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2021 ECOS Virtual STEP Meeting Agenda

Partnering on Climate

July 14 at 12:30-5:15 p.m. Eastern

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State, federal, and local governments, along with NGOs and industry, are pursuing a host of innovative activities to tackle climate challenges while continuing to promote economic growth. With interest in climate increasing under the current Administration, ECOS will bring together key players to help chart a path forward. Join ECOS for two half days of lively discussions that will showcase opportunities in sectors including energy, technology, mobile sources, agriculture, built environment, and resilience planning.

Wednesday, July 14

12:30 – 12:40 p.m. Eastern	Welcome & Introduction ECOS President Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
12:40 – 1:00 p.m. Eastern	Opening Keynote: The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor, State of New Mexico, introduced by ECOS Cross-Media Committee Chair and Oil & Gas Caucus Co-Chair Jim Kenney, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department <i>While New Mexico is the third largest oil producing state, its government leaders are working hard to balance energy-related economic opportunity with climate goals. Fresh off her participation as the only U.S. Governor at the federal Leaders Summit on Climate, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham will offer insight into New Mexico's activities and how they tie to larger national and global climate actions.</i>
1:00 – 2:10 p.m. Eastern	Roundtable: States Reducing Our GHG Footprint <i>When it comes to greenhouse gas reduction, there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Hear from leaders of state environmental agencies in several regions as they spotlight their initiatives and offer perspectives on the federal approaches that would best support their states.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECOS Environmental Justice Workgroup Co-Chair Serena McIlwain, Undersecretary for Environmental Protection, California Environmental Protection Agency (moderator) • Kim Shelley, Executive Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality • Preston Cole, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources • Stephanie Cooper, Deputy Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
2:10 – 2:40 p.m. Eastern	Keynote: The Honorable Michael Regan, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, introduced by ECOS President Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection <i>The Biden Administration has placed priority status on climate, and no agency</i>

	<i>plays a larger role in climate policy than U.S. EPA. Administrator Michael Regan will highlight ambitious actions planned by the agency and how it will work alongside states to address climate challenges.</i>
2:40 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern	Break with Video Showcase
3:00 – 3:10 p.m. Eastern	Keynote: The Honorable Carlos Monje, Under Secretary for Transportation Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation, introduced by ECOS President Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection <i>With the transportation sector accounting for nearly 30% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, the Department of Transportation will have an important role in achieving the Biden Administration’s climate goals. In this keynote, Under Secretary Carlos Monje will share some highlights of the Department’s work.</i>
3:10 – 4:10 p.m. Eastern	Roundtable: All Hands on Deck at the Federal Level <i>Building on the previous keynote, this session will spotlight the range of actions underway and on the horizon across federal agencies.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradley Crowell, Director, Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (moderator) • Joe Goffman, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air & Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency • John Putnam, Acting General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation
4:10 – 5:10 p.m. Eastern	Roundtable: Climate Influencers <i>Government regulation is not the only mechanism for greenhouse gas reduction. Large energy producers are expanding into the renewables marketplace. Energy-intensive industries are pledging to buy clean power and committing to net zero carbon goals. NGOs are facilitating the transition. Learn how companies are advancing climate goals while improving their bottom line.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECOS Secretary-Treasurer Myra Reece, Director of Environmental Affairs, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (moderator) • Mary Streett, Senior Vice President Americas, Communications & Advocacy, bp • Anne Kolton, Executive Vice President of Sustainability, Market Outreach & Communications, American Chemistry Council • Brad Crabtree, Vice President for Carbon Management, Great Plains Institute, and Director, Carbon Capture Coalition • Jeff Riles, Global Energy Markets & Policy, Google
5:10 – 5:15 p.m. Eastern	Day 1 Wrap-Up & Announcements ECOS President Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Thursday, July 15

12:30 – 12:40 p.m. Eastern	<p>Day 2 Welcome & Announcements ECOS President Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection</p>
12:40 – 1:40 p.m. Eastern	<p>Roundtable: Climate & Mobile Sources <i>Mobile source emissions account for an increasingly significant percentage of the nation's air quality impacts. Join us for a roundtable discussion on mobile source reductions being driven by states and our partners, ranging from sustainable aviation to fuel-efficient diesel to expanded EV use and infrastructure.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaun McGrath, Director of Environmental Health & Protection, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (moderator) • Kelley Kizzier, Vice President for Global Climate, Environmental Defense Fund • Allen R. Schaeffer, Executive Director, Diesel Technology Forum • Mark Pastrone, Chief Operating Officer, SemaConnect • Jayant Kairam, Director, Global Public Policy, Walmart
1:40 – 2:20 p.m. Eastern	<p>Roundtable: Climate & Agriculture <i>This roundtable will center on opportunities for state environment and agriculture agencies to partner with one another, and with stakeholders, to successfully integrate climate and agricultural priorities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECOS Past President Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy (moderator) • Barbara Glenn, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture • Andrew Walmsley, Director, Congressional Relations, American Farm Bureau Federation
2:20 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern	<p>Roundtable: Climate & the Built Environment <i>The built environment, which encompasses houses, roads, buildings, and even open spaces, is all around us and is constantly evolving. This panel will examine how, with the right technologies and incentives, the built environment can be made more efficient and less carbon intensive.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECOS Region 5 Executive Committee Representative Liesl Eichler Clark, Director, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (moderator) • Katie McGinty, Vice President, Global Government Relations, Johnson Controls • David Littell, Senior Advisor, Regulatory Assistance Project
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Eastern	<p>Break with Video Showcase</p>
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Eastern	<p>Roundtable: Climate & Resilience <i>Climate resilience requires effective planning for coastal hazards, flooding, and wildfires. This discussion will explore programs and strategies employed by states and others to build more resilient communities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECOS Vice President Ben Grumbles, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment (moderator) • Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathew Sanders, Senior Manager, Flood-Prepared Communities, The Pew Charitable Trusts • Jan Jacobson, Principal, Jacobson James & Associates • Pamela Williams, Executive Director, BuildStrong Coalition
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Eastern	<p>State Dialogue: Finding Common Ground</p> <p><i>While consensus may be elusive with regards to the best climate approach, states agree that common understanding is a worthy pursuit. Two ECOS members will identify key takeaways from the meeting and explore where we go from here.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECOS President Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection • ECOS Region 9 Executive Committee Representative Misael Cabrera, Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
5:00 p.m. Eastern	<p>Meeting Wrap-Up</p> <p>ECOS President Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection</p>