

# MRBIR Executive Meeting Agenda

8:30 am – 4:30 pm CT February 13, 2020

Edward Zorinsky Federal Building, Room 158  
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- 8:30 ROLL CALL, LOGISTICS, AGENDA REVIEW, AND ROUND ROBIN INTRODUCTIONS** (Marci DuPraw, USIECR – 20 min)
- 8:50 PERSPECTIVES FROM MRBIR CHAIR & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR, NOAA** (Robin Webb & Doug Kluck, NOAA - 10 min)
- 9:00 EXECUTIVE AGENCY PRIORITIES ROUND-ROBIN** (Executives – 70 min)
- i. Executives to state top priorities /pressing issues from their respective agencies
- 10:10 BREAK** - 20 min
- 10:30 DOI REORGANIZATION** (DOI – 20 min)
- i. Update on DOI Reorganization – (Linda Walker, DOI – 10 minutes)
  - ii. Q&A and Executive Discussion – 10 min
- 10:50 REPORT ON THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER’S PROBABILISTIC HAZARD RISK FORECAST TOOLS** (David DeWitt, NOAA - 30 min)
- i. Presentation from the Director of the Climate Prediction Center on tools used to produce a two-week outlook for extreme events, including wind, temperature, precipitation, and snow (15min)
  - ii. Executive Q&A (15min)
- 11:20 LANDSCAPE RESTORATION, RESILIENCE AND WATER** (Verlon Barnes, NRCS - 25 min)
- i. Presentation on Landscape and Water Cycle Restoration and Resilience to reduce impacts of Flood and Drought (15min)
  - ii. Executive Q&A (10min)
- 11:45 NRCS EASEMENT AND WATERSHED PROGRAMS** (Verlon Barnes, NRCS - 15 min)
- i. Presentation on the Overview of NRCS Easement and Watershed Programs (10min)
  - ii. Executive Q&A (5min)
- 12:00 LUNCH – BOXED LUNCHES ORDERED IN – 60 MIN**

**1:00 UPDATES ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION, MO RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE** (NOAA, USACE – 45 min)

- i. Climate and River Outlook (Doug Kluck / Wendy Pearson NOAA – 15min)
- ii. Briefing on 2019 Precipitation and Flooding Records across MO Basin States (NOAA, 15 min)
- iii. Water supply update and 2020 snowpack assessment and flow predictions (John Remus USACE – 15min)

**1:45 FEDERAL DISASTER RESPONSE ACTIVITIES / PREPARATIONS** (FEMA / NRCS / USACE – 70 min)

- i. Update on New Madrid Tabletop Exercise (Alan Garrison, FEMA – 10min)
- ii. Overview of current flood response priorities (Greg Bosko, FEMA; Verlon Barnes, NRCS – 20 min)
- iii. USACE Post-2019 Flood Update (Jud Kneuvean & Matt Krajewski, USACE – 10min)
- iv. Executive Round Robin – Opportunities for federal coordination around response (Executives – 30min)

**2:55 BREAK – COMPLETE MEETING EVALUATIONS – 20MIN**

**3:15 UPDATE ON FEDERAL ACTIONS TO PREVENT LOOTING OF CULTURAL RESOURCES** (Rick Clark, NPS / Jordan Smith, FWS – 15 min)

- i. MRBIR Cultural Resource Protection Subcommittee update
- ii. Overview of issue, discussion of next steps

**3:30 MRBIR OPERATIONS UPDATES – (U.S. Institute – 20 min)**

- i. MRBIR MOU final draft Rotation schedule
- ii. MRBIR Fact Sheets update
- iii. U.S. Institute funding levels and closing gap of contributed time

**3:50 MRBIR PRIORITIES IN 2020 – (Executives – 30 min)**

- i. What are priorities for MRBIR in 2020? What issues should PC focus on? (Executive Discussion)
- ii. Potential locations for Summer Executive Meeting
- iii. Potential Field Trip ideas for Summer 2020
- iv. Determine optimal date for next Executive meeting

**4:20 MEETING CLOSE-OUT (10 min)**

- i. Closing Comments from 2019 MRBIR Chair and Planning Committee Chair, Robin Webb and Doug Kluck, NOAA
- ii. Transfer of leadership to 2020 MRBIR Chair and Planning Committee Chair, Scott Morlock and Sandy Morrison, USGS

**4:30 ADJOURN**

**PLACEHOLDER AGENDA TOPICS FOR UPCOMING EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

Snow and Soil Moisture Monitoring Network in UMB (USACE)

Bakken Environmental Status and Trends Report (USGS / BLM)

NEPA Rule Change (CEQ)

DOI 6-Step EIS Review Process (BLM)

Pipeline Permitting updates (BLM / Others)

Federal-Tribal Coordination (BIA)

Litigation updates (USACE / Others)

Updates from MRRIC (USACE / FWS)

Water Quality (EPA)

Fire (USFS / BLM)

Invasive Species (USGS)

Streamlining Processes and Program Delivery (NRCS)

Focus on ongoing opportunities for federal agency collaboration (All)

Transferability (highlight best practices across agencies and regions) (All)

Dealing with employee burnout (i.e. with wildland fire) (USFS / BLM)