

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

Corporation for Enterprise Development  
1200 G Street, NW, Suite 400 – Roosevelt Room  
Washington, DC  
April 19-20, 2016

## DRAFT Agenda

### Objectives of this meeting:

- Brief the committee on recent and ongoing evaluations and provide summary of current and proposed response
- Engage the committee concerning strategic decisions to be considered by the program, with particular emphasis on enterprise-level planning and identity. Elicit initial recommendations from ACCCNRS on these key decisions
- Identify an appropriate role for ACCCNRS in NCCWSC and CSC planning. Establish the ACCCNRS focus areas for the next two years and outline an action plan for the committee to address those focus areas.

### Day One, Tuesday, April 19, 2016

**8:30 am**      **Coffee and Registration**

**9:00 am**      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- *Olivia LeDee, MN Department of Natural Resources; ACCCNRS Co-Chair*
- *Bruce Stein, National Wildlife Federation; ACCCNRS Co-Chair*
- *Virginia Burkett, Associate Director, Climate and Land Use Change, USGS*
- *Douglas Beard, Director, NCCWSC*

**9:15 am**      **ACCCNRS Member Introductions and Agenda Review**

*Kevin Bryan, Keystone Policy Center*

**9:30 am**      **External Review of Climate Science Centers - Briefing Paper #1**

*Members will hear from USGS staff about findings from the external review of the Climate Science Centers (CSCs). In particular, staff will identify the key lessons learned from the review process and discuss ways to incorporate those lessons learned in the future.*

**10:00 am Update on Re-Competition of University Agreements to Host CSCs - Briefing Paper #2**

*USGS staff will brief the committee about the timelines and processes for re-competing the agreements with universities, and describe substantive changes to the request for proposals including those resulting from the external review.*

**10:30 am Break**

**10:45 am Update on Interior Department Inspector General's Activities - Briefing Paper #3**

*Staff will update on two DOI Office of the Inspector General (OIG) activities focused on the enterprise.*

**11:15 am Update on Implementation of 2015 ACCCNRS Report to the Secretary - Briefing Paper #4**

*Staff will provide a briefing to the committee outlining the key findings and recommendations from the 2015 ACCCNRS Report to the Secretary of Interior. Specifically, the discussion will:*

- *Outline the actions taken to address findings and recommendations in the report.*
- *Examples of how NCCWSC and the CSCs have worked to produce actionable science as outlined in the 2015 report. Identify lessons learned from those experiences.*

**11:55 am Review of Afternoon Agenda**

**12:00 pm Lunch on your own (many nearby eateries)**

**1:00 pm NCCWSC /CSC Strategic Directions - Briefing Papers #5 and #6**

*The Committee will offer input to help shape the strategic direction for the NCCWSC/CSC enterprise. Specifically, the group will:*

- *Discuss the nature, content, schedule, and participants in NCCWSC strategic planning activities and updating of CSC and NCCWSC strategic / science plans.*
- *Discuss the current portfolio of NCCWSC + CSC projects, including (1) how it should be addressed in strategic planning and (2) whether ACCCNRS has substantive views on whether and how the portfolio mix should change; and 3) whether ACCCNRS can provide guidance to the*

*enterprise on appropriate adaptation actions and indicators for tracking adaptation success.*

**2:30 Break**

**2:45 NCCWSC /CSC Strategic Directions (cont'd)**

*Continue dialogue about the substantive science areas on which USGS should focus, considering issues such as:*

- **Core Functions** – *Review of possible NCCWSC-CSC core functions, and ACCCNRS input into these functions and allocation among them*
- **Core Products and Services** – *what potential products and services would result from the enterprise's core functions*

*Key questions for consideration during the discussion of core functions and core products and services include:*

- *How should the NCCWSC-CSC enterprise plan its activities for multiple scenarios: growth, stability, and funding retrenchment?*
- *How does the enterprise ensure its effectiveness across administrative transitions?*

**4:45 pm Public Comment**

**5:00 pm Review of Day One Discussion and Preparation for Day Two**

**5:15 pm Adjourn**

**6:30 pm No Host Dinner (Morrison Clark Inn, 1011 L Street, NW, Washington, DC)**

### **Day Two, Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

**8:30 am Coffee**

**9:00 am Review of Day 1 Discussion and Day 2 Agenda**

*Julie Shapiro, Keystone Policy Center*

**9:15 am NCCWSC /CSC and ACCCNRS Strategic Directions (cont'd)**

*Discussion on strategic directions for the NCCWSC+CSC enterprise will continue, and be combined with discussion of the role of ACCCNRS, with attention to issues for Committee discussion over the next several meetings. Particular questions include:*

- *What role should the enterprise play in the National Climate Assessment (NCA-4)? What support can ACCCNRS provide the enterprise in that role?*
- *Revisiting the 2015 ACCCNRS recommendation to convene a science coordination meeting among federal and other partners (April 2015 meeting report; [here](#))*
- ***NCCWSC and CSC Planning** – What role might ACCCNRS play in shaping the broad NCCWSC-CSC enterprise plan?*

**10:30 am Break**

**10:45 am Discussion of ACCCNRS Activities: Where Do We Go from Here?**

- *Based on our discussion, are there specific recommendations for ACCCNRS focus areas and activities that can be made at this meeting?*
- *What are the key topics for discussion at the Autumn 2016 ACCCNRS meeting? What activities should take place beforehand in preparation for that meeting (perhaps including some work group activities)?*

**11:45 pm Public Comment**

**12:00 pm Next Steps**

*Committee members will clarify tasks going forward, review next steps, and identify timing and objectives for the next ACCCNRS meeting.*

**12:20 pm Closing Remarks**

- *Olivia LeDee and Bruce Stein, ACCCNRS Co-Chairs*
- *Douglas Beard, Director, NCCWSC*
- *Robin O'Malley, Deputy Associate Director, Climate and Land Use Change, USGS (detail) and Designated Federal Official, ACCCNRS*

**12:30 pm Adjourn**