

Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS)

Sheraton Premier at Tysons Corner, McLean Room
8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182

June 11-12, 2014

Draft Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Review and provide feedback on the draft NCCWSC and the CSCs strategic plan
 - Review, provide input on, and achieve as much consensus as possible on the substance of draft Committee recommendations and products. Identify additional information the Committee needs from USGS to inform its recommendations.
 - Agree on steps for finalizing ACCCNRS recommendations and preparing a report to the Secretary of the Interior
- Review and update ACCCNRS Work Plan for 2014-15

<i>Wednesday, June 11, 2014</i>

8:00 am **Coffee and Registration**

8:30 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Thomas Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior

9:00 am **Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks**

Sarah Ryker, Acting Associate Director, Climate & Land Use Change, USGS, and ACCCNRS Co-Chair, and David Behar, Climate Program Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and ACCCNRS Co-Chair

9:15 am **Review Agenda**

Tim Mealey, Senior Partner, Meridian Institute

9:30 am **Overview of USGS Climate and Land Use Change Research and Development Program**

Debra Willard, Coordinator, Climate and Land Use Change Research & Development Program, USGS

Objective: The purpose of this presentation is to provide the ACCCNRS with a deeper understanding of the relationship between the CSCs and NCCWSC

and other climate science programs within USGS. This is part of a continuing process to help ensure the recommendations being developed by the Committee are useful to both the DOI and the Committee.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Review and Discuss Draft NCCWSC and CSC Strategic Plan

USGS will provide a brief overview of the draft strategic plan, followed by Committee feedback. At the January 2014 meeting, the Committee suggested that NCCWSC prepare this document to inform the Committee about the activities and focus of the NCCWSC and CSCs.

Objective: Help set the context for discussion of the draft recommendations related to the role of CSCs and the NCCWSC in the climate science services landscape, actionable science, NCCWSC and CSC relationships with Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, and program evaluation.

12:30 pm Lunch

A list of restaurants within walking distance of the Sheraton Premier will be provided.

1:30 pm Approach to Submission of Committee Findings and Recommendations

Objective: Engage in a brief, initial discussion regarding the types of input the Committee can provide to DOI, USGS, NCCWSC and CSCs, as well as the nature of recommendations and level of detail that will be most helpful to submit to the Secretary. The Committee will return to this topic on Day 2, after it has reviewed and discussed the draft recommendations and documents.

1:45 pm Overview of the Draft ACCCNRS Report

Jennifer Pratt Miles, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute

Each Work Group will provide an overview of their proposed recommendations and documents. Work Group reports will be followed by time for questions and discussion by the full Committee and NCCWSC and CSC staff.

Objective: Provide a high level overview of the draft recommendations and products and for each of the agenda items between 2:00 pm on June 11 and 11:00 am on June 12, to discuss questions and suggestions Committee members have regarding the draft recommendations and documents, identify any additional information needed to inform the recommendations, and reach as much agreement as possible on the substance of the recommendations the Committee would like to forward to the Secretary.

2:00 pm Review and Discuss Draft ACCCNRS Report: Actionable Science

Objective: Discuss Committee input, and if possible reach consensus, on the proposed revised definition of actionable science and draft recommendations. In addition, provide input on the draft "How To Guide".

- 3:15 pm Break**
- 3:30 pm Review and Discuss Draft ACCCNRS Report: Role of the NCCWSC and CSCs in the Climate Science Services Landscape**
Objective: Discuss Committee input on the nine draft recommendations on this topic, refine recommendations based on input, and if possible, reach consensus on the substance of the recommendations that will be forwarded to the Secretary.
- 4:45 pm Review and Discuss Draft ACCCNRS Report: Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples: A Primer**
 This document was developed to provide foundational information for the Committee.
Objective: Discuss Committee questions and input on this document.
- 5:15 pm Public Comment**
- 5:30 pm Adjourn and No Host Reception**
A no-host reception will take place in the lounge of Brix and Ale restaurant, located on the lobby level of the Sheraton Premier.
- 6:30 pm No Host Group Dinner**
*Ruth's Chris Steak House, Tysons Corner
 8521 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182*

<i>Thursday, June 12, 2014</i>

- 8:00 am Coffee**
- 8:30 am Review of Day 1 Outcomes and Day 2 Agenda**
Tim Mealey, Meridian Institute
- 8:45 am Review and Discuss Draft ACCCNRS Report: Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples: A Primer, and Traditional Knowledges (TKs) Guidelines**
Objective: Provide input to the lead authors on the content of the documents and address any questions Committee members have regarding these documents.
- 9:45 am Review and Discuss Draft ACCCNRS Report: Program Evaluation**
Objective: Discuss Committee input on the proposed evaluation categories and the questions that are the basis for the proposed metrics for CSCs. Agree on next steps for developing an evaluation framework for CSCs and NCCWSC.
- 11:00 am Break**

- 11:15 am** **Review and Discuss Draft ACCCNRS Report: Describing How the Recommendations Relate to One Another**
Objective: Agree on steps to convey the linkages between recommendations.
- 11:45 am** **Public Comment**
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch**
A list of restaurants within walking distance of the Sheraton Premier will be provided.
- 1:00 pm** **Review and Agree on Next Steps for Finalizing Recommendations and Preparing a Report to the Secretary of the Interior**
Objective: Reach agreement on the level and format of recommendations to the Secretary, options for other types of interactions with USGS and NCCWSC, and the scope and format of the report to the Secretary.
- 1:45 pm** **Review and Update ACCCNRS Work Plan for 2014-15**
- 2:45 pm** **Closing Remarks**
David Behar and Sarah Ryker, ACCCNRS Co-Chairs, Robin O'Malley, NCCWSC Policy and Partnerships Coordinator
- 3:00 pm** **Meeting Adjourns**