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2020 ECOS Spring Meeting Draft Agenda *2020 Vision for the Environment*

March 30 - April 1
Asheville, NC | Omni Grove Park Inn

Items Shaded in Green are Closed Sessions.
#ECOSSpring20

Sunday, March 29 (Optional Pre-Meeting Activity)		
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Optional Offsite Tour of New Belgium Brewing, A Sustainable Enterprise Built on a Brownfield Site	Downtown Asheville
Monday, March 30 (Water, Funding, PFAS, & Resolutions)		
7:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Open <i>Check in at the registration desk and ask for help installing your meeting app.</i>	Sammons Wing Registration
7:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Skyline/Mountain View Terrace

8:00 – 9:10 a.m.	<p>Side Session Option 1: ECOS Shale Gas Caucus (SGC)</p> <p><i>Open to all attendees. Participants may take breakfast into the meeting. The session will feature a dialogue among a cross-section of stakeholders on a leading oil and gas environmental challenge, as well as discussion of the U.S. Department of Energy's marginal well emissions study and broader methane mitigation and quantification R&D program.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ECOS SGC Co-Chair Jim Kenney, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department (co-moderator) ❖ ECOS SGC Co-Chair David Glatt, Director, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (co-moderator) ❖ Tim Reinhardt, Director of Supply & Delivery, Office of Oil & Natural Gas, U.S. Department of Energy ❖ TBD, Environmental Defense Fund ❖ Matthias Sayer, Vice President, Legal – Regulatory Compliance, Policy, & Environment, NGL Energy Partners ❖ Al Collins, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, Occidental Petroleum 	Dogwood DE
8:00 – 9:10 a.m.	<p>Side Session Option 2: Training on Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs) 101</p> <p><i>Open to all attendees. Participants may take breakfast into the meeting. In this introduction to an innovative and indispensable grant program, ECOS members will train other state leaders on how to capture the efficiencies offered by PPGs. Discussion will touch on how to smoothly manage the grants both internally and with your EPA Region.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ECOS Partnership & Performance Workgroup Chair Elaine Boyd, Senior Advisor, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (moderator) ❖ Valerie Thomson, Director of Administration, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality 	Laurel FGJH
8:00 – 9:10 a.m.	<p>Closed Side Session Option 3: Environmental Research Institute of the States, led by ERIS President David Paylor, Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality</p> <p><i>Open to states and invited guests. Participants may take breakfast into the meeting.</i></p>	

9:20 – 9:50 a.m.	<p>Plenary Session: Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Call to Order, ECOS President Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy ❖ Self-Introduction of ECOS Members & Staff ❖ Host State Welcome, Michael Regan, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Presentation of ECOS Special Recognition Award, ECOS Planning Committee Chair Myra Reece, Director of Environmental Affairs, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control ❖ Agenda Preview, Jim Macy 	Heritage Ballroom AB
9:50 – 10:35 a.m.	<p>Open Discussion & Polling: Earth Day's 50th Anniversary – Looking Back & Ahead, led by Bruno Pigott, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management</p>	Heritage Ballroom AB
10:35 – 11:25 a.m.	<p>Roundtable: Toward Stormwater Solutions – Smart Ponds & Strategic Partnerships</p> <p><i>This roundtable will center on an innovative public-private partnership that is using smart ponds to manage stormwater, ultimately benefiting the Chesapeake Bay. Participants will address how the program can be replicated to address the challenges of nonpoint source runoff, and will explore the potential for similar partnerships between other states and their respective transportation agencies.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ECOS Secretary-Treasurer Ben Grumbles, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment (moderator) ❖ ECOS Oversight Workgroup Chair Catherine McCabe, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ❖ Mark Bryer, Director, Chesapeake Bay Program, The Nature Conservancy ❖ Cosmo Servidio, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 3 (invited) ❖ Rich Dailey, Senior Director, Environmental, Safety, & Health Compliance, Walmart ❖ Matt Rea, Strategic Partnership Manager, Opti 	Heritage Ballroom AB
11:25 – 11:55 a.m.	<p>Break with Refreshments & Virtual Reality Demos</p> <p><i>Check out various "2020 Visions for the Environment" through your own pair of virtual reality goggles! The Environmental Defense Fund will help you experience the wonders of the monarch butterfly migration on Monday, and Microsoft will provide demos on Monday and Tuesday.</i></p>	Sammons Wing Registration

11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Presentation: It Isn't Just Flint: Fixing Drinking Water Everywhere, <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author Seth M. Siegel, author of <i>Troubled Water: What's Wrong with What We Drink</i>, introduced by ECOS Water Committee Chair Marty Suuberg, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, followed by book signing until 12:45 p.m.	Heritage Ballroom AB
12:45 – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch with Keynote Presentation, The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina (invited), introduced by Michael Regan, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality	Skyline/Mountain View Terrace
1:50 – 2:35 p.m.	Roundtable: Toward Funding Solutions on Water Quality, Land Preservation, & Staffing – A Virginia Model for Cooperative Advocacy <i>Around 15 years ago, Virginia trailed all other states in spending on the environment. This situation inspired corporations and environmental groups to come together to form a pioneering nonprofit to advocate for increased environmental authorizations in the Virginia General Assembly. VIRGINIAforever employs a results-driven approach that could serve as a model for your state.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ECOS Alumni Association Co-Founder Dennis Treacy, Senior Counsel, ReedSmith (moderator) ❖ Nikki Rovner, Associate State Director, The Nature Conservancy ❖ Matt Wells, Senior Regional Manager, State Government Relations, WestRock ❖ Ginny Boland, Administrative Director, VIRGINIAforever, and Vice President of Advocacy, McGuireWoods Consulting 	Heritage Ballroom AB
2:35 – 3:05 p.m.	Presentation: Putting FEMA & Water Quality Funding to Work for You, TBD, Federal Emergency Management Agency	Heritage Ballroom AB
3:05 – 3:15 p.m.	Presentation: Preview of the ECOS Summertime STEP Meeting on PFAS, led by ECOS Vice President Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Heritage Ballroom AB
3:15 – 3:45 p.m.	Break with Refreshments	Sammons Wing Registration
3:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Closed Session: Resolutions Discussion & Voting, followed by Selection of 2022 Spring Meeting Host State, led by ECOS President Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy <i>Open to states.</i>	Heritage Ballroom AB
<i>Evening open for networking and individually arranged dinners.</i>		

**Tuesday, March 31 (Waste & Disaster Response, E-Enterprise,
Air, & Agency Management)**

7:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Open <i>Check in at the registration desk and ask for help installing your meeting app.</i>	Sammons Wing Registration
7:30 – 8:55 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Skyline/Mountain View Terrace
7:40 – 8:50 a.m.	Closed Side Session: ECOS Digital Business Workgroup (DBWG), led by DBWG Chair Bob Zimmerman, Chief Operating Officer, Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, and DBWG Vice Chair Neil Chakrabarty, Chief Technology Officer, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection <i>Open to states and invited guests. Participants may take breakfast into the meeting.</i>	Laurel FGJ
9:00 – 9:05 a.m.	Announcements, ECOS President Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy	Heritage Ballroom AB
9:05 – 9:50 a.m.	Roundtable: Toward Plastics Reduction, Recycling, & Reuse <i>The management of plastic waste presents many challenges to stewards of the environment, particularly in the realms of recycling, landfill diversion, and pollution of waterways and oceans. This roundtable will highlight several successful strategies employed by state and territorial environmental agencies and other stakeholders.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ASTSWMO President Conchita Taitano, Air & Land Programs Division Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency (moderator) ❖ Wendy Worley, Recycling & Materials Management Section Chief, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Frank Basting, Environmental Supervisor, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (invited) ❖ Brendan Boyd, Vice President of Technology, Eastman 	Heritage Ballroom AB

9:50 – 10:15 a.m.	<p>Featured Interview: Reflections on Beach Plastics Cleanup in a Remote Corner of the Pacific</p> <p><i>In a setting more reminiscent of late-night television than an environmental presentation, two national experts will chat about how trash migrates all across the world via our river highway system and into our oceans. Howell led the summer 2019 beach cleanup team at Henderson Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site in the South Pacific considered the world’s most plastic-polluted beach. In addition to the Henderson Island story, ECOS membership will be able to discuss opportunities for reducing the flow of aquatic trash within and across state boundaries.</i></p> <p>Adam Saslow, Senior Facilitator, Kearns & West (moderator) Brett Howell, Founder & Executive Director, Howell Conservation Fund</p>	Heritage Ballroom AB
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	Break with Refreshments	Sammons Wing Registration
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Open Discussion & Polling: Best Practices in Disaster Preparation & Recovery, led by Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management	Heritage Ballroom AB
11:45 – 12:10 p.m.	Presentation: E-Enterprise Crowdsourcing & Community Science, ECOS Vice President Patrick McDonnell, Co-Chair, E-Enterprise for the Environment Leadership Council, and Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Heritage Ballroom AB
12:15 – 1:25 p.m.	Lunch with Keynote Presentation: Clean Energy Transition – The Value of 'Spreading Our Chips,' Dr. Karl Hausker, Senior Fellow, World Resources Institute, introduced by Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality	Skyline/Mountain View Terrace

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Roundtable: Toward a Clean Energy Future – An All of the Above Approach</p> <p><i>As the U.S. population and economy continue to expand, players in the energy market are finding creative ways to meet energy demand while addressing pollution concerns. Join this conversation on strategies for securing a clean, efficient, and equitable energy future, including efforts of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to get the grid ready for more renewables.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) ❖ Richard Glick, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ❖ Bob Perciasepe, President, Center for Climate & Energy Solutions ❖ Pamela Lacey, Chief Regulatory Counsel, American Gas Association ❖ Venu Ghanta, Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs & Environmental Policy, Duke Energy 	Heritage Ballroom AB
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Open Discussion & Polling: Strategies for Successful Succession Planning, led by ECOS Waste Committee Chair Darsi Foss, Environmental Management Division Administrator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</p>	Heritage Ballroom AB
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>Break with Refreshments</p>	
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<p>Breakout Option 1: Screening of Award-Winning Documentary <i>Microplastic Madness</i>, followed by Q&A</p> <p><i>Come screen this lively documentary on microplastics in waterways that your agency, company, or organization might use to enhance your educational outreach. The film follows the students of PS15 in Red Hook, Brooklyn, as they learn about and advocate for a plastic-free future. Afterwards, participants will have a chance to engage in Q&A with documentary Co-Director & Producer Debby Lee Cohen, Executive Director and Founder of Cafeteria Culture.</i></p>	Heritage Ballroom AB
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Breakout Option 2: Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage – How Your State Can Benefit</p> <p><i>Join former U.S. EPA Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe, President of the Center for Climate & Energy Solutions, in a look at the promotion of carbon capture utilization and storage. State mobilization of the technology holds promise for ensuring climate resilience, energy security, and predictability that can drive long-term investment and economic competitiveness.</i></p>	Laurel FGJH

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Breakout Option 3: Elevating the Customer Experience – Considering Users' Perspectives to Improve Environmental Outcomes</p> <p><i>Everyone wants to be heard. This hands-on workshop, led by Michael Keyack, Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, will focus on how and when state environmental agencies can consider user experiences in day-to-day environmental business transactions. Creating positive experiences during historically negative interactions like an inspection can help strengthen the bond between regulated entities and regulators. Come brainstorm how your agency might improve customer experiences around environmental protection.</i></p>	Dogwood DE
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<p>Earth Day 50th Anniversary Reception & Dinner, with Musical Entertainment</p>	Pavilion
<p>Wednesday, April 1 (State & U.S. EPA Business)</p> <p><i>Wear Casual Attire & State Agency Shirts</i></p>		
7:45 – 8:30 a.m.	<p>Morning Stretch, led by certified yoga instructor James Kenney, Co-Chair, ECOS Shale Gas Caucus, and Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department</p> <p><i>Open to all attendees.</i></p>	Laurel FGJ
7:15 – 8:30 a.m.	<p>Closed Session: Buffet Breakfast</p> <p><i>Open to states and U.S. EPA.</i></p>	Skyline/Mountain View Terrace
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	<p>Closed Session: ECOS & U.S. EPA Cooperative Federalism Oversight Workgroups, led by ECOS Oversight Workgroup Chair Catherine McCabe, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and ECOS Oversight Workgroup Vice Chair and ERIS President David Paylor, Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality</p> <p><i>Open to states, U.S. EPA, and state media associations. Participants may take breakfast into the session.</i></p>	Dogwood DE
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Closed Session: State-U.S. EPA Dialogue, led by ECOS President Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy, followed by Discussion of Strategies for Promoting Sustainable State Funding, led by ECOS Planning Committee Chair Myra Reece, Director of Environmental Affairs, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control</p> <p><i>Open to states and U.S. EPA.</i></p>	Heritage Ballroom AB
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	<p>Break with Refreshments</p> <p><i>Open to states.</i></p>	Sammons Wing Registration

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Closed Session: ECOS Executive Committee, led by ECOS President Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy <i>Open to states.</i>	Heritage Ballroom AB
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