



**Federal Partners Meeting
Friday, June 8, 2018
National Conservation Training Center (NCTC)
114 Instructional East
698 Conservation Way
Shepherdstown, WV 25443
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Minutes

Present: Dan Filer (NPS CHWA CESU Research Coordinator), Anne Timm (Forest Service), Sean MacDougall (BLM), Allan O'Connell (USGS), Tom Fish (NPS National CESU Network Coordinator), Perry Wheelock (NPS), Tina Norwood (NASA),
On Conference call: Kevin DuBois (DOD), Sherry Whitaker (USACE), Meredith Bartron (FWS), Andrew Lipsky (NOAA)

- Partners discussed proposed CHWA CESU Experts Database; general sense is that it is a great idea that can be scaled-up.
- Partners discussed possibility of limiting number of partners by not accepting any new partners for specified period.
 - Issue would arise if federal partner needed new partner admitted.
 - There is no model at the national level, although there was discussion at the national meeting of sunseting unresponsive partners.
 - Determined that CHWA CESU should have same admittance process at same time each year to avoid partner fatigue with votes.
 - Could happen once or twice a year.
 - Some CESUs hold partner vote at annual meeting, having invited prospective partners to give presentations as part of the meeting. Could also host online vote before meeting and then have new partners present at meeting.
 - It also makes amendment process much smoother when multiple partners can be added at one time.
 - For now, CHWA CESU will not actively pursue new partners but will engage any prospects who approach the CESU about membership.
- Partners discussed the Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative at Southern Utah University as a possible model for the CHWA CESU.
 - It is a direct hire program for the federal agencies that participate.
 - Interns come from multiple colleges and universities, train at the host university, and complete internships with federal agencies within Utah, Nevada, and Arizona.
 - Partners are generally in favor of exploring further; Dan will follow up with Brigit Eastep at Southern Utah University.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm