

MRBIR Executive Meeting Agenda

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- 8:30 ROLL CALL, LOGISTICS FOR THE DAY** (Carrie Thompson, US Institute – 10 min)
- 8:40 WELCOME AND AGENDA OVERVIEW** (Jim Berkeley & Damon Frizzell, EPA, MRBIR Planning Committee Co-Chairs – 10 min)
- 8:50 EPA REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES** (EPA Region 8 Deputy Assistant Regional Administrator for Office of Water Protection – 10 min)
- 9:00 EXECUTIVE INTRODUCTIONS AND AGENCY PRIORITIES ROUND-ROBIN** (Executives - 1 hour)
Executives to identify three top priorities /pressing issues for their respective agency
- 10:00 BREAK**
- 10:20 MISSOURI RIVER BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION**
Presentations will be followed by conversation regarding what impact(s) the topic has on agencies' work and next steps needed from MRBIR membership.
- a. **Climate** (Verlon Barnes, NRCCS/Doug Epperly, BOR - 10 min)
 - i. Topic Team Report, Take-Aways and Needs
 - b. **Sediment**
 - i. Topic Team Report and Introduction (Bob Swanson, USGS - 5 min)
 - ii. MO River Sediment Budget Report Findings (David Heimann, USGS - 30 min)
 - iii. Sediment on Lewis and Clark Res (Bob Swanson, USGS - 20 min)
 - iv. Take-Aways and Needs (5 min)
 - c. **Federal-Tribal Relations**
 - i. DAPL - Standing Rock and Tribal Consultation (General Scott Spellmon, USACE - 15 min)
 - ii. DOJ-USACE-DOI Listening Sessions (General Scott Spellmon, USACE - 15 min)
 - iii. Take-Aways and Needs (5 min)
- 12:30 LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:00 MISSOURI RIVER BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)**
- d. **Missouri River Watershed/Ecosystem**
 - i. MRRP DEIS Status Update (Mary Roth, USACE - 15 min)
 - ii. Ideker Update (David Ponganis, USACE – 10 min)
 - iii. Take-Aways and Needs (5 min)

1:30 MRBIR BUSINESS SESSION

a. Ongoing Need for Cooperative Work in Changing Times

- i. Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 (WIINA formerly WRDA) bill (David Ponganis, USACE - 10 min)
- ii. Administration Transition
 - Where “Transition” stands?
 - Review and Discuss Draft Transition Paper
 - How is your agency thinking is shifting as transition gets underway?
 - What themes are of importance to agencies?
 - Where does landscape cooperation fit in?
- iii. Take-Aways and Needs

b. Revised MRBIR MOU

- i. Review MOU
- ii. Discussion of other potential MOU agencies and outreach to those agencies

c. MRBIR Going Forward - Agency perspectives on functionality and opportunities for MRBIR; discussion of price-tag and funding preferences for MRBIR going forward

2:30 BREAK

d. Planning Committee Workshop (Jim Berkeley and Damon Frizzell, EPA)

- i. Workplan review and recommendations
- ii. New MRBIR “Info-News” Tool?
- iii. Other

e. Executive Open Forum

- i. Opportunities for innovations to address cross-agency priority(ies) identified earlier in meeting (e.g., Climate, WQ, tribal)
- ii. Opportunities to demonstrate relevance of collaborative effort in time of transition?
- iii. What are some next actions for MRBIR?

f. MRBIR 2017 Operations Update

4:30 MEETING CLOSE-OUT

a. Review of Action Items

b. Closing Comments by EPA

c. Transfer of the Gavel to 2017 MRBIR Chair, Robert Harris, WAPA

d. Adjourn