



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee
 Meeting Agenda | July 12-13, 2023
All times listed in Mountain Standard Time

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Time	Topic
8:30 – 8:40 am	Meeting opening and welcome remarks <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Raymon Shange, Vice Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Rod Snyder, Agriculture Advisor to the Administrator, EPA</i> <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i>
8:40 – 8:45 am	Roll call <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i>
8:45 – 9:15 am	Colorado tour overview and highlights <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i>
9:15 – 10:15 am	FRRCC ad hoc workgroup status reports
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 11:15 pm	Inflation Reduction Act: Climate program implementation updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund <i>Jahi Wise, EPA Office of the Administrator (virtual)</i> • Climate Pollution Reduction Grants <i>Marc Levitt, EPA Office of Air and Radiation (virtual)</i>
11:15 – 12:15 pm	Measuring sustainability and pathways to net-zero <i>Sara Place & Greg Thoma, Colorado State University</i>
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 pm	National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) research priorities <i>Michael Guarnieri, NREL, Department of Energy</i>
1:30 – 2:45 pm	Committee discussion <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Raymon Shange, Vice Chair, FRRCC</i>
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Public comment session
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Wrap up and Day One Adjourns <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i> <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i>

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8:30 – 8:45 am	Call to order and roll call <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i>
8:45 – 10:00 am	Rural equity and technical assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers <i>Esther Sosa and Marisa Valdez, EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (virtual)</i> • EPA Equity Task Force: Rural subcommittee overview <i>Venus Welch-White, EPA Office of the Administrator</i> • Rural Partners Network <i>Lee Jones, USDA Rural Development (virtual)</i>
10:00am – 10:30 am	Drought preparedness and response in agriculture <i>Dr. Kristi Hansen, University of Wyoming</i>
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 – 11:30 am	U.S. Department of Agriculture updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenhouse gas quantification + USDA Ag Air Quality Task Force updates <i>Dana Ashford, USDA-FPAC/ NRCS (virtual)</i> • NRCS conservation program implementation <i>Christine Newton, USDA-NRCS</i>
11:30 – 12:15 pm	On-farm energy efficiencies and renewable energy production <i>Sam Anderson, Colorado Department of Agriculture</i>
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Private sector role in environmental markets <i>George Kelly, Earth Recovery Partners (EPA Environmental Finance Advisory Board)</i>
1:45 – 2:15 pm	Genetic preservation seed lab overview <i>Daren Harmel, USDA Agriculture Research Service</i>
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Walking Tour of ARS National Genetic Preservation Research Lab, CSU
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 – 4:45 pm	Committee discussion <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Raymon Shange, Vice Chair, FRRCC</i>

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4:45 – 5:00 pm	Wrap up, closing remarks and meeting adjourns <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Raymon Shange, Vice Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Rod Snyder, Agriculture Advisor to the Administrator, EPA</i> <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i>