



The Environmental Council of the States

2017 Spring Meeting

*New Administration, New Congress:  
States' Path Ahead*

## **Preliminary Agenda**

**(as of March 17)**

Thursday, April 6–Friday, April 7

The Mayflower Hotel  
Washington, DC



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**Speakers designated by an asterisk (\*) are confirmed.**

## Thursday, April 6

<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration Open</b>	<i>District Foyer</i>
<b>7:30 – 8:55 a.m.</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	<i>Palm Court</i>
<b>7:45 – 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Side Session of the Shale Gas Caucus: Beneficial Reuse of Produced Water Beyond the Oil Patch</b>	<i>Rhode Island</i>
	<p>Open to all Spring Meeting attendees. A separate continental breakfast will be available. The ECOS Shale Gas Caucus is engaged in a discussion series entitled “What Commissioners Need to Know about Alternative Management Strategies for Water Produced from Oil and Gas Wells.” This next conversation will explore beneficial reuse of produced water beyond the oil patch – such as in agriculture and road de-icing – and potential technical and legal challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Martha Rudolph, SGC Co-Chair, ECOS Past President, and Director of Environmental Programs, Colorado Department of Public Health &amp; Environment (moderator)*</li><li>❖ David Glatt, SGC Co-Chair, ECOS Region VIII Executive Committee Representative, and Chief, Environmental Health Section, North Dakota Department of Health (moderator)*</li><li>❖ Michael Teague, Secretary of Energy and Environment, State of Oklahoma*</li><li>❖ Scott Anderson, Senior Policy Director, U.S. Climate and Energy Program, Environmental Defense Fund*</li><li>❖ Roy Hartstein, Vice President, Strategic Solutions, Southwestern Energy Company*</li></ul>	
<b>9:00 – 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<i>District</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Call to Order, Announcements, and Agenda Preview</b> John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*</li><li>❖ <b>Self-introduction of ECOS Members</b></li></ul>	
<b>9:30 – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Former U.S. EPA Leaders’ Outlook for The Agency</b>	<i>District</i>
	<p>Moderated by ECOS’ President, this dialogue will bring together past EPA Acting Administrators from diverse political perspectives to reflect on the challenges, opportunities, and changes they see ahead for the agency in the Trump Administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (moderator)*</li><li>❖ Robert Perciasepe, Former Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and</li></ul>	

President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions\*

- ❖ Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Former Assistant Administrator for Air & Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Partner, Bracewell\*

**10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Networking Break**

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**11:00 a.m. –  
12:15 p.m.**

**Environmental Infrastructure: Fast Lanes & Pipe Dreams**

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The new Administration could put in motion as much as a trillion dollars in domestic infrastructure investment over the next 10 years. The expected capital infusion will impact state environmental programs in terms of permitting and evaluation and will move forward ready-to-go projects across the nation. This discussion will bring together ECOS and other experts to consider various approaches to environmental infrastructure permitting and siting, local impacts, and public-private partnerships, as well as the effect of infrastructure investment on state environmental agencies, U.S. jobs, and the national economy.

- ❖ Becky Keogh, ECOS Secretary-Treasurer and Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (moderator and speaker)\*
- ❖ Tom Cochran, CEO & Executive Director, U.S. Conference of Mayors
- ❖ Sue Gander, Director, Environment, Energy, & Transportation Division, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices\*
- ❖ G. Tracy Mehan III, Executive Director of Government Affairs, American Water Works Association\*
- ❖ Quinlan (Quin) Shea, Vice President, Environment, Edison Electric Institute\*

**12:15 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Keynote Luncheon: Environment, Energy, & the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress**

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*U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), Chairman, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, introduced by ECOS Vice President Todd Parfitt, Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.\**

**1:45 – 3:15 p.m.**

**Exploring Our Energy Future**

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ECOS has urged the Trump Administration to continue a robust national dialogue around energy, as ECOS members play a leading role in these conversations in their home states and regions. During the Obama Administration, energy conversation was dominated in large part by the Clean Power Plan, the role of carbon, the Paris negotiations, renewables, and demand-side reduction. How is the energy conversation changing in the new Administration? What considerations remain front and center, and what topics are coming to the forefront? This discussion will spotlight perspectives on the

direction of the energy and environment conversation in 2017.

- ❖ Martha Rudolph, ECOS Past President and Director of Environmental Programs, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (moderator)\*
- ❖ Bryan Shaw, Ph.D., ECOS Air Committee Chair and Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality\*
- ❖ Ben Grumbles, ECOS Air Committee Vice Chair and Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment\*
- ❖ Jason Albritton, Director of Climate & Energy Policy, U.S. Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy\*
- ❖ Alan Kovski, Staff Reporter, EHS Division, Bloomberg BNA\*
- ❖ Chet Thompson, President, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers\*
- ❖ Paul Bailey, President & CEO, American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity\*

**3:15 – 3:45 p.m.**

**Networking Break**

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**3:45 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Electrifying America, Cutting NOx: States and the VW Settlement**

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A national environmental settlement with Volkswagen offers states an opportunity to put new resources to use in communities and to partner with other states. This session will feature ECOS members and other experts discussing a variety of approaches to managing and expending these funds, public engagement, and innovation.

- ❖ Matthew Rodriguez, ECOS Region IX Executive Committee Representative and Secretary for Environmental Protection, California Environmental Protection Agency (moderator and speaker)\*
- ❖ Robert Jackson, Chair, Board of Directors, National Association of State Energy Officials, and Director, Michigan Energy Office\*
- ❖ Allen Schaeffer, Executive Director, Diesel Technology Forum\*
- ❖ Matt Godlewski, President, Natural Gas Vehicles for America\*
- ❖ Electrify America\*

**5:00 – 6:45 p.m.**

**Mayflower Hotel Reception**

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## Friday, April 7

<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>	<i>District Foyer</i>
<b>7:15 – 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	<i>Palm Court</i>
<b>7:15 – 8:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Environmental Research Institute of the States Board Meeting</b>  Open to states and invited guests. Moderated by David Paylor of Virginia, ERIS President. A separate continental breakfast will be available.	<i>New Hampshire</i>
<b>7:30 – 8:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Side Session of the ECOS Data Management Workgroup</b>  Open to states and invited guests. A separate continental breakfast will be available.	<i>Rhode Island</i>
<b>8:45 – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Corporate Roundtable Enhancing Community Engagement &amp; Communication</b>  Corporate members of the Business Network for Environmental Justice will discuss how their companies are engaging with communities and will provide replicable case studies, in conversation with ECOS leaders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Chuck Carr Brown, ECOS Waste Committee Vice Chair and Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (moderator and speaker)*</li><li>❖ Myra Reece, ECOS Region IV Representative and Director of Environmental Affairs, South Carolina Department of Health &amp; Environmental Control*</li><li>❖ Sue Briggum, Vice President, Federal Public Affairs, Waste Management*</li><li>❖ Bob Miner, Senior Director, State &amp; Local Affairs, BP America*</li><li>❖ Timothy Fields Jr., Former Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste &amp; Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Senior Vice President, MDB, Inc.*</li><li>❖ Greg Bertelsen, Senior Director, Energy &amp; Resources Policy, National Association of Manufacturers*</li></ul>	<i>District</i>
<b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening Keynote by The Honorable Scott Pruitt, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*</b>  Introduced by John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.*	<i>District</i>

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

**Networking Break**

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11:00 a.m.  
– 12:15 p.m.

**Sustainable Materials Management: The Launch of a Public-Private Partnership**

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As interest in Sustainable Materials Management grows within both the public and private sectors, an historic Materials Leadership Council has been launched among members of ECOS and of the U.S. Business Council for Sustainable Development. The initial purpose of this partnership is to connect the capabilities and interests of state and business leaders to promote creative material reuse across industries and develop policy solutions that support these shared goals. This discussion will spotlight innovative ideas toward achieving circular economy objectives.

- ❖ Scott Thompson, ECOS Waste Committee Chair and Region VI Executive Committee Representative and Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (moderator and speaker)\*
- ❖ Robert Martineau, Former ECOS President and Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation\*
- ❖ John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency\*
- ❖ John Bradburn, Global Waste Reduction Manager, General Motors\*
- ❖ Derek McSpadden, Vice President of Operations, Noble Environmental Technologies Corporation\*
- ❖ Marc Gold, Partner, Manko, Gold, Katcher, Fox LLP\*

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

**Keynote Luncheon: Building a Change-Receptive Organization**

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*Misael Cabrera, Vice Chair, ECOS Innovation & Productivity Committee, and Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,\* introduced by John Mitchell, Chair, ECOS Innovation & Productivity Committee and Director, Division of Environment, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.\**

1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

**Serving up Carrots: Innovative State Efforts Yield Measurable Compliance Improvement**

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This discussion will bring forward ECOS experts to discuss compliance assistance programs that work – meaning they advance compliance with air, waste, and water regulatory requirements and that this progress can be measured. Dialogue will center on replicable approaches that ECOS members can take home and put to work.

- ❖ Jim Macy, ECOS Compliance Committee Chair and Region VII Executive Committee Representative and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (moderator and speaker)\*
- ❖ Carol Comer, ECOS Compliance Committee Vice Chair and

Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources\*

- ❖ Craig Butler, ECOS Water Committee Chair and Region V Executive Committee Representative and Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency\*
- ❖ Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management\*
- ❖ Lawrence Starfield, Acting Assistant Administrator for Enforcement & Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency\*

**3:00 – 3:10 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks & Meeting Adjournment**

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John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.\*

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**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**State-U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Roundtable**

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Open to states and U.S. EPA.

**Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming ECOS Meetings**

**2017 STEP Meeting on Environmental Infrastructure: Innovation & Partnerships**

July 17, 2017  
Washington, DC

**2017 Fall Meeting**

September 11-13, 2017  
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

**2018 Spring Meeting**

March 20-22, 2018  
St. Paul, Minnesota

**2018 Fall Meeting**

Dates TBD  
Vermont

**2019 Spring Meeting**

Dates TBD  
Washington, DC