

MRBIR Executive Meeting Agenda

WEBINAR: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm CT Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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- 9:00am** **LOGISTICS, AGENDA REVIEW** (Marci DuPraw, NCECR)
- 9:10am** **PERSPECTIVES FROM USACE (MRBIR CHAIR AGENCY)**
- Ms. Beth Coffey, Chair of Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable (MRBIR)
 - Colonel Geoff Van Epps, NW Division Commander
 - Ms. Tiffany Vanosdall, Chair of MRBIR Planning Committee
- 9:20am** **ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS** (Executives and PC Members)
- 9:40am** **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
 - Agency-specific COVID re-entry plans (e.g., workforce polling, changes in long-term telework policies, etc.)
 - Agency updates on Executive Memo re: ITEK and Federal Decision Making
- 10:30am** ***BREAK***
- 10:40am** **EXECUTIVE AGENCY PRIORITIES ROUND-ROBIN (CONTINUED)**

11:30am UPDATE ON FEDERAL ACTIONS TO PREVENT LOOTING OF CULTURAL RESOURCES (45 min)

- Lead: MRBIR PC Subcommittee (Rick Clark NPS, JC Nelson USGS, Curt Sholar, DOI Solicitors Office)
- Hear results of research and Subcommittee recommendation about how to formally share with federal agencies and Tribes
- Executive Discussion (feedback on methods of getting the word out)

12:15pm – 1:15pm LUNCH BREAK

1:15pm 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

1:45pm 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)

2:15pm BREAK

2:25pm UPDATES ON RESPONSE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN MO RIVER BASIN (60 min)

- Prepared Remarks by BOR, NOAA, USACE, FEMA
- Contingency planning for worsening drought conditions in 2022
 - NOAA NIDIS update (Britt Parker, NOAA) (10min)
 - Northern Plains drought assessment update
 - USBR – Montana area office update on operations in upper basin (Clayton Jordan, USBR, 10min)
 - USACE – Update from Omaha District (Sheila Newman, USACE, 10min)
 - FEMA – Update on FEMA’s work with the American Planning Association and the National Drought Center on hazard mitigation planning guidance for drought resilience (Joe Chandler, FEMA, 10min)
- Executive Discussion / Q&A (20min)

3:25pm **MRBIR OPERATIONS (25 MIN)**

- Lead: NCECR
 - MOU update
 - 2022 funding
 - MRBIR Contact List
 - Meeting Evaluation
 - Next steps for MRBIR – Summer in-person meeting + Field Trip in Upper Basin?
 - Suggested meeting topics
 - How better connect MRRIC to MRBIR to refer relevant issues to MRBIR when they are brought up by the MRRIC group (MRBIR presentation to MRRIC? Guidance for PC on planning this?)

3:50pm **MEETING CLOSEOUT – CHAIR TRANSFER FROM USACE TO USBR (10 MIN)**

- Leads: Beth Coffey USACE, Brent Esplin USBR

4:00pm

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