



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

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

**8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Mountain Time)**

*(10am Eastern, 9am Central, 7am Pacific Time)*

**511 E. San Antonio Ave.**

**El Paso, Texas 79901**

**Via Zoom**

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| 8:00 am  | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 8:30 am  | <b>Call to Order and Introductions</b><br>Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, EPA   |
| 8:35 am  | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>Robbie Young-Mackall, Director, Federal Advisory Committee Management Division, EPA<br>Carlos Rincon, Director, Region 6, El Paso Border Office, EPA                      |
| 8:40 am  | <b>Welcome and Overview of Agenda</b><br>Andy Carey, Chair of the National Advisory Committee<br>Marina Brock, Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee   |
| 8:50 am  | <b>Update on U.S. Priorities &amp; Guidance</b><br>Jane T. Nishida, Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of International & Tribal Affairs  |
| 9:05 am  | Question & Answer Period  |
| 9:20 am  | <b>CEC Updates on Operational Plan and EJ4 Climate Change Grants</b><br>Jorge Daniel Taillant, CEC Executive Director   |
| 9:35 am  | Question & Answer Period  |
| 9:50 am  | <b>JPAC Report-out</b><br>Octaviana Trujillo, Chair, Joint Public Advisory Committee  |
| 10:05 am | Question & Answer Period  |
| 10:15 am | <b>Update on Regional Sustainability and Climate Adaptation Challenges</b><br>Adrian Vazquez, Director, Center of Atmospheric Sciences & Green Technologies, University of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua |
| 10:30 am | Question and Answer Period  |

- 10:45 am BREAK
- 11:00 am **NADBANK Overview & Lessons Learned**  
Calixto Mateos, Managing Director, NADBANK
- 11:15 am Question & Answer Period
- 11:30 am **Lessons Learned from EPA's Work with Communities**  
Surabhi Shah, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Administrator, EPA
- 11:45 am Question and Answer Period
- 12:00 pm **Public Comment Period**
- 12:15 pm **Hot topics & Joint Open Discussion on Presentations**  
Andy Carey, Chair of the National Advisory Committee  
Marina Brock, Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee  
(Each member reports hot environmental topics related to the CEC, occurring in their regions and/or sectors)
- 12:30 pm LUNCH
- 1:00 pm **Committees Meet Separately to Discuss Charge Questions**  
**Charge:** *Identify Ways to Empower Communities to Address Climate Adaptation Challenges*
- 1. Identifying best practices, strategies, and tools the CEC could develop to empower minority, low-income, tribal, and indigenous communities to address climate adaptation challenges?*
  - 2. Providing examples of activities and best practices community leaders have implemented to increase engagement and overcome the challenges of implementing climate adaptation efforts.*
  - 3. How can the U.S. support the implementation of the Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) Policy into CEC's climate initiatives that will honor Tribal sovereignty?*
- 2:30 pm **Summary and Next Steps**  
Andy Carey, Chair of the National Advisory Committee  
Marina Brock, Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee
- 3:00 pm **ADJOURN**