

## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **AGC – Natural Resources Conservation Service Meeting**

**8:45 AM – 9:40 AM**

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#### **Welcoming Remarks and Introductions**

Todd Roberts  
*Chair, AGC Natural Resources Conservation Service Committee*

#### **NRCS Remarks**

David Pacheco  
*National Construction Engineer*

Noller Herbert  
*Director, Conservation Engineering Division*

### **AGC Questions for NRCS**

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#### **AGENCY BUDGET OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**

- FY 2017 & 2019 Overview
- Overview of the upcoming budget projects targeted for NRCS

#### **WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

- Program Overview
- FY 2018 Funding
- FY 2019 Funding

#### **EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM**

- Overview of EWP Program
- Waitlist
- Funded Projects

#### **WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS**

- Overview of Program
- Program Funding – past, present, and future

#### **NRCS & PROJECT SPONSORS**

- Please explain the role of NRCS's project sponsors; how the agency works with those sponsor; and how AGC members could be better made aware of those projects?

- There are reports of difficulty of contractors getting paid when project “sponsors” act as the owner, but with project NRCS design, administration and inspection. Is there anything NRCS can do to correct this? Is this beyond NRCS control?

### **CONTRACTING**

- AGC understands NRCS moved more towards regional rather than state NRCS contracting offices. Please explain the any updates to this process and what results from these changes.

### **AGENCY REGULATIONS**

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  - Please speak to how NRCS believes this new regulatory climate will impact the agency?
  - Are there specific regulations that are currently, or will likely be, eliminated or reformed?
  - How will the agency change its rule making process?

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- How can AGC work to help NRCS?
  - Questions from the floor?
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**AGC – Bureau of Reclamation Meeting**

**9:40 AM – 10:30 AM**

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*Chair, AGC Natural Resources Conservation Service Committee*

**BoR Remarks**

Mathew Maucieri  
*Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Operations*

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**AGC Questions for BoR**

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**AGENCY BUDGET OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**

- FY 2018-19 Overview
- Discussion of new construction-related initiatives.
- Most of Reclamation's major dams, reservoirs, hydroelectric plants, and irrigation systems are 60 or more years old. What efforts are BOR undertaking to support its aging infrastructure portfolio?

**CONTRACTING AND THE ADMINISTRATION**

- What do you see as the future program growth areas for the construction contracting community regarding the Reclamation program?

**RECLAMATION & USACE PARTNERSHIP**

- Over the last several years, BOR and USACE have solidified partnerships in a range of activities. Please explain where/what projects BOR is partnering or working closely with USACE. What BOR construction projects resemble those performed by USACE Civil Works, i.e., flood control, environmental restoration, dam and lock repair harbor maintenance dredging? What construction opportunities are there currently or planned for those types of projects?

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**2018 Federal Contractors Conference**  
**Pentagon City, VA.**  
**May 2, 2018**

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