



Official Meeting of the National and Governmental Advisory Committees to the U.S. Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

October 20-21, 2011

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AGENDA

~ University Hall ~

Thursday, October 20, 2011

8:00 am **Registration**

9:00 am **Call to Order & Introductions**

Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, EPA

9:05 am **Opening Remarks**

Cynthia Jones-Jackson, Director, OFACMO, EPA

9:10 am **Overview & Approval of Agenda**

Karen Chapman, Chair of the National Advisory Committee

Jeff Wennberg, Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee

I. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

9:20 am **Financing Water and Waste Water Projects along the U.S.-Mexico Border**

Maria Elena Giner, BECC General Manager

9:40 am Discussion: Q & A

10:00 am **Cross-Border Collaboration on Environmental Issues**

Cindy Loeffler, Texas Parks & Wildlife

Stephen Niemeyer, Border Affairs, TCEQ

10:30 am Discussion: Q & A

10:45 am **BREAK**

11:00 am **CEC Update**

Evan Lloyd, Executive Director, CEC Secretariat (*via phone*)

11:30 **Binational Water Projects in the Rio Grande Watershed**

Carlos Rubinstein, Commissioner TCEQ

Aimee Roberson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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12:00 pm Discussion: Q & A

12:30pm **LUNCH**

II. UPDATE ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN THE OPERATIONAL PLAN

1:30 pm **Update on U.S. Priorities and Guidance: including Big Bend/Rio Bravo, NAPECA Grants**

Sylvia Correa, Office of International & Tribal Affairs, EPA

2:00pm **JPAC Report-out**

Irasema Coronado, Chair, Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)

2:30 pm **Update on SEM Trilateral Review Process**

Jocelyne Adkins, U.S. EPA, Office of General Counsel (*via phone*)

2:45 pm Discussion: Q & A

3:00pm **BREAK**

3:15pm **TEIA Update & Discussion**

John Knox, Wake Forest University (*via phone*)

Sylvia Correa, Office of International & Tribal Affairs, EPA

3:30pm Discussion: Q& A

3:45pm **Discussion on CEC Communications Strategy Plan**

Sylvia Correa, Office of International & Tribal Affairs, EPA

4:00pm Discussion

4:45pm **Public Comment Period**

5:30 pm **ADJOURN**

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III. BUSINESS MEETING

- 9:00 am **Committees Meet Jointly**
- Approval and signing of April '11 meeting minutes
 - Discussion of 2012 meeting dates
- 9:30am **Public Comment Period**
- 9:45am **Committees Meet in Separate Sessions**
NAC stays in *University Hall*
GAC meets in *Wildflower Room*
- 12:00pm **LUNCH**
- 1:00pm **Committees Reconvene in Plenary Session**
Report-outs from NAC/GAC Chairs
- 1:30 pm **ADJOURN**