**Science and Adaptive Management Committee (SAMC)**

**Meeting Agenda**

**August 21, 2023; 12:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Location:** *Zoom*

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Meeting ID: 898-359-3120; Passcode: 1251*

***Meeting Objectives:***

* *Hear updates from the June Executive Committee (EC) meeting*
* *Hear update on December 2023 MRGESCP Science Symposium*
* *Hear update on October 2023 Climate Futures Planning Workshop*
* *Discuss proposed changes to the SAMC meeting format and member leadership*
* *Discuss Restoration Compendium and Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) Recovery Wheel Ad Hocs*
* *Discuss coordination with Fiscal Planning Committee (FPC)*
* *Hear update on action items from memo on management of vegetated islands and bank-attached bars*
* *Hear update on Program Portal data sets*

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| 12:00 – 12:10 | **Welcome, Guest Introductions, Agenda Review*** **Decision**: Approval of August 21, 2023 agenda
 | *Catherine Murphy, Program Support Team (PST)* |
| 12:10 – 12:15 | **May Meeting Minutes and Action Item Review*** **Decision**: Approval of May 30, 2023 SAMC meeting minutes

Read-Ahead:* Draft May 30, 2023 SAMC Meeting Minutes
 | *Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | **Updates from Jun 2023 EC Meeting and August FPC Meeting*** June EC
	+ Multi-year Plan Revisions
		- EC guidance on environmental justice, cultural and socio-economic impacts
		- SAMC suggestions from first review have been incorporated
		- PST will format the next review as a table
	+ Proposed paper on MRGESCP’s transition to adaptive management
* **Action Item**: PST reformat and resubmit Multi-Year Plan to SAMC for final review
 | *Debbie Lee, PST* |
| 12:30 – 12:35 | **Update on December 2023 MRGESCP Science Symposium*** Date, location, registration and call for abstracts
* Encouraging student engagement
 | *Debbie Lee, PST* |
| 12:35 – 12:50 | **Updates on October 2023 Climate Futures Planning Workshop*** Date, location and overview of event
* Small planning group update and South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center (SC-CASC) coordination
* September field trip to [Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area](https://valenciaswcd.org/whitfield-wildlife-conservation-area/)
* **Decision**: Would any SAMC members like to help facilitate the workshop?
* **Action Item**: PST will coordinate with interested members

Read-Ahead:* Climate Futures Planning Workshop Schematic
 | *Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 12:50 – 1:30 | **New SAMC Meeting Format and Member Leadership*** Proposed changes to meeting format
* Roles, responsibilities and modes of engagement under proposed format
* SAMC leads for current topics and SAMC-suggested topics
* **Decision**: Does the SAMC approve the proposed changes to the meeting format?
* **Action Item**: If approved, PST will implement this change
* **Decision**: On which topics will individual SAMC members take the lead?
* **Action Item**: PST will coordinate, support and track member topics of choice

Read-Aheads:* List of Current Topics Needing SAMC Leads
* Schematic of Relationships Among Topics
 | *Group discussion* |
| 1:30 – 2:00 | **Restoration Compendium and SER Recovery Wheel Ad Hoc Groups*** Relationships and future direction of these ad hocs
* Restoration Compendium Ad Hoc Group
	+ Final group charge and member call
	+ Draft compendium ready for ad hoc group review
* SER Recovery Wheel Ad Hoc Group
	+ Final group charge and member call
	+ External SER expertise
* Peer review of content and user experience
* **Decision**: Does the SAMC recommend any individuals for participation on the SER Recovery Wheel or Restoration Compendium Ad Hocs?
* **Action Item**: PST will contact recommended individuals

Read-Aheads:* Final Restoration Compendium Ad Hoc Charge
* Final SER Recovery Wheel Ad Hoc Charge
* Member Call for Restoration Compendium & SER Recovery Wheel Ad Hoc Groups
 | *Meaghan Conway and Ondrea Hummel, SAMC* |
| 2:00 – 2:10 | **BREAK** |  |
| 2:10 – 2:50 | **Coordination with Fiscal Planning Committee*** Need for coordination; SAMC/FPC liaisons; memos to EC
* MRGESCP Funding Opportunities Matrix
* Discuss a Request For Proposals (RFP)-based framework
* Long-Term Plan (LTP) project evaluation
* **Decision**: Does the SAMC approve the proposed mode of coordination with the FPC?
* **Action Item**: If approved, SAMC/FPC liaisons will attend meetings and report on committee initiatives
* **Decision**: What next steps does the SAMC recommend regarding project evaluation for the MRGESCP?
* **Action Item**: PST will work with Aubrey Harris to incorporate SAMC feedback regarding project evaluation

Read-Aheads:* Funding Opportunities Matrix
* Funding Opportunities Graphic
 | *Aubrey Harris, SAMC, and Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 2:50 – 3:15 | **Management of Vegetated Islands and Bank-Attached Bars** * First recommendation from memo: glossary of relevant technical terms
	+ Dave Moore and Ari Posner taking first review
* Next recommendation: identify relevant data sets and data gaps
* **Decision**: Does the SAMC suggest an approach for identifying data sets and data gaps relevant to vegetated islands/bars?
* **Action Item**: PST will follow-up on SAMC suggestions

Read-Ahead:* SAMC Memo to EC – Recs for Mgmt of Vegetated Islands Bars (*for reference only*)
 | *Dave Moore, SAMC, and Zoë Rossman, PST* |
| 3:15 – 3:40 | **Program Portal Data Updates*** Review list of data sets being updated
* Discuss protocols for updating Portal data sets and utilizing Information & Data Quality Ad Hoc Group
* **Decision**: Does the SAMC recommend asking the Information & Data Quality Ad Hoc to provide guidance on data formatting for posting on the Program Portal?
* **Action Item**: If recommended, PST will follow up with Information & Data Quality Ad Hoc

Read-Aheads:* List of Program Portal Data Sets 2023
* Information & Data Quality Ad Hoc Group Charge (*for reference* *only*)
 | *Angela Medina-Garcia and Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 3:40 – 4:00 | **Action Items, Next Steps, and Announcements*** **Upcoming events:**
	+ Habitat Restoration Coordination field trip: Aug. 22, 9 am – noon (Candelaria Nature Preserve and Aldo Leopold Burn Site)
	+ Wagner seminar: *Soil fungal community functional shifts following anthropogenic disturbances could negatively impact cottonwoods*; Aug. 24, 10-11 am (Zoom)
	+ Paklaian seminar: *Post-Fire Flooding and Recovery in the Upper Arkansas River Basin*; Aug. 29, 10-11 am (Zoom)
	+ Whitfield field trip: September TBD
	+ EC Meeting: Sept. 28, 1-4 pm (USFWS Office)
	+ Climate Futures Planning Workshop: October 24-25, 2023; Pueblo of Santa Ana – Tamaya Wellness Center; *registration closes Aug. 31*
* **Next SAMC Meeting**: November 2023
 | *PST* |
| 4:00 | **Adjourn** |  |