



The Environmental Council of the States

STEP Meeting 2017

Reframing Our Environmental Future

Preliminary Agenda (as of June 15)

*** = Confirmed + = Invited**

Monday July 17

Marriott Marquis

Washington, DC



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The ongoing political changes in the United States are raising critical questions about the future of how we carry out and measure the effectiveness of our nation's system of environmental laws and regulations. As we look at our complex system and its many interconnected layers, stakeholders of all types need to weigh in and answer the question – “what is your role in the new model of environmental cooperative federalism?” and “what part will you play?”

ECOS STEP is a uniquely interactive educational forum. Roundtable participants are discussion leaders, and the purpose of each session is to provide a forum for state officials, federal governmental agencies, business and industry, nonprofits, and others to offer their unique perspectives on addressing priority and/or emerging environmental issues. Discussions will focus on ECOS' cooperative federalism paper, scheduled for release in June 2017. This paper will provide a common point of discussion and consideration and help connect the day.

For sponsorship and speaking opportunities, please contact Alexandra Dunn at adunn@ecos.org or 202-266-4929.

[Click here](#) to register for the STEP Meeting & to see hotel information. Early Bird Registration rates end June 24, 2017.

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks John Linc Stine, ECOS President, and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*
8:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Roundtable #1: Federal & state roles, strengths, and partnerships Moderated by John Linc Stine, ECOS President, and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency* Roundtable Members: Shawn Garvin, Secretary, Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control+ Becky Keogh, ECOS Secretary-Treasurer, and Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality* Robert J. Martineau, Jr., Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation* Robert Varney, President, Normandeau Associates, Inc.+
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Roundtable #2: The role of corporate goals and measurement systems in achieving environmental results and maintaining social license to operate Moderated by Todd Parfitt, ECOS Vice President, and Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality* Roundtable Members: Neal Kemkar, Senior Counsel and Director of Environmental Policy, General Electric+ Stewart Leeth, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Chief Sustainability Officer, Smithfield Foods, Inc.+ Michelle Patron, Director of Sustainability Policy, Microsoft*
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon Keynote Address: Can We Do It? What it Will Take to Revise the Environmental Future Introduction by Robert Klee, ECOS Region I Executive Committee Representative, and Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection*
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Roundtable #3: How nongovernmental and community organizations can achieve environmental protection and accountability Moderated by Matthew Rodriguez, ECOS Region IX Executive Committee Representative, and Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency+ Roundtable Members: Kit Kennedy, Director, Energy & Transportation Program, Natural Resources Defense Council+ Jim Macy, ECOS Compliance Committee Chair, and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality* Richard Moore, Chair, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council* Myra Reece, ECOS Region IV Executive Committee Representative, and Director of Environmental Affairs, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control*

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Networking Break
3:00 – 4:15 p.m.	<p>Roundtable #4: The role of science, research, and new technology Moderated by Martha Rudolph, ECOS Past President, and Director of Environmental Programs, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment*</p> <p>Roundtable Members: Paul Gilman, Senior Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, Covanta* David Paylor, ERIS President, and Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality*</p>
4:15 – 5:30 p.m.	<p>Roundtable #5: Telling the Story: Communicating results, measures, outcomes, safeguards, and defining success Moderated by Misael Cabrera, ECOS Innovation & Productivity Vice Chair, and Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality*</p> <p>Roundtable Members: Craig Butler, ECOS Region V Executive Committee Representative, ECOS Water Committee Chair, and Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency* Wes Ganter, Principal, PG Environmental * Richard Whitman, Director, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality*</p>
5:30 – 5:45 p.m.	<p>Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks John Linc Stine, ECOS President, and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*</p>
5:45 p.m.	Reception

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Dates TBD

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2018 Spring Meeting

March 20-22, 2018

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2019 Spring Meeting

Dates TBD

Washington, DC