

COLORADO RIVER STAKEHOLDERS' ROUNDTABLE

FOR THE

USGS COOPERATIVE WATER PROGRAM

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 RADISSON HOTEL, DOWNTOWN SALT LAKE CITY

Registration 12:30pm
BALLROOM

Welcome, Program Overview and Introductions

Peter Evans, Executive Director, Interstate Council on Water Policy 1:00am
Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water & Science, Dept. of the Interior 1:15pm

USGS Monitoring & Assessment Programs –Overview

Pixie Hamilton, National Coordinator, USGS Cooperative Water Program 2:00pm

Monitoring in the Upper Basin –Dave Susong 2:20pm
USGS Utah Water Science Center

Monitoring in the Lower Basin –Jim Leenhouts 2:40pm
USGS Arizona Water Science Center

Break 3:00pm

WaterSMART –National Assessment of Water Uses & Availability & Focus Studies for the Colorado River Basin –

Overview of USGS Plans for WaterSMART and a National Water Census
Eric Evenson, National Coordinator, USGS Water SMART 3:30pm
Brett Bruce, Science Coordinator, USGS Rocky Mountain Region

Break 4:30pm

Stakeholder Perspectives –Panel Discussion

Moderator: Jerad Bales, Acting-Associate Director for Water, USGS 5:00pm
Tom Buschatzke, AZ Department of Water Resources
Steve Robbins, Coachella Valley Water District
Dave Kanzer, Colorado River Water Conservation District
Bidtah Becker, Navajo Nation Dept of Justice (invited)
Peggy Roefer, Southern Nevada Water Authority
John Stomp, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
Robert King, UT Division of Water Resources
Steve Wolff, WY State Engineer's Office
Carly Jerla, Bureau of Reclamation

Discussion 6:00pm

Adjourn 6:30pm

Reception and Poster Session 6:30 - 8:00pm
BALLROOM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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Recap from Day1--“Open Mic”

8:00am

Open discussion of new/significant information covered on Wednesday (facilitated by Pixie Hamilton, National Coordinator, Cooperative Water Program)

Organization and charge to Break-Out Sessions

8:45am

Peter Evans, Executive Director, Interstate Council on Water Policy

Facilitated Break-Out Discussions on Opportunities & Priorities

9:00am

Proposed topics for participants:

- How can USGS activities supported by the Coop Program, NSIP and WaterSMART be leveraged to meet local, state, tribal, and federal responsibilities in the Basin?
- What current issues in the Basin deserve highest priority and increased attention by USGS within the next 3 years?
- What issues are on the horizon—not yet fully identified by the scientific community, water policy decision makers, or water managers?
- Which of the recommendations provided in previous Stakeholder Roundtables on the Coop Program remain highest in priority? (Note: a summary of recommendations and USGS actions will be included in the meeting materials.) Are other recommendations needed to improve the Program and activities that are jointly funded with Cooperators?

Luncheon

11:30 am

Synthesis of Results and Next Steps - Highlights from the break-out groups

12:15pm

Peter Evans, Executive Director, ICWP

Break-Out Group Leaders

Discussion

Closing Remarks

1:00pm

Jerad Bales, Acting-Associate Director for Water, USGS

Tony Willardson, Executive Director, WSWC

Don Ostler, Executive Director, UCRCC

Peter Evans, Executive Director, ICWP

Adjourn

1:30pm

Hotel Information: the Airport Hilton got overbooked, so we will meet at the **Radisson Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City (215 West South Temple)**. They are holding a block of guest rooms for our Roundtable participants use at \$96 on Wednesday, February 8. To reserve your room, **call the hotel directly at (801) 531-7500 no later than January 26, 2012** and tell the reservations agent that you will be attending the ICWP Roundtable. The hotel does not operate a shuttle service to and from the airport but they will pay for your use of the Express Shuttle (don't need reservation, just look for the Express Shuttle on the lower level outside the baggage claim area and bring your receipt to the Hotel Check-in).

Registration: you can [register on the ICWP website](#). There will be a \$70 registration fee to cover the food and beverage expenses and you can pay it online (with a credit card) or at the door (by check or with cash).

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