



**Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB) Teleconference  
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May 11, 2017**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Agenda**

*Paul Ganster, Chair, GNEB, and Mark Joyce, Associate Director, Federal Advisory Committee Management Division (FACMD), Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*

Mr. Mark Joyce, Associate Director, FACMD, OARM, EPA, welcomed the participants and conducted the roll call. A list of meeting participants is included as Appendix A. The purpose of this teleconference is to discuss the integrated draft of GNEB's 18th report and develop a timeline to include any identified additional materials and finalize the report. A teleconference to approve the report has been scheduled for September 7, 2017.

Dr. Paul Ganster, GNEB Chair, provided an overview of the agenda (Appendix B), explaining that the Workgroup Chairs or their representatives would provide an overview of their sections, including the strengths, gaps and recommendations. Following that discussion, the Board as a whole would discuss each section, identifying how to fill any existing gaps. Mr. Joyce added that by the end of the teleconference, the Board needed to determine whether the current report structure best conveys the key issues. The Board members agreed with this approach. Dr. Margaret Wilder, University of Arizona, commented that GNEB also should decide on the overall message of the report.

The official certification of the minutes by the Chair is included as Appendix C.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Joyce called for public comments. No oral or written comments were offered. He noted that a member of the press was present on the teleconference. In response to a question from Dr. Teresa Pohlman, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Mr. Joyce explained that the draft materials had not been released outside of the GNEB members and the EPA contractor assigned to the report.

**Review of Workgroup Text: Key Issues, Major Findings, Initial Recommendations**

Chapter 1: Retrospective and Context

Dr. Pohlman explained that the workgroup had taken all of the recommendations from GNEB's 10th report and placed them in a table entitled "GNEB 10th Report Status Update," which begins on page 38. Only a portion of the text explaining agency actions in response to the previous recommendations has been developed. The workgroup also is awaiting input from the states of California and New Mexico. Dr. Pohlman asked the GNEB members to check the accuracy of the information presented in the table; the Board also will need to standardize terminology. Dr. Pohlman asked whether additional information about the recommendations (e.g., Border 2020 communication strategies) should be included in the chapter text or with the list of references. Mr. Joyce thought that the references should remain with the table as well as in the final list of references that will be included at the end of the report.

It is important to include the table because it documents the effects of GNEB's recommendations. Dr. Ganster agreed with the table's importance.

Dr. Pohlman reported that the workgroup planned to meet via teleconference to discuss the next draft of Chapter 1, as additional text will be added. Ms. Jennifer Hass, DHS, requested feedback from the International Water and Boundary Commission (IBWC) representative regarding information included in Chapter 1. Mr. Joyce stated that all additional text must be provided within the next 2 weeks.

### Chapter 2: Infrastructure

Mr. Joyce explained that no workgroup representatives were present on the teleconference. This chapter, which currently is only roughly outlined, will need additional input from GNEB members. He already has spoken to members with expertise who can further develop this chapter. Ms. Hass volunteered to help develop this chapter.

### Chapter 3: Challenges and Opportunities

Ms. Lisa LaRocque, City of Las Cruces (New Mexico), provided an overview of "Section 3.1: Ecosystem Services." The first recommendation deals with border community collaboration and lessons learned. The Tijuana River collaboration example that the members learned about during the February 2017 face-to-face meeting is well articulated in this section. Also highlighted is a Peace Parks example from the countries of Jordan and Israel. The question is whether to develop this example further to describe the shared border area and ecosystem management approach of these countries. The workgroup plans to further develop the case study regarding the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge and Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. Mr. Jonathan Andrew, Department of the Interior, volunteered to provide additional information about this. Ms. LaRocque explained that it would be beneficial to include data regarding wildlife benefits at these locations compared to others. She acknowledged that the sections on agriculture and minimizing road development need to be further developed. The agriculture section may need to be moved. The recommendation regarding use of the National Environmental Policy Act needs additional information regarding cost escalation when actions are reactive rather than proactive.

Dr. Pohlman commented that the location and type of border infrastructure will be determined by mission needs. Both sides (i.e., mission and environment) should be presented in this section. Mr. Joyce responded that GNEB members would be welcome to provide input to ensure that the messages and tone are appropriate.

Dr. Keith Pezzoli, University of California, San Diego, noted that the section on infrastructure is important. Infrastructure and its effects on a number of levels of security can be considered in the report. Ecosystem services can be considered as green infrastructure, and the report can explore ecosystem services effects on fire, flood and drought in the context of border infrastructure and increased security. The National Science Foundation (NSF) is beginning to consider the connection between national security and food, water and energy security. These types of security and their effects on fire, flood and drought will directly affect border patrols and residents. He tried to include this understanding in the agriculture section. The section on infrastructure currently focuses on energy, and Dr. Pezzoli wondered whether it is possible to include other types of security in that section to emphasize a whole-systems infrastructure approach. He volunteered to help provide this perspective in the report. Ms. LaRocque acknowledged the mission-driven aspect of border infrastructure and agreed that whole-systems thinking is important, especially in terms of cost savings that can be realized in exploring other options. Dr. Pohlman commented that the positive effects on invasive species that agriculture inspectors have must be included in this type of a discussion. Mr. Stephen Niemeyer, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, agreed that a discussion of agriculture inspections needs to be included. Mr. Joyce added that the

structure of the report may be revised to better highlight the report's key messages and concepts; text will be moved, and sections may be combined.

Dr. Pezzoli explained that he had provided 3 pages of information about food and border security, and he would like to ensure that it is included in the appropriate section of the report. Ms. Hass sent to Mr. Joyce a link to a website with information regarding agricultural inspections to help the workgroup add this information to the text.

Dr. Ganster stated that GNEB members also need to consider ideas for photographs and images that will illustrate the report's key points. He added that the former director of the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge performed a GIS image analysis showing unauthorized footpaths, jeep trails and so forth throughout the protected area; this analysis may include the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. Including this imagery and map with more recent imagery would demonstrate a significant decrease in the amount of land affected by unauthorized trails and the positive effects of border barriers. Mr. Andrews volunteered to explore the possibility of including these images.

Dr. Cyrus Reed, Sierra Club, noted that this chapter is missing information about the wild and protected areas along the border that need special consideration in terms of installing infrastructure. He will provide text, images and a map addressing this. Ms. LaRocque promised to follow up with him about this addition to the chapter.

Dr. David Eaton, The University of Texas at Austin, explained that "Section 3.2: Emergency Response and Preparedness" will be comprehensive and include federal, state and local emergency response plans. He will provide the text for the section within the next week. Mr. Joyce explained that the report must focus on actions that the federal government should be taking. The Board provides recommendations to the U.S. President regarding federal government actions and not state and local government actions. Information about state, local and tribal governments can be included in the context of the federal government's efficient cooperation with them. Dr. Ganster agreed that this section must address the federal government and border security.

Mr. Samuel Coleman, EPA Region 6, reiterated Dr. Pohlman's earlier point about security issues and installation of border infrastructure being mission driven. EPA wants to support this mission while identifying methods to improve environmental conditions and sustainability along the U.S.-Mexico border. Access roads and construction methods bear some discussion in terms of ensuring the safety and security of border patrol agents and ultimately meeting the mission of increased border security. He will provide additional comments regarding this issue.

Mr. Niemeyer noted that the table does not mention equipment transferred to Mexico for emergency response. He thought that EPA Regions 6 and 9 facilitated this transfer. Mr. Coleman responded that because the report's focus is on the U.S. side of the border, this information was not included intentionally. Mr. Joyce agreed that the report focuses on the U.S. side, but collaboration with Mexico can be mentioned. Mr. Niemeyer explained that this issue was the focus of a recommendation from the 10th report, and Mexico performs emergency response on the U.S. side of the border. The equipment transfer could document another positive result of the Board's recommendations. Dr. Ganster added that all GNEB reports state that issues affecting both countries need binational communication and coordination. Mr. Coleman agreed to include this type of information as appropriate while maintaining a U.S. focus. Dr. Eaton will coordinate with Mr. Niemeyer to include information about the equipment transfer in this section. Ms. Lisa Schaub, EPA Region 6, added that some information, including links to websites, is included in the table, and Region 6 personnel can assist with this aspect as necessary.

No overview was provided of "Section 3.3: Community Understanding, Will and Information Regarding the 'Bigger Picture,'" which has not been developed.

Mr. Gilbert Anaya, IBWC, provided an overview of “Section 3.4: Water Management, Trash Control and Sediment Management.” The workgroup approached this topic by describing case studies in three diverse geographic areas along the U.S.-Mexico border. Strategies and recommendations were included in the text. The Laredo area was selected because it contains urban centers on both sides of the border without a fence or a wall; the river is the primary barrier. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is working with the city of Laredo, Texas, to improve habitat and security issues in the area. The focus of the Nogales case study is trash issues. The case study devoted to New River, California, focuses on water quality issues, including the highly contaminated surface waters to which agents are exposed. The Big Bend National Park in Texas also could have been used as a water quality case study. Ms. Edna Mendoza, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, added that she is obtaining permission from the city of Nogales, Arizona, to include photographs in this section.

## **Discussion of Integrated Draft Report**

### Message and Tone

Dr. Pezzoli liked the title of the report and appreciated the table that DHS personnel had developed. One option for the report is to identify the effects of the recommendations from the 10th report. He would like the table to include a preface that speaks to this point. He noted that he had circulated comments about the draft report via email, including a comment suggesting that the affirmative statement on page 9 that speaks to outcomes be softened. Also, the report’s mission must be stated succinctly. He developed a few questions that speak to whether the report should address the relationship of border security to the forms of security NSF is amplifying as a broader form of security (i.e., discussing food, water and energy security in addition to the security issues of drugs, weapons and illegal immigrants).

Dr. Wilder commented that the GNEB members must decide on the tone and key messages of the report. Although environmental challenges are mentioned in the first chapter, this concept must be developed further; the environmental challenges should drive the report. The report must address the Board’s specific charge, mission and expertise, which is the environment. Also, the report must not endorse one type of security over another or voice an opinion about security itself. The focus must remain on the environmental aspects of security, including implementing security in the most environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. Specific areas of focus can include fire, flood, drought and wildlife, as some sections already address. Defining the term “security” is important. Currently, the report focuses on a more narrow definition of security. Pages 20 to 36 include discussions of a border wall and the environmental effects of current and proposed infrastructure; GNEB must decide how to approach the issue of the proposed border wall. Because the government has released a Request for Proposals and is receiving proposals from companies bidding to build a border wall, the Board reasonably could use the actual proposed border wall structure to discuss potential effects from a scientific perspective, emphasizing the effects on plants, animals, marine environments and communities. Available information about the current border fence also could be used to discuss environmental effects. The report should explore sustainable alternatives when possible.

Ms. LaRocque and Dr. Pezzoli agreed with Dr. Wilder’s comments. Ms. LaRocque added that the report should highlight the importance of all federal agencies in providing border security. Ms. Hass replied that Chapter 1 is incomplete as is, and will highlight the security roles of all agencies when it is complete.

Dr. Pohlman pointed out the inconsistency of terms (e.g., immigrant versus migrant) throughout the report. Ms. Hass agreed that one term should be used. Dr. Ganster noted that academia uses the term “unauthorized migrant.” Also, the terms “wall” and “fence” are used differently depending on the perspective. In response to Mr. Niemeyer’s suggestion to use the term “tactical infrastructure,” Dr. Pohlman explained that this is a blanket term that includes towers and all other infrastructure. A

GNEB member suggested using the terms “existing fence” and “proposed wall” because the overarching term “barriers” also includes vehicle and other types of barriers. Dr. Pezzoli noted the need to develop a short list (i.e., five or so) of key terms. It is important to get the nomenclature right so that readers are clear of the Board’s meaning while ensuring that the report does not get mired in terminology.

## Chapter 1

Mr. Niemeyer noted that the number of border miles mentioned on page 9 needs to be confirmed. He suggested including the letter from the Board’s 13th report, to which Dr. Ganster agreed.

Dr. Wilder thought that a glossary of types of infrastructure should be included. Dr. Ganster replied that the report could refer to areas of the border with highly developed infrastructure (e.g., San Diego-Tijuana) as a generic example of what might be built in other areas. This would allow the Board to avoid speculating about the specific design.

Dr. Pohlman reiterated that the workgroup is awaiting input from the states of California and New Mexico; the information received from the states of Arizona and Texas has been incorporated.

Dr. Pezzoli pointed to page 11, line 20: “With the deployment of more agents, better infrastructure, and more powerful technology after the 9/11 attacks, the downward trend in apprehensions has been dramatic.” He stated the need to be clear about the specific reasons for the downward trend so that the Board did not expose itself to criticism for erroneously subscribing the downward trend solely to the deployment of more agents. A GNEB member added that good data are available from the Mexican Migration Project, which is co-directed by Jorge Durand and Douglas Massey at Princeton University. Mr. Niemeyer will provide to Dr. Pohlman a chart and table that show apprehensions versus miles of border fence constructed; he described them as “powerful” in highlighting this point.

Ms. Jeanne Eckhart, EPA Region 6, explained that she is consulting with EPA’s border offices and the Border 2020 representatives at Headquarters regarding any language about Border 2020 included in the report. She had received a recommendation to add an example, such as the Mariposa Port of Entry and effects on air quality, to the “Making Travel Faster at the Border” section on page 9. She was unsure whether the information promised from the Department of Transportation had been included in this chapter. A GNEB member suggested adding a reference to the Board’s report on climate change to this section. Dr. Ganster agreed that the chapter would be strengthened by the inclusion of specific examples in various sectors. Dr. Pohlman agreed to add examples.

Dr. Pezzoli cited lines 32–37 on page 12: “The Strategic Plan recognizes that the security of the border cannot be achieved by only enforcement activities located at the physical border, such as routine patrols deployed from 135 border patrol stations, and six substations on the northern and southern borders. For that reason, some of USBP’s enforcement operations take place away from the physical border, at interior checkpoints, and in ancillary areas.” These succinctly stated points are good for the narrative. A GNEB member noted that these lines were obtained from an article that could be used to support additional arguments; much of the information is on the DHS website, which will be helpful for the editing team.

Ms. Mendoza suggested adding information about USDA’s stormwater partnership and IBWC’s binational technical committee on flooding to the “GNEB 10th Report Status Update” table on page 43 under “Projects and Partnerships.” Mr. Anaya will add information about IBWC partnerships.

## Chapter 2

A Board member wondered whether any government service provided an easily accessible list of all current border infrastructure (e.g., exact number of miles of vehicle barriers in Arizona). Dr. Ganster

responded that the U.S. Government Accountability Office reports discuss the infrastructure. Dr. Pohlman thought that this type of information might be available in articles and on the DHS website. Ms. Hass will find this information and provide a link to any pertinent information. Ms. Mendoza thought that it would be beneficial to include a chart with this information and definitions of types of infrastructure. Dr. Ganster added that photographs or illustrations of each type also could be included. Ms. Hass explained that the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Flickr account has these types of images.

### Chapter 3

Dr. Ganster thought that Section 3.1 needed additional descriptions about wildlife migration. Ms. LaRocque acknowledged that this was missing and will add more information on this topic. Dr. Wilder noted that good scientific literature on this topic exists about wildlife movement in the border area. For example, the Sierra Club produced a 2006 film entitled *Wild Versus Wall*. The Sky Island Alliance in the Sonora area is another example. Ms. Mendoza added that additional information could be found in the GNEB report on ecosystem services. Dr. Wilder added that in addition to wildlife, approximately 200 people die in the desert each year; these deaths are part of the broader picture of ecosystem services on the border. An EPA staff member from Region 6 commented that more information about how these deaths relate to border infrastructure issues would be needed to tie them into the report topic. Dr. Ganster added that it would be helpful to explore global examples of border ecosystem services (e.g., Israel, Hungary).

Mr. Niemeyer stated that Section 3.2 needs to highlight the La Paz Agreement and sister-city agreements. He will provide this text. Invasive species are another significant problem along the Rio Grande. Mr. Niemeyer cited an invasive cactus species that grows to 15 feet. It affects border security because unauthorized migrants hide in the cacti; the species also consumes a copious amount of water, which adds stress to residents, emergency response and other efforts, and ecosystem services. He will provide text for a text box about invasive species. A GNEB member recommended including information about actions USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is taking to control the invasive species. Dr. Ganster added that *Arundo donax* vegetation removal and subsequent restoration along the Colorado River would be an interesting comparison; the removal has increased visibility for border patrol agents. Mr. Niemeyer cited a *New York Times* article that described the burning of 110 acres along the Rio Grande to remove *A. donax*. A GNEB member added that Dr. Francisco Zamora-Arroyo of the Sonoran Institute, a Board member who was unable to be present on the teleconference, could provide information about the Colorado River restoration project. Ms. Eckhart volunteered to assist Mr. Niemeyer, if needed.

GNEB members did not provide additional comments regarding Sections 3.3 or 3.4.

### General

Mr. Niemeyer thought that a background section on the border needed to be included in the report. Mr. Joyce agreed, noting that each report should be a stand-alone document and provide context about the border. Mr. Niemeyer volunteered to update the background information contained in past reports; Dr. Ganster will provide input.

### **Next Steps and Schedule**

Mr. Joyce reiterated that all text must be sent to him, Dr. Ganster, Dr. Wilder and Ms. Kristen LeBaron at The Scientific Consulting Group, Inc. no later than Friday, May 26, 2017. The text does not need to be polished, as heavy editing will occur, and the report may be reorganized. Substantive material that provides the basis of the report should be the focus when developing additional text. The Board will need to meet via teleconference in early July to discuss the report. The final draft of the report must be ready

by mid-August because the GNEB members will need to approve the report during the teleconference scheduled for September 7, 2017.

Mr. Joyce instructed the members to add additional text and comments into the current draft using the “track changes” feature of Microsoft Word. Ms. LeBaron then will be able to collate all of the versions into one document for Drs. Ganster and Wilder to edit.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Ganster thanked the GNEB members for their input during the teleconference. The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m. EDT.

### **Action Items**

- GNEB members will review the information presented in the “GNEB 10th Report Status Update” table, which begins on page 38 of the current report draft, to ensure its accuracy.
- GNEB members will provide ideas for photographs and images that will illustrate the various key points of the report.
- The following GNEB members and associated staff will provide additional information/feedback:
  - Ms. Hass and other GNEB members will help to develop Chapter 2.
  - Mr. Andrew will provide additional information about the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument for Section 3.1, including the potential of including GIS imagery.
  - The information that Ms. Hass sent regarding DHS agricultural inspections will be forwarded to the workgroup that is developing the section on agriculture.
  - Dr. Reed will provide text, images and a map regarding wild and protected places along the border that need special consideration in terms of installing infrastructure; Ms. LaRocque will follow up with him.
  - Mr. Coleman will provide comments regarding EPA’s support of increased border security while identifying methods to improve environmental conditions and sustainability. He will include information about binational efforts while maintaining a focus on the U.S. side of the border.
  - Dr. Eaton will coordinate with Mr. Niemeyer to include information about the emergency response equipment transfer in this section; Region 6 personnel can assist with this aspect as necessary.
  - Mr. Niemeyer will provide to Dr. Pohlman a chart and table that show apprehensions versus miles of border fence constructed.
  - Ms. Eckhart will consult EPA’s border offices and the Border 2020 representatives at Headquarters regarding the language about Border 2020.
  - Dr. Pohlman will include appropriate examples from different sectors in Chapter 1.
  - Mr. Anaya will add information about IBWC partnerships to the “GNEB 10th Report Status Update” table on page 43.

- Ms. Hass will find information about specific current border infrastructure and provide a link to any pertinent information.
  - Ms. LaRocque will add descriptions about wildlife migration in Section 3.1.
  - Mr. Niemeyer will provide text for Section 3.2 that highlights the La Paz Agreement and sister-city agreements.
  - Mr. Niemeyer will provide text for a text box about invasive species.
  - Mr. Niemeyer will develop a background section on the border and its context; Dr. Ganster will provide input.
- All revised sections of the report must be sent via email to Dr. Ganster, Dr. Wilder, Mr. Joyce and Ms. LeBaron ***no later than Friday, May 26, 2017.***



## Appendix A: Meeting Participants

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## Appendix B: Teleconference Agenda



Good Neighbor Environmental Board  
Public Teleconference  
Discussion of Draft Report on Environmental Protection and Security  
In the U.S.–Mexico Border Region

May 11, 2017  
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT

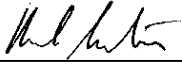
### AGENDA

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| 12:00–12:30 p.m. | Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mark Joyce, Acting Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</li><li>• Paul Ganster, Chair, Good Neighbor Environmental Board</li><li>• Board introductions</li></ul>   |
| 12:30–1:30 p.m.  | Review of Workgroup Text: Key Issues, Major Findings, Initial Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retrospective and Context</li><li>• Infrastructure</li><li>• Ecosystem Management</li><li>• Emergency Response and Preparedness</li><li>• Water Management, Trash Control, and Sediment Management</li></ul> |
| 1:30–3:30 p.m.   | Discussion of Integrated Draft Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Needed Revisions</li><li>• Sources for Additional Material</li><li>• Engaging Outside Experts to Help Augment Existing Text</li></ul>  |
| 3:30–4:00 p.m.   | Next Steps and Schedule  |
| 4:00 p.m.        | Adjournment  |

**Appendix C: Chair Certification of Minutes**

I, Paul Ganster, Chair of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB), certify that this is the final version of the complete minutes for the teleconference held on May 11, 2017, and that the minutes accurately reflect the discussions and decisions of the meeting.



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**Paul Ganster, GNEB Chair**

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**Date**