

CONSORTIUM NEWS NOTES – February 8, 2020

Consortium News Notes Highlights

- Upcoming TSC video conference calls - Week of February 15
- Legislative Session Updates and Comments (Please Read)
- Consortium Research RFP Submittal Summary
- 2021 Membership Agreement Notices

TSC Working Group Video Conference Calls

Since our December meeting the consortium has focused on a series of meetings with small technical task committees focused on:

- preparing the Consortium RFP that went out January 5th and helping to support research proposals,
- NPDES treatment goals for the research projects,
- working with the GWPC, the NM Tech Petroleum Recover Research Center ,and NMSU on a new GIS-based Produced Water Data Portal for NM,
- New risk and toxicology testing of the use of produced water with the EPA, and
- New socio-economic and environmental cost benefit analysis approaches.

We will be providing each of the larger working groups with information on those efforts next week on working group video calls. All video calls are open to Consortium members with an interest in one or more working groups. Each call will use the same Zoom connection provided below. The dates and times for discussions with each of Working Groups includes:

- **Monday February 15th**
 - 9-10:30 am MDT– Water Quality and Water Quantity Working Groups
- **Tuesday, February 16th**
 - 9-10:30 am MDT – Risk and Toxicology and Treatment Working Groups
- **Wednesday, February 17th**
 - 9-10:30 am MDT – Infrastructure Engineering and Applications Working Groups

To Join a Working Group Zoom Meeting use this link.

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/8790602909>

Meeting ID: 879 060 2909

To Dial in by phone you can participate based on your location by calling:

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Each meeting will cover working group updates on relevant task committee progress on relevant issues, updates on RFP reviews, overview of spring and summer schedules, and updates on document posting on the NMPWRC web site.

Legislative Session Update and Comments

We have provided information to Consortium members over the past month on proposed state legislation associated with produced water or produced water management or research in NM. Because the Consortium was established as a science and technology research and evaluation organization, we have therefore not taken any stands on proposed legislation. The Consortium management has agreed with NMED to only provide technical information to the legislature as requested by either the legislature or NMED.

If you wish to provide testimony about specific legislation, it is appropriate that you present your opinions as that of your own organization or affiliation. It is not appropriate to suggest that your comments represent the views or opinions of either the Consortium, NMSU, nor the NM Environment Department. Our membership agreement does not allow the dissemination of information that has not been approved by the Consortium or is not on the public folder of the Consortium web site. Failure to follow these guidelines could lead to termination of Consortium membership as outlined in the Membership Agreement.

Consortium RFP Research Response

Yesterday was the due date for proposal applications for the Consortium's Request for Proposals (RFP) for produced water research in 5 different topic areas. We received over 20 different proposals spanning produced water pretreatment, treatment, data management and analysis, and socio-economic environmental cost benefit analysis.

The Consortium will be working this week with the NM Water Resources Research Institute to categorize the RFP's and will be meeting with the RFP review committee on Thursday, February 11th, to start the RFP reviews. Thanks to everyone that participated in or supported applicants in our first research, development, and demonstration proposal process.

2021 Membership Agreement Notices Have Been Sent Out

This is just a note to inform everyone that the 2021 Consortium Membership Agreements went out early last week. If you have not received your notice or have any questions, please contact:

Monica Dunivan, Membership Coordinator, at morascon@nmsu.edu, or 575-646-3131 for assistance.

Membership dues for each organization, except state and federal agencies and Sponsors, is \$500 this year. State and federal agencies do not have to pay dues, and Sponsor dues are included as part of their sponsorship.