



Non-Tidal Network Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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AGENDA

1:00 Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Peter Tango, NTN WG Coordinator (USGS @CBPO)

1:10 Update on the spreadsheet work on station support – Peter Tango

Thank you for contributions on station support across the NTN network. It looks like we have a few holes yet to fill. This work will be a foundation in our network evaluation.

1:15 Outline of questions to answer in the PSC review: Setting some expectations for developing recommendations – Peter Tango

Peter will highlight the 8 questions guiding our input to the PSC. There is perhaps 75% of the information in various corners of our daily world already, but there is a 25% where community wisdom, insight, knowledge and discussion will tune our vision for the network going forward and fulfill guidance to the PSC on sustaining the NTN.

1:30 Network evaluation: 9 months and beyond – Peter Tango, Joel Blomquist, Tammy Zimmerman, Mark Nardi, Doug Moyer

To provide effective, actionable recommendations for the PSC, we need to define the status of our network and work with the best understanding available of our budget picture. The foundational assumption in the 9-month review for the NTN is that we are operating under a level funding scenario for the next 5 years of NTN operations. A first principal rule is that any adjustments over time will be coordinated and distributed so as not to impact a single jurisdiction (+ or -) in an overwhelming way. A proposed evaluation strategy will be presented that includes 3 themes - 1) understanding the economics underpinning existing support, 2) update our representativeness assessment from 2010 for NTN stations to collectively evaluate our gaps, underrepresentation, and overrepresentation issues in our network, 3) create scenarios and options that address station and analysis support to match available resources with costs to run the network. Key stakeholders that have contributed considerations in the past (e.g., Watershed

modeling community) will be invited in the upcoming months to provide input on considerations for how the portfolio of network operations can further enhance decision-support. The output of the evaluation is aimed at providing network status statements and recommendations to the PSC on vulnerabilities with no new funding which further provides a justified funding target for sustaining our 123 station operations and NTN analysis support over the next 5 years as well as possible enhancements to address stakeholder needs.

2:00 Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 1 PM – 2:30 PM

Topics:

Ongoing, follow-up with network evaluation steps supporting recommendation development for the CBP-PSC review.

Cacapon River Science, West Virginia: Factors affecting primary productivity, plus, habitat monitoring and living resource diversity. Some Q&A to consider.

Please reach out to Breck and Peter if you have an additional issue or topic you would like to have represented on a future NTN agenda. Thank you!