

Subcommittee on Ground Water Draft Minutes

Monday, December 19, 2016
Noon Eastern, 11 Central, 10 Mountain and 9 am Pacific
USGS Headquarters, Reston, VA

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* • Jill Dean, EPA representative* • Mary Musick, GWPC representative* • Dave Wunsch, AASG representative* • Jeffrey Davis, LBG Guyton • Janice Hiller, In-Situ • Pat Lambert, federal liaison to WSWC • Jessica Lucido, USGS • Treasure Bailey, EPA Region 8 • Tim Parker, Parker Groundwater • Tom Patton, Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology • Daryll Pope, USGS • Ken Belitz, 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 –add to list as regular contributor • Doug Yeskis—USGS <p>*Those names in bold represent attendees on the call.</p>	Bob
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: SOGW Face to Face Meeting 4. Update: ACWI Annual Meeting 5. Update: Workgroup on Expansion of SOGW Terms of Reference 6. Outreach Report 	Bob
Business Portion		

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12:07 P	<p>Approval of agenda – additions/deletions (Attachment #1)</p> <p>Bob suggested items 4 and 5 be switched on the agenda, which was approved by the SOGW.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Approve agenda</p>	Bob
12:09 P	<p>Approval of previous minutes (Attachment #2)</p> <p>The minutes were approved with edits provided by Jessica Lucido and Tom Patton.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Approve minutes</p>	Bob
SOGW Work Items		
12:12 P	<p>Status Report: Cooperative Agreements Status of ongoing work 2017 Program Announcement</p> <p>A second webinar on the 2017 Program Announcement was held and had 21 attendees. Several new states and new agencies participated including representatives from KY TN NV, CO, MN, IA, VA, and NJ.</p> <p>Other outreach that recently occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica & Daryll had call with Suwannee Water river district in Florida about getting involved. • Bill will meet with CO DWR about their interest in the program. • NV Department of Ag had a call with Daryll about questions. <p>Regarding existing cooperative agreements, Daryll noted the final report from Kansas is in and was made publicly available on the KGS website.</p> <p>Bob asked a follow-up question about the Suwannee Water District and the way Florida's water management districts are funded. Rick Copeland said the districts are taxpayer funded and the ACWI SOGW should pursue getting all 5 districts involved in the NGWMN.</p> <p>Mary asked for a reminder of when the program announcement closes: January 27.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Status Report</p>	Daryll
12:17 P	<p>Status Report: NGWMN Portal Status on ongoing development Upcoming work</p>	Jessica

	<p>Jessica reported several hundred new WL and WQ sites have been loaded from TX Water Development Board (TWDB).</p> <p>Illinois lithology and construction data are completed and available through the production system with a dynamic data flow rather than static from pilot.</p> <p>Following a new federal mandate, the portal has switched to HTTPS in compliance with the January 1 deadline.</p> <p>Jessica is a working on DE service parsers.</p> <p>Significant progress has been made with the WL stats pages, and once validated with USGS, they will be released to production as well.</p> <p>Up next, she will work with MS and OK on hooking up their services.</p> <p>Dave Larson asked about a mechanism to follow-up if someone has a question on a specific data point. For example, he was looking at ND USGS site and had a question on one of the settings for the wells. Jessica said the “Help” page is the best options right now. All questions go to Daryll/Jessica, who redirect the request to the right person. They are working on assembling specific data provider pages soon that will have contact info for individual agencies.</p> <p>Jessica noted the number of questions submitted to the “Help” page is pretty low.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Status Report</p>	
12:27 P	<p>Status Report: SOGW F2F Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report attendance and results • Discuss feedback and improvements <p>Daryll noted recognition of Bob’s award from the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section (BSCES) of ASCE. Bob indicated that this reflects the wonderful team effort of everyone involved, especially on the SOGW.</p> <p>The in-person meeting had great turnout with 15 people in attendance.</p> <p>Bill and Daryll are taking the lead on preparing the meeting notes and hope to have them ready to go for the next meeting. They are also working to get the presentations from data providers made available online.</p> <p><u>Action items from the Breakout sessions:</u></p> <p>TOR workgroup is putting together a clean version of the draft revisions.</p> <p>Data provider pages: Daryll and Jessica met to figure out how to get started arranging the pages. No need for a follow-up meeting yet.</p>	Bob/Daryll

	<p>WQ frequency: Group working to better define the questions they're trying to answer and may put together a fact sheet or tip sheet. Follow-up will require some coordination to look at hydrologic conditions with NAWQA. Bill may be able to facilitate conversation with NAWQA group. Bob asks Rick to explain how they designed and got the WQ up and running in FL. Rick will join the subgroup.</p> <p>Data: The group plans to revisit High Plains work as a pilot and then consider creating a workgroup.</p> <p>SOGW website: The group discussed updating a list of things like purpose statement, new TOR, move Sharepoint items on to a public site, and update membership list. The group will also try to determine where outside visitors are spending time on the page.</p> <p>Public supply: Since the last meeting, opinion hasn't changed much on what to do with PWS well PSW data. The group will check with ASDWA on their position and will check with EPA/USGS to determine if they can serve the data. The group plans to put together a new tip sheet on how to use PSW data and are seeking volunteers. Bob suggested also talking to AWWA about this.</p> <p>Continuous data on portal: The group plans to look at what it would take to incorporate this data into the portal, but currently have enough work planned for funding through FY2017</p> <p>Applications of portal data: The group looks to put together talking points for data providers and are looking for volunteers.</p> <p>Data provider breakout: The group discussed data collection methods, how providers stay in contact with each other, and are looking at alternative messaging for data providers.</p> <p>WQ sampling workgroup: TBD, Daryll needs the notes from it.</p> <p>In addition to the breakouts/presentations, the attendees also visited selected vendors on Groundwater Week floor on Thursday. NGWA expressed its appreciation at having the attendees on the floor.</p> <p>Bob suggests we consider co-locating the events again in the future, and Daryll said he'd look in to it.</p> <p>A summary of the meeting will be published in NGWA's Groundwater Monitoring and Remediation Journal.</p> <p>Mary suggested that other ACWI members should be open to participate in the workgroups to help keep the ball rolling. Mary also referenced that GWPC works with ASDWA (Association of State Drinking Water Administrators) on Source Water Protection program issues. She would be open to asking this joint workgroup to provide input on the use of PWS water quality data in the Network and the potential problem with serving well locations in the network.</p>	
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	<p>Daryll noted the leaders of each workgroup can determine who is involved.</p> <p>Dave W stated the in-person meeting was satisfying to have everyone sitting around together, and Dave Langseth also supported the idea of combining again with Groundwater Week because it was helpful for combining trips. Jeff Davis also supported the idea of co-locating and enjoyed seeing all of the data providers there.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	
12:40 P	<p>Update: ACWI Annual Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify SOGW participants attending Assign presentation roles and responsibilities <p>Bob informed the SOGW that the January meeting should focus on coming up with presentation for the ACWI Annual Meeting. Bob asked Bill to ask Wendy for information on a draft agenda.</p> <p>Bill, Daryll and Bob will discuss and coordinate with Dave W. on the presentation.</p> <p>Jessica suggested a general call-in number for the meeting, which could potentially be arranged because meetings are open to the public.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	Bob
12:50 P	<p>Update: Workgroup on Expansion of SOGW Terms of Reference</p> <p>Dave W highlighted efforts from the Las Vegas SOGW meeting. The outstanding goal was to refine and wordsmith the TOR. The group worked on being more concise in the document and making things less duplicative with Framework document. Dave is working on just a few outstanding questions with Wendy Norton regarding membership and voting members.</p> <p>Bob noted that the SOGW hasn't had a vote yet in the 10 years of existence and they may want to make sure the info on creating workgroups is also consistent/in line with TOR revisions</p> <p>Daryll asked about timeline for the revision, and Dave said they are hoping to finalize the 1st of 2nd week of January to make sure everything is in line for approval at the January 17 meeting.</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Information Exchange</p>	David/Daryll
	Outreach Report	
	<p>Upcoming Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGWA/SAGEEP conference? (March 20-21, 2017 in Denver) Bob mentioned the upcoming event, and Lauren 	

	highlighted details on the groundwater tracks at the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWPC/UIC conference? (Feb 21-23, 2017 in Austin, TX) • Other events? 	
	Adjourn	
1:00 P	Next Meeting— Tuesday , January 17, 2016 (due to MLK Holiday)	Bob

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**Parking Lot items are being (or will be) incorporated into an updated Terms of Reference and/or the resulting activities following such an update.

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