

# Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable (MRBIR) Executive Meeting

August 25, 2016

Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, 1111 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue, NE – Forest Room

## Remote Participation Information

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## **- Agenda -**

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### *Meeting Opening and Vision for the Day*

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#### **8:30 Welcome and Meeting Framework (15)**

- Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks  
*Jeffery Robichaud (EPA), MRBIR Chair*
- Logistics for the day, Agenda review, and Meeting Guidelines and Announcements  
*Carrie Thompson, U.S. Institute*

#### **8:45 Review of MRBIR Vision and Purpose (15)**

MRBIR Purpose: “...seek opportunities for collaboration, coordination, and communication among Federal Agencies and, when possible and where appropriate, to communicate to other basin interests with a single federal voice on issues within the basin. This is particularly emphasized where mutually beneficial objectives can be realized, or when the MRBIR can facilitate more comprehensive interagency efforts that would normally be beyond the scope of just one of the agencies.” (2010 MRBIR MOU)

Executive Meeting Purpose: MRBIR Executives have agreed MRBIR meetings should focus on a set of basin topics and sub-issues that “deserve MRBIR coordination, communication and common understanding.” (2014 MRBIR Work Plan)

MRBIR Areas of Focus: (1)Climate Collaboration, (2)Sediment, (3)Coordination on Federal Tribal Relations, and (4)Missouri River Watershed/Ecosystem Functions. (2014 MRBIR Work Plan)

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## *Business Session*

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### **9:00 Planning Committee Report (15)**

*Jim Berkeley/Damon Frizzell (EPA), MRBIR Planning Committee Co-Chairs*

### **9:15 Topic Team Reports (15)**

- Ecosystem Functions Topic Team  
*Verlon Barnes, NRCS – Missouri River Basin Coordinator*
- Climate Collaboration Topic Team  
*Doug Kluck, NOAA - Director Regional Climate Services*
- Sediment Topic Team  
*Bob Swanson, USGS - Director, Nebraska Water Science Center*

### **9:30 MRBIR MOU and Operations (30)**

- Role for MRBIR and opportunities to make the Roundtable more helpful to Executive level  
*Jeffery Robichaud (EPA), MRBIR Chair*
- Anticipating Administration Transition  
*Jeffery Robichaud (EPA), MRBIR Chair*

### **10:00 BREAK (15)**

### **10:15 Litigation Updates (10)**

- Ideker Farms  
*Christina Austin-Smith, USACE*
- Other?

### **10:25 Bakken Federal Executives Group (10)**

*Glenn Melville, BFEG Coordinator*

### **10:35 Agency Round Robin (40)**

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## 11:15 Next meeting? (15)

## 11:30 LUNCH – Box lunches onsite from Panera - PLEASE BRING CASH TO COVER YOUR ORDER/TIP (45)

- Urban Waters Federal Partnership (20)  
*Jeffery Robichaud (EPA), MRBIR Chair*

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*Topic Theme 1 – Landscape Conservation Efforts and Opportunities*

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## 12:15 USACE MRRP & Adaptive Management Plan (30)

- Management Plan DEIS Preferred Alternative Concept and AM Plan Update  
*Mary Roth, USACE Special Assistant for Missouri River Programs*

## 12:45 Science Coordination (60)

- Science Hubs - What are they and could the Missouri River benefit? (30)  
*Gary Latzke, Program Manager for the Wisconsin Internet Mapping Group (USGS)  
Wisconsin Water Science Center*
- Catalyzing Science, Tools & Partnerships – The Sagebrush Science Initiative (30)  
*Dr. Kevin Doherty, USFWS Science Applications Spatial Ecologist, Region 6*
- Potential Discussion Topic: Role for MRBIR here?

## 1:45 Addressing Issues of Scale – Climate Change (70)

- Climate Outlook (10)  
*Doug Kluck, NOAA Central Region Climate Services Director*
- Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) (30)  
*Dr. Gwen White, Science Coordinator for Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers LCC*
- USDA Climate Hubs (15)  
*Dennis Todey, NRCS*
- USGS Climate Centers (15)  
*Brian Miller, North Central Climate Science Center, Ft. Collins*

## 2:55 BREAK (10)

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## *Topic Theme 2 – Water Quality Issues and Actions in the Basin*

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### **3:05 Midwest Stream Quality Assessment (60)**

*Pete VanMetre, USGS Hydrologist (30)*

*Jeffery Robichaud (EPA), MRBIR Chair (30)*

### **4:05 Nutrient Issues in the Basin (55)**

- Harmful Algal Blooms (30)  
*Jennifer Graham USGS Lawrence Office*
- Recreational Criteria for HABs (10)  
*Dr. Amy Shields, Senior Water Policy Advisor (EPA)*
- Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast for HABs and Water Quality (10)  
*Doug Kluck, NOAA Central Region Climate Services Director*
- Possible Topic, time permitting: Hypoxia Meeting Update from *Jeffery Robichaud*

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*Meeting Close*

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### **5:00 Closing Comments, Review of Action Items, Discussion**

*Jeffery Robichaud, MRBIR Chair*

**Adjourn**