

CONSORTIUM NEWS NOTES – February 22, 2022



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Reminder - 2022 Membership Agreements

This is a reminder that the 2021 Consortium Membership Agreements have been sent out. The Agreement is the same as for 2021 and dues are due in February.

Membership dues for any company or organization, except state and federal agencies and Sponsors, is \$500 per year. Sponsor dues are covered as part of a sponsorship and government agency representatives do not have to pay any dues. Multiple company or organization members can participate in Working Groups and Task Committees with one membership.

If you have any questions or need to get a Membership Agreement sent to you, please contact: Monica Dunivan, Membership Coordinator, at morascon@nmsu.edu, or 575-646-2913 for assistance.

NM Legislative Session Information

In 2022, the NM Legislature will met from January 17th through February 17th. This year, NMSU, with support from NMED, solicited state funding for the Consortium to support research efforts. NMSU was able to get \$135 K in legislator-sponsored funding for the Consortium, and water research was specifically identified as a research area that could share in a \$45 M state matching fund pool for schools of higher education. The Governor has until March 7th to sign or line-item veto these bills.

We will continue to keep you updated, but it looks like sponsor funding, or funding from other agencies received by the Consortium in 2022 to support research could be matched with state funding. This would significantly expand our risk and toxicology research and development, scenario analysis research, and treatment technology research, development, and testing. This would also help support larger funding for a 2022 RFP for treatment technology testing, produced water quality data collection, and infrastructure scenario modeling and analysis.

Consortium Web-site Updates

The Consortium web-site continues to add more information and updates weekly.

Access to the website remains <https://nmpwrc.nmsu.edu>. Or you can google NMPWRC and get a link that will take you directly to the web site.

2022 Working Group Meetings for 2022

In mid January we initiated our 2022 Working group meetings. At those meetings each working group identified their major goals and objectives for 2022. Those will be placed on the web site after final review by each Task committee in the March meetings. The identified Working Group meeting schedules are noted below.

The dates and times identified for each Working Group are:

- **Risk and Toxicology Working Group**
 - Monday - 9-10 am MT (10 -11 am CT)
 - Biweekly Starting , January 10th
- **Public Education and Outreach Working Group**
 - First Monday of the month - (next meeting March 7th)
 - 3:30 - 4:30 pm MT (4:30 - 5:30 pm CT)
- **Treatment Technology and Evaluation Working Group**
 - First Tuesday of the month (next meeting March 1st)
 - 9-10 am MT (10-11 am CT)
- **Socio-economic Environmental CBA Working Group**
 - First Wednesday of the month (next meeting March 2nd)
 - 10-11 am MT (11-12 noon CT)
- **Produced Water Data and Portal Working Group**
 - First Thursday of the month (next meeting March 3rd)
 - 9-10 am MT (10-11 am CT)
- **Infrastructure and Scenario Planning Working Group**
 - Second Tuesday of the month (next meeting March 8th)
 - 9-10 am MT (10-11 am CT)

This year, each Working Group will have a lead and co-lead from the Consortium membership to coordinate agendas, efforts, and meeting minutes. The tenure will be for half a year and will be helped by Consortium management. As in 2020 and 2021, any member of the Consortium can participate in as many Working Group as they wish to volunteer for. While the initial Working Group meetings for 2022 have already started, additional participants are welcome.

Coordination with the Texas Produced Water Consortium

The Tx Produced Water Consortium has identified the different Working Groups, their focus , and schedule for 2022. They are listed below:

Policies (Tuesday afternoons at 2 pm CST, alternating with Economics; next meeting [March 1](#)): identify potential changes to law and administrative rules to better enable the beneficial use of produced water.

Standards (Wednesday mornings at 9 am, alternating with Technologies; next meeting [March 2](#)): develop guidance for establishing produced water permitting and testing standards.

Technologies (Wednesday mornings at 9 am*, alternating with Standards; next meeting [February 23](#)): identify scalable technologies for potential use in a state pilot project at a facility designed and operated to recycle produced water.

Economics (Tuesday afternoons at 2 pm, alternating with Policies; next meeting [February 22](#)): develop an economic model for using produced water efficiently.

Legal (tentatively alternating Fridays at 9 am): subcommittee comprised of representative attorneys from various member entities, tasked with looking at issues of a legal nature as requested by the Consortium or other subcommittees.

They do not track exactly with our Working Groups but there is overlap in several areas including their Technologies, Economics, Standards with our Treatment, Socio-Economic, and Risk and Toxicology Working Groups. We are working with Rusty Smith of the Tx Consortium to identify members of our Consortium to participate with them. My suggestion has been that the lead or co-lead of each of our appropriate Working Groups be nominated to participate and represent the NMPWRC. I am continuing discussions with Rusty on this.