

11:15 - 12:00

Performance Measures for SRFs

- Status of Subgroup on Environmental/Benefit Indicators
- GPRA measures and other financial indicators

Purpose: There are many initiatives at the federal level that aim to identify the environmental outcomes of federal funding. A subgroup has been working on developing better measures to assess environmental and economic benefits and impact of the CWSRF program on improving water quality. This session will discuss the progress of the subgroup. This session will also give an update on the current DWSRF/ CWSRF GPRA measures.

Charge to WG members: Workgroup members should bring measures that they have developed for use in their own state or region and be prepared to discuss the process they used to identify them and how they have worked.

12:00 - 1:15

Lunch

1:15 - 3:00

Legislative Activities on the Hill *

- Overview of Legislative Activities (pending bills, etc)
- SRF Reauthorization

Purpose: A representative from the Hill will discuss various Congressional activities that affect the SRF programs. An update on SRF Reauthorization will be provided.

Charge to WG members: State members should come prepared to discuss their perspectives on legislative activities.

3:00 - 3:15

Break (vote for Vice-chair)

3:15 - 4:15

Coordination on STAG Earmark Projects *

- National summary of STAGs
- STAG program procedures

Purpose: This session will discuss various topics related to STAG earmarks. An overview will be provided on STAG program procedures, including what to do with STAG earmark funds if the grant recipient decides not to undertake the project. State experiences with coordination on STAG projects will be discussed.

Charge to WG members: Workgroup members should come with examples of their experiences with trying to coordinate their SRF programs with STAG earmarks.

4:15 - 5:15

OMB Initiatives

Purpose: This session is an opportunity to introduce the OMB SRF Examiner. There will be a discussion of OMB's role in oversight. There will also be a discussion of the OMB Performance Assessment Rating Tool (PART) process as well as other OMB initiatives. The DWSRF

program went through the PART process last year and CWSRF has been identified to participate this year.

Charge to WG members: Workgroup members should come with any questions they may have about OMB's initiatives.

Wednesday, May 7

8:00 - 9:00

State Questions for Discussion (a.k.a. Bring Your Issues to the Table)

- What are the possibilities for increasing flexibility and removing time delay roadblocks in order to fund emergency projects?*
- What are the pros and cons of leveraging?*
- Provide an overview of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program provisions and a status of the rule. *
- What are state (especially leveraged states) experiences in meeting the 15% small systems provision in the DWSRF?*
- What are state experiences in utilizing the set-asides?*

Purpose: This session will discuss several questions that were raised by states during development of the agenda for this meeting. Members of the workgroup are encouraged to add additional questions for discussion prior to or at the meeting.

9:00 - 9:30

Security Measures and the SRFs

- Overview of Efforts of Water Protection Task Force
- Use of SRF Funds and Other Assistance Programs for Security Measures

Purpose: This session will provide an overview of the activities of the newly established Water Protection Task Force. States will share experiences in using SRFs and other forms of assistance to fund security measures.

Charge to WG members: State workgroup members should come prepared to discuss issues in your state related to water security and any experiences you have in using SRF to address them.

9:30 - 10:15

Funding Projects in a Watershed Context

- EPA Watershed Initiative
- Overview of NPS/Estuary Funding in CWSRF *
- Overview of SWP Funding in DWSRF *
- Toolbook on land acquisition through the CWSRF/DWSRF

Purpose: Tracey Mehan, Assistant Administrator for Water released a memo in December 2002 reaffirming EPA's commitment to the watershed approach. This session will provide an overview of the extent to which the CWSRF is funding NPS/estuary projects and the DWSRF is funding

SWP projects. States will provide their experiences in funding projects in a watershed context (including efforts in the area of land acquisition).
Charge to WG members: State workgroup members should come prepared to discuss how your state or other states are addressing one or more of the topics above.

10:15 - 10:30

Break

10:30 - 12:15

State Questions for Discussion (continued)

12:15 - 12:30

Recap and Planning for Next Meeting

- Next meeting to be held November 2003 in Boston, MA