

# MRBIR Executive Meeting Agenda

IN-PERSON: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm MT Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Loveland, CO

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- 8:30am** LOGISTICS, AGENDA REVIEW (USBR Site Host; Marci DuPraw, NCECR)
- 8:45am** PERSPECTIVES FROM USBR (MRBIR CHAIR AGENCY)
- Mr. Brent Esplin, Executive Chair
  - Mr. Marlon Duke, Executive
  - Mr. Jason Gibbons, Planning Committee Chair
- 9:00am** ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS (Executives and PC Members)
- 9:20am** EXECUTIVE AGENCY PRIORITIES ROUND-ROBIN (Executives) 100min total
- Lead: Facilitated
  - Approach: Each Executive (or agency stand-in) takes 10 minutes to share:
    - Top Missouri River Basin priorities /pressing issues from their respective agencies
- 10:00am** ***BREAK – 20 MIN***
- 10:20am** EXECUTIVE AGENCY PRIORITIES ROUND-ROBIN (CONTINUED)

**11:20am UPDATE ON FEDERAL ACTIONS TO PREVENT LOOTING OF CULTURAL RESOURCES (40 min)**

- Lead: MRBIR PC Subcommittee (Rick Clark NPS, Mitch Bergeson USGS, Curt Sholar, DOI Solicitors Office)
- Hear overview of Subcommittee’s final work products and recommendations for sharing with Federal agencies and Tribes
- Executive Discussion (feedback and request approval from MRBIR Execs)

**12:00pm – 1:00pm LUNCH BREAK**

**1:00pm LITIGATION UPDATES (30 min)**

- Lead: Christina Austin-Smith, USACE
- Approach:
  - Overview of a couple of key current cases related to the Missouri River Basin
  - Reflections on possible implications for other agencies
  - Q&A / Discussion

**1:30pm FEMA “PLANNING FOR LESS – ADAPTING TO DROUGHT” PROJECT (30 min)**

- Lead: Rob Pressly, Community Planner (FEMA R8)
- Approach:
  - Presentation on FEMA project to build more effective local-level drought resilience through the hazard mitigation planning and implementation (20 min)
  - Q&A / Discussion (10 min)

**2:00pm BREAK – 10 MIN**

**2:10pm POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MRBIR COLLABORATION**

- **UPDATE ON NEW USACE DROUGHT POLICY (20 min)**
  - Lead: Beth Coffey, USACE
  - Approach: Provide update on recent drought policy issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Work (20 min)
- **WHOLE GOVERNMENT APPROACH FOR DISADVANTAGED JUSTICE COMMUNITIES (20 min)**
  - Lead: Sheila Newman, USACE Omaha District Operations Chief
  - Approach: Presentation on stated topic from USACE and BOR (20min)
- **DISCUSSION AMONG EXECUTIVES – “WHAT MIGHT WE DO TOGETHER TO BEGIN TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES?” (20MIN)**

**3:10pm**      ***BREAK – 10 MIN (DISTRIBUTE MEETING EVALUATION)***

**3:20pm**      **UPDATES ON MO RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE (30 min)**

- Climate Outlook, Soil Moisture Update (Kevin Low & Doug Kluck, NOAA – 15min)
- Water supply update and 2022 flow predictions (John Remus, USACE – 15min)

**3:50pm**      **USFS TOPIC – SOURCE WATER PROTECTION AND THE FOREST SERVICE’S TEN YEAR WILDFIRE CRISIS STRATEGY (20 min)**

- Lead: Andrea Rogers, Regional Hydrologist for the Rocky Mountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service
- Approach:
  - Presentation (15 min)
  - Q&A / Discussion (5 min)

**4:10pm**      **Colorado's 2020 Wildfire Season: Then and Now (BOR) (20 min)**

- Lead: BOR / Northern Water
- Approach:
  - Presentation (15 min)
  - Q&A / Discussion (5 min)

**4:30pm**      **MRBIR OPERATIONS (20 MIN)**

- Lead: Mitch Chrismer, NCECR
  - MOU update
    - 2023 funding
  - MRBIR Contact List
  - Meeting Evaluation
  - Field Trip Updates
  - Group Dinner Options

**4:50pm**      **MEETING CLOSEOUT – USBR (10 MIN)**

- Lead: Brent Esplin USBR

**5:00pm**      ***ADJOURN***