



Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 21, 1:00PM—4:00PM | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel | Room: Thurgood Marshall
North/East

Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee Leadership

Chair: Hon. Gary Moore, County Judge/Executive, Boone County, Ky.
Vice Chair: Hon. Victoria Reinhardt, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.
Vice Chair: Hon. Penny Gross, Supervisor, Fairfax County, Va.
Vice Chair: Hon. John Prinkki, Commissioner, Carbon County, Mont.
Vice Chair: Hon. Dave Somers, County Executive, Snohomish County, Wash.

Draft Meeting Agenda

Call to Order and Welcome

- **Hon. Gary Moore**, County Judge/Executive, Boone County, Ky.

Introductions

Waters of the U.S.—Where Do We Go From Here?

Last year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) implemented their new definition for “Waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS). Almost immediately after the rule was finalized numerous WOTUS cases were filed by 31 states and private parties in separate district and appeals courts. Counties are very interested in the proceedings since local governments own and maintain roads, bridges, ditches, drainage conveyances and wastewater and stormwater systems that would be impacted by the proposed rule. This session will highlight the challenges the court system faces, how Congress may act and whether the upcoming Presidential elections may impact the WOTUS rule.

- **Samuel Brown, Esq.**, Senior Attorney, Hunton and Williams LLP, San Francisco, Calif.

Prior to joining Hunton & Williams LLP, Sam was an attorney in both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Office of Regional Counsel in San Francisco and the Office of General Counsel in Washington, DC. When he was an Assistant Regional Counsel in the EPA’s San Francisco office, he led investigations of regulated facilities for violations of environmental laws, and pursued enforcement actions. As an attorney in the EPA’s Office of General Counsel, he advised the EPA Administrator and General Counsel on the national implementation of federal environmental laws and associated regulatory programs. He advised the EPA during notice and comment rulemaking on the legal risks and defensibility of proposed regulatory actions, and defended challenges to those actions brought under the Administrative Procedure Act and substantive federal environmental laws in federal district and appellate courts in partnership with the US Department of Justice.

A Retrospective Review of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) was enacted in 2007 and funded in 2009 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) at \$3.2. The purpose of EECBG was to help primarily larger cities and counties address energy efficiency and air emissions concerns based on allocation levels. Over 400 counties were direct grant recipients and countless others received funding from state grants through the Department of Energy (DOE).

While the EECBG program was officially phased out in 2015, the national results have been stunning. In a DOE review, they determined that for every EECBG dollar spent, program participants received \$1.76 billion in savings over the lifetime of the measures installed. The lessons learned through the EECBG program have ramifications for today's counties. Come learn how your county can utilize similar programs to cut energy use while saving the county money.

- **Pam Bloch Mendelson**, ARRA Financing Programs Team Lead, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

EELU Resolutions Received Within 30 Day Deadline

Policy resolutions are generally single-purpose documents addressing a specific issue or piece of legislation. Resolutions draw attention to a topic of current concern, clarify parts of the broadly worded platform, or set policy in areas not covered by the platform. These resolutions are valid until NACo's 2016 Annual Conference and must be submitted 30 days before a NACo conference.

- Proposed Resolution on the Implementation of EPA's Clean Power Plan
 - Sponsor(s): **The Honorable John Prinkki**, Commissioner, Carbon County, Mont.; **Richard Dunbar**, Commissioner, Phillips County, Mont.; **Loren Groskopf**, Commissioner, Park County, Wyo.
- Proposed Resolution on Stormwater Runoff from Forest Roads
 - Sponsor: **The Honorable Chris Bowen**, Supervisor, Forrest County, Miss.

Emergency Resolutions

"Emergency" resolutions and platform changes are federal legislative or regulatory matters that could not have been foreseen 30 days prior to the conference. Steering committees receiving emergency resolutions or platform changes may consider them only if two-thirds of the steering committee members present vote to review them—the official two-thirds vote will occur at the full EELU Steering Committee meeting on Sunday, Feb. 21. **Emergency resolutions and platform changes should be submitted, in approved format, prior by Saturday afternoon, Feb. 20.**

Cross-Jurisdictional Resolutions

When introduced, resolutions are initially referred to a primary steering committee. However, other steering committees can claim a resolution if the policy issue is relevant to other steering committee jurisdiction. If EELU steering committee members identify a resolution in another steering committee that is relevant to EELU's mission, EELU member(s) can ask to claim it at EELU's Resolutions Meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2016.

Legislative and Regulatory Update

- Julie Ufner, Associate Legislative Director—Environment, Energy and Land Use, NACo

Meeting Concludes

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