

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

Hall of States, Washington, DC

September 18-19, 2013

Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Provide ACCCNRS Members with a working understanding of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center (NCCWSC) and U.S. Department of Interior Climate Science Centers (CSCs);
- Provide an overview of other federal climate science services and programs;
- Review the Committee's charge, scope, operating procedures, and ground rules;
- Review and solicit Committee input on the CSCs' and NCCWSC's approach to science and stakeholder engagement; and
- Define an agenda for future Committee meetings.

Location: Hall of States
444 North Capitol Street, NW | Washington, DC 20001
Room 283/285

Day 1 – Wednesday, September 18, 2013

8:30 am **Coffee**

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

Secretary Sally Jewell, U.S. Department of the Interior

Introduction of NCCWSC Staff and ACCCNRS Co-Chairs

9:20 am **Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Objectives**

Matt Larsen, 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

- Co-Chair and Committee Member Introductions
- Introduction of Meridian Institute
- Meeting Objectives

- 9:50 am** **Agenda Review**
Tim Mealey, Senior Partner, Meridian Institute
- 10:00 am** **Federal Advisory Committee Ethics Training**
Nancy Baumgartner, Deputy Ethics Counselor, U.S. Geological Survey
- 10:30 am** **Break**
- 10:45 am** **Overview of ACCCNRS Charge, Scope, and Operating Procedures and Ground Rules**
Robin O'Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, NCCWSC and Jennifer Pratt Miles, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute
- 11:00 am** **Questions and Discussion about ACCCNRS Charge and Scope, and Approval of Operating Procedures and Ground Rules**
EXPECTED DECISION ITEM: Approve Operational Procedures and Ground Rules as proposed or modified as a result of Committee deliberations
- 11:30 am** **Lunch**
The Committee will break for an hour for lunch. A list of restaurants near the Hall of States is provided.
- 12:30 pm** **Overview of Federal Climate Science Services and Programs and ACCCNRS Role in this Landscape**
Robin O'Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, NCCWSC
- 1:00 pm** **Initial Questions and Discussion about Federal Climate Science Services and Programs** (there is an additional opportunity to discuss this topic in more depth on Day 2)
- 1:30 pm** **Overview of the NCCWSC and CSC Structure, Operations, and Partnerships**
Douglas Beard, Chief, NCCWSC
The goal of this presentation is to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the NCCWSC and CSCs, how they relate to one another, and how they relate to other institutions (e.g., states and tribes, LCCs, etc.). Opportunities for States, Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other partners to participate in or partner with CSCs and the NCCWSC will be highlighted.

- 2:15 pm** **Questions and Initial Discussion of NCCWSC and CSC Structure, Operations, and Partnerships**
- 2:45 pm** **Overview of NCCWSC/CSC Science Planning Approach and NCCWSC Science Plan**
Shawn Carter, Senior Scientist, NCCWSC
This session will cover the processes the CSCs and NCCWSC use to identify regional and national science questions, how CSCs will develop and share tools at regional and national levels, how the NCCWSC and CSCs will identify and fill science gaps, and how traditional ecological knowledge can be incorporated into the work of the CSCs and NCCWSC. In addition the draft science plan for the NCCWSC, which has been developed in consultation with the CSCs, will be presented.
- 3:15 pm** **Questions and Initial Discussion of NCCWSC/CSC Science Planning Structure and NCCWSC Science Plan** (there is an additional opportunity to discuss the goal of producing “actionable science” on Day 2)
- 3:45 pm** **Break**
- 4:00 pm** **Review of Science Subcommittee: Functions, Tasks, and Terms of Reference (ToRs)**
Shawn Carter, Senior Scientist, NCCWSC
Following a brief presentation, the aim of this discussion is to come to agreement on whether a Science Subcommittee is needed at this time and, if so, to determine the purpose it will serve and approve ToRs for its formation and operation.
EXPECTED DECISION ITEM: Determine whether to move forward with the formation of the Science Subcommittee based on the proposed ToRs, or as modified by the Committee; or to delay the formation or activation to a later point in time.
- 5:00 pm** **Opportunity for Public Comment**
- 5:15 pm** **Summary of Next Steps from Day 1 and Overview of Day 2**
Tim Mealey, Senior Partner, and Jennifer Pratt Miles, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute
- 5:30 pm** **Closing Remarks**
Matt Larsen, 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

5:45 pm Adjourn

6:30 pm No-Host Group Dinner – Tuscana West

1350 I St NW, Washington, DC 20005

This will be an opportunity for ACCCNRS Members to dine together and become further acquainted with one another in an informal setting.

Day 2 – Thursday, September 19, 2013

8:15 am Coffee

8:30 am Welcome and Agenda Review

Jennifer Pratt Miles, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute

8:45 am Item # 1: Relationship between NCCWSC and Other Federal Climate Science Services and Programs

Items for discussion under this topic may include:

- Are the NCCWSC and CSC missions and roles clear?
- What steps might NCCWSC/CSCs consider to communicate their roles/niche more clearly?
- Is it clear how NCCWSC and CSCs relate to and interact with other federal climate science services and programs? If not, where are there points of confusion/overlap?
- Are there steps the NCCWSC and CSCs could take to improve coordination with other federal climate science services and programs, reduce redundancies, and capitalize on synergies? Are there steps others could take to foster coordination across federal climate science services and programs?

9:45 am Item # 2: Strategies for Ensuring that the NCCWSC and CSCs Deliver Actionable Science that is Useful to Resource Managers

Items for discussion under this topic may include:

- How are the CSCs' and NCCWSC's current strategies working?
- Are there other strategies that could be explored, or examples of where this is being done well that could inform CSCs and NCCWSC?
- Are there adjustments or new protocols that can be implemented to enable science providers who are used to working for publication to work with managers to identify the science questions to be addressed, deliver preliminary results as research is conducted, etc.?
- How should the effort to provide actionable science be evaluated?

- 10:45 am** **Break**
- 11:00 am** **Item # 3: Presentation on Tribal/Indigenous Matters**
Gary Morishima, Quinault Nation and ACCCNRS Member, and Ann Marie Chischilly, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals and ACCCNRS Member
- 11:30am** **Item # 4: To Be Identified through Consultation with ACCCNRS Members in Advance of the Meeting and/or During the Meeting**
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch** – Box lunches will be provided at a cost of \$10 each.
- 1:00 pm** **Opportunity to Address any Unresolved Issues from Day 1**
- 1:30 pm** **Identify Agenda Items for Future Committee Meetings**
EXPECTED DECISION ITEM: Identify items that Committee members would like to see on the ACCCNRS agenda for the next and future Committee meetings as well as the manner in which the Committee wishes to prepare for the next meeting in particular, including possible work groups of Committee members who are willing to work together to prepare materials for full Committee consideration.
- 2:30 am** **Opportunity for Public Comment**
- 2:45 pm** **Review Next Steps from the Meeting**
Tim Mealey, Senior Partner, and Jennifer Pratt Miles, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute
- 2:55 pm** **Closing Remarks**
Douglas Beard, Chief, NCCWSC, Matt Larsen, 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
- 3:00 pm** **Adjourn**