

MRBIR Executive Meeting Agenda – Day 1

IN-PERSON: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm PT Wednesday, February 15, 2022

Hoover Dam Spillway House

75 Hoover Dam Access Rd, Boulder City, NV 89005

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- 8:30am** **LOGISTICS, AGENDA REVIEW (10min):** BOR Site Host; Marci DuPraw, NCECR
- 8:40am** **ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS (15min):** Executives and PC Members
- 8:55am** **WELCOME AND SETTING THE STAGE – LEARNING FROM COLO. RIVER DROUGHT (20 MIN)**
- Mr. Brent Esplin, MRBIR Executive Chair & Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Missouri Basin Region
 - Mr. Marlon Duke, Executive
- 9:15AM** **LAW OF THE COLORADO RIVER & DROUGHT-RELATED AGREEMENTS (60 MIN)**
- Mr. Robert Snow, U.S. Dept. of the Interior – Office of the Solicitor, Division of Water Resources
 - Ms. Karen Kwon – Associate Project Director for Colorado River Sustainability Campaign, formerly First Assistant Attorney General for Colorado Dept. of Law
- 10:15AM** **BREAK (15 MIN)**
- 10:30AM** **PERSPECTIVES FROM THE STATES – UPPER & LOWER DIVISION/BASIN (75 MIN)**
- Ms. Amy Haas, Executive Director, Colorado River Authority of Utah

- Mr. John Entsminger, General Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority

11:45AM LUNCH – ORDERED FROM FOX SMOKEHOUSE BBQ (75 MIN)

****BRING CASH FOR PAYMENT, \$25 + TAX/TIP****

1:00PM RESPONDING TO DROUGHT – RECLAMATION REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES (90 MIN)

- Ms. Valerie Deppe, Chief, Projects Management Group, Upper Colorado Basin Region
- Mr. Daniel Bunk, Chief, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, Lower Colorado Basin Region
- Ms. Amy Witherall, Binational Program Manager, Lower Colorado Basin Region
- Mr. Leonard (Len) Schilling, Manager, Lower Colorado Dams Office

2:30PM COLLABORATING WITH TRIBAL PARTNERS (45 MIN)

- Presenter TBD

3:15PM BREAK (15 MIN) – DISTRIBUTE MEETING EVALUATION FORMS

3:30PM MRBIR PC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE ON PROTECTING CULTURAL RESOURCES UPDATE (10 MIN)

- Mr. Josh Valder, Regional Science Coordinator, USGS

3:40PM MO RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE UPDATE (20 MIN)

- Climate Outlook, Soil Moisture Update – Kevin Low & Doug Kluck, NOAA (10min)
- Water supply update and 2023 flow predictions – John Remus, USACE (10min)

4:00PM MRBIR DROUGHT RESILIENCY WORK GROUP UPDATE (15 MIN)

- Ms. Tiffany Vanosdall, Missouri River Liaison, USACE, Northwest Division

4:15PM MO RIVER DROUGHT RESILIENCY – COLO. RIVER LESSONS & MRBIR NEXT STEPS (60 MIN)

- Facilitated
- Approach – Open discussion and assignments for Drought Resiliency Work Group

5:15pm MRBIR OPERATIONS (15 MIN)

- Mitch Chrismer, NCECR
 - MOU updates & 2023 funding
 - MRBIR Contact List
 - Meeting Evaluation

- Day 2 Updates
- Group Dinner Options

5:30pm **MEETING CLOSEOUT – BOR / BLM (15 MIN)**

- Transition Chair from BOR to BLM
 - Leads: Brent Esplin BOR, Sonya Germann BLM
- Message from New Executive Chair Sonya Germann

5:45pm ***ADJOURN FOR DAY 1 (EARLIER DEPENDING ON Q&A PERIODS)***

MRBIR Executive Meeting Agenda – Day 2

(GOOD WEATHER PLANS)

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- Lead: Facilitated
 - Approach: Each Executive (or agency stand-in) takes 10 minutes to share:
 - Top Missouri River Basin priorities /pressing agency issues
- 9:30AM** **TOUR HOOVER DAM & POWERPLANT (120 MIN)**
- Mr. Brent Esplin, MRBIR Executive Chair & Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Missouri Basin Region
 - *NOTE – Wear long pants and closed toe shoes*
- 11:30PM** **DEPART FOR LUNCH AT CORNISH PASTY COMPANY, BOULDER CITY NV (30 MIN)**
- 12:00PM** **LUNCH AT CORNISH PASTY COMPANY, BOULDER CITY NV (60 MIN)**
- 1:00PM** **DEPART FOR LAKE MEAD’S ALAN BIBLE VISITOR CENTER, (10 LAKESHORE RD., BOULDER CITY, NV 89005) (15 MIN)**
- 1:15PM** **MEET WITH NPS STAFF AT LAKE MEAD’S ALAN BIBLE VISITOR CENTER (30MIN)**

- **LAKE MEAD SUPERINTENDENT MEET & GREET; LOW WATER PRIORITIES DISCUSSION & CULTURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

- 1:45PM** **DEPART FOR HEMENWAY HARBOR BOAT LAUNCH (5 MIN)**
- 1:50PM** **WALK AND TALK WITH NPS STAFF AT HEMENWAY HARBOR LAUNCH RAMP (25 MIN)**
- 2:15PM** **BOARD BOR VESSELS AND DEPART FOR USGS EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (ET) MONITORING SITE ON LAKE MEAD**
- 2:30PM** **MEET WITH USGS TO DISCUSS STREAM GAUGING PROGRAM IN THE LAKE MEAD AREA (LAS VEGAS WASH AND ON THE COLORADO BELOW HOOVER DAM)**
- 3:15PM** **TRAVEL BY BOAT TO BASE OF HOOVER DAM**
- 3:45PM** **BOR DISCUSSION ON HOOVER DAM**
- 4:15PM** **RETURN TO HEMENWAY HARBOR BOAT LAUNCH**
- 4:45PM** **GROUP HUDDLE AT HEMENWAY HARBOR BOAT LAUNCH (15 MIN)**
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