Oklahoma and Texas have added new lithology information, and they are working on web services. New Mexico updated their web services and will re-do their mapping.</p> <p>Majority of work since the last call has been on site pages, which will replace the pop-ups when you click on a dot on a map. The site pages will hopefully help to drive traffic to the site. The URL will be: cida.usgs.gov/ngwmn/providerabbreviation/sitenumber. This will help drive Google searches.</p> <p>Development work in displaying lithology and construction pages also underway and will be demo'd at the Face to Face meeting. Help from the SOGW may be needed down the road to make sure information is being displayed correctly. This will help the release happen as soon as possible.</p> <p>Bob asked Candice to explain the way SOGW feedback can be received at the Face to Face meeting via forms she will bring.</p> <p>Bob asked that a discussion on increasing traffic to the network be added to the agenda for the Face to Face meeting.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	
12:20P	<p>Status Report: NGWMN Portal Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/questions on second draft <p>Candice provided an overview of the process of creating the plan and the goal of the plan. Candice and Daryll reviewed the comments and incorporated changes into version 3, which was circulated.</p> <p>They would like the group to review the document one more time, in order to prepare for a vote at the SOGW meeting in December.</p> <p>Daryll would like the data providers to also receive an overview of the plan at the Face to Face meeting.</p> <p>Bob asked about changes that were proposed, but not excepted and Candice provided an overview of the types received and what led them to include some, but not all.</p> <p>Mary suggested that comments expanding beyond the narrow focus of the portal could be included as a “New Direction” for the group. Rick Copeland is interested in assisting.</p> <p>Bill noted time is short on the agenda for discussion of the strategic plan on the agenda at the Face to Face meeting.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Discussion and Feedback; Committee Vote.</p>	Candice & Daryll
12:40 P	<p>Status Report: Joint SOGW/NGWMN Data Providers Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of week and agenda 	Bill/Bob/Daryll

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional travel and logistics information • “Homework” in preparation for the meeting • New Direction Work Group Preparations <p>Bill outlined the rough outline for the Face to Face meeting. Monday: opening session, Groundwater Summit sessions Tuesday/Wednesday: Data providers/new data providers meetings, along with issues presentations on a range of topics Thursday: SOGW Breakout sessions on topics like the website, water quality standards, New Directions groups, ACWI Annual Meeting</p> <p>Dave Wunsch asked about the “homework,” which Bill explained meant to review the materials to let Bill know your preferences for breakout sessions during the meeting and to come prepared with ideas.</p> <p>SOGW members asked clarifying questions about timing, data standards, logistics and the agenda. Additional details will be provided when an agenda is circulated a week prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Comments can be sent to Bill, Daryll, and Bob by Wednesday on a draft agenda.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	
12:50P	<p>Update: ACWI-SOGW Web Site Task Group</p> <p>Topic postponed.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	Bob/Bill
12:50 P	Outreach Report	
	<p>Other Business:</p> <p>ACWI organizations need to be approved by DOI on a regular basis. Currently the appointments have expired, so new appointments are being solicited. The call for nominations have been submitted in the Federal Register and the applications are due by the end of the year.</p> <p>Tim Petty at Department of Interior will be making final decisions.</p> <p>They anticipate having the process completed by March.</p> <p>Lauren will circulate the notice in the Federal Register.</p> <p>The nominations need to be for an organization, nominating an individual who can go through background checks.</p> <p>Upcoming Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGWA Groundwater Week Dec 3-6, Las Vegas • GWPC UIC Conference February 24-27, Fort Worth: Mary noted the meeting will focus on discharges and class V UIC program and how states coordinate that activity. PFAS contamination will also be a focus, as well as ASR and MAR. <p>Other events?</p>	Bob
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1:00 P	Next Meeting—Monday, December 17, 2018	Bob

Status of New Directions SOGW Workgroups		
Group topic	Group lead	Group status
GW Quantity and Usage	Daryll Pope	
Citizen Science	Bill Cunningham	
GW/SW Interaction	Tim Parker	

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