

MRBIR Executive Meeting Agenda

DAY 1 WEBINAR: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm CT Wednesday, September 29, 2021

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- 10:00am** **ROLL CALL, LOGISTICS, AGENDA REVIEW, INTRODUCTIONS** (Marci DuPraw, NCECR)
- 10:15am** **PERSPECTIVES FROM USACE (MRBIR CHAIR AGENCY)**
- Ms. Beth Coffey, Chair of Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable (MRBIR)
 - Colonel Geoff Van Epps, new NW Division Commander
 - Mr. Jesse Granet, Chair of MRBIR Planning Committee
- 10:30am** **EXECUTIVE AGENCY PRIORITIES ROUND-ROBIN** (Executives) 90min total
- Lead: Facilitated
 - Approach: Each Executive takes 10 minutes to share:
 - Top Missouri River Basin priorities /pressing issues from their respective agencies
 - Missouri River Basin-related changes associated with change of Administration
 - COVID focus – agency specific reentry plans
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:00pm** **UPDATES ON MO RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE**
- Climate Outlook, Soil Moisture Update (Kevin Low & Doug Kluck, NOAA – 15min)
 - Water supply update and 2021 flow predictions (John Remus, USACE – 15min)
- 1:30pm** **UPDATES ON KEY USACE STUDIES: LOWER BASIN FLOOD STUDY & LOWER BASIN NAVIGATION STUDY**
- Lead: Charlie Hanneken, USACE / Northwestern Division Planning Team Lead
 - Approach: Presentation orienting MRBIR to what is involved in each of these two Kansas City District studies, followed by Q&A
- 2:05pm** **LITIGATION UPDATES**
- 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

2:35pm

UPDATE ON FEDERAL ACTIONS TO PREVENT LOOTING OF CULTURAL RESOURCES (20 min)

- Lead: MRBIR PC Subcommittee Members (Sandy Morrison USGS, Rick Clark NPS, Jordan Smith FWS, Julie Jacobsen USACE)

2:55pm

MEETING CLOSE-OUT (NCECR, USACE)

3:00pm

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DAY 2 WEBINAR: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm CT September 30, 2021

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11:00am

AGENCY APPROACHES TO EVALUATING / ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS FOR MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

- Lead / Coordinator: Doug Kluck, NOAA
- Approach: Brief presentations on featured agencies' approaches to evaluating / addressing climate change as it affects the Missouri River Basin, followed by discussion
 - NOAA: Overview of work on next National Climate Assessment (as pertains to Northern Plains) (Doug Kluck, NOAA)
 - USGS: Highlights from North Central Climate Adaptation Science Center (Aparna Bamzai, USGS, Deputy Director for NC CASC)
 - FEMA: National Mitigation Investment Strategy (Joe Chandler, FEMA)
 - Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program (Stacy Robarge-Silkner on behalf of Angela Droege, FEMA)
 - FEMA Region 7 Watershed Strategy (Joe Chandler)
 - Proposed Silver Jackets Healthy Soils Project in KS & NE (Joe Chandler, FEMA)
 - NRCS: Climate related updates (Verlon Barnes, NRCS)
- Discussion (opportunity for other Executives to speak informally about their respective agencies' climate change approaches)

12:10

BREAK – SEND EVALUATION

12:20pm

INVASIVE SPECIES IN THE MISSOURI RIVER BASIN: SITUATION, SIGNIFICANCE, STRATEGIES

- Lead: USGS + NRCS + FWS
- Approach: Presentation followed by Q&A
- NRCS presentation: Great Plains Grassland Initiative Using Big Data to Address Woodland Encroachment (Andrew Bohnenkamp, NRCS, and Dr. Dirac Twidwell from Univ of Nebraska)
- USGS presentation: Biosurveillance using robotic DNA samplers at USGS stream gages (Adam Sepulveda, USGS and Elliott Barnhart, USGS)
- USFWS Presentation: Missouri River Basin Invasive Carp Management and Control Framework (Emily Pherigo, USFWS)

1:00pm

EXTREME WEATHER: "IS THIS THE NEW NORMAL?"

- Lead: NOAA (Doug Kluck) + FEMA (Joe Chandler)

- Approach: Brief presentations on featured agencies' approaches to increased incidence of extreme weather and interacting with stakeholders about the trend, followed by brief discussion
 - NOAA -- Addressing implications of extreme weather events and evolving climate "normal" (Doug Kluck)
 - FEMA – Communicating risk / Working with states and local governments on hazard mitigation plans (Joe Chandler)
 - Q&A / Discussion

1:40pm MRBIR OPERATIONS (MITCH CHRISMER NCECR)

- MOU updates, next steps
- Meeting Evaluation
- Virtual vs. in-person format
- Priority topics for next meeting
- Schedule next meeting

1:55pm MEETING CLOSEOUT (NCECR / USACE)

2:00pm *ADJOURN*