



**Water Information and Data Subcommittee (WIDS)
October 2017 Webinar**

**Meeting Minutes
Date/Time: October 30, 2017,
12:00 PT/1:00 MT/2:00 CT**

Attendees: Tony Willardson, Sara Larsen, Adel Abdallah (WSWC), Ginger Pugh (Kansas), Lisa Williams (Arizona), Candice Hasenyager (Utah), Mat Weaver (Idaho), Kent Wilkins (Oklahoma), Steve Wolff (Wyoming), Ken Stahr (Oregon), Sam Hermitte (Texas), Nancy Barber (USGS), and Allison Danner (USBOR)

Meeting Minutes: Sara welcomed everyone to the call and went over the WIDS webpage information and action items from the last call. Sara presented the current results for the States’ Use of Cloud Computing Technology Survey results. The survey has had good response so far – most members have provided answers. Emails were part of the results and the NASA Western Water Application Office (WWAO) would like to follow up with the respondents with a couple of additional questions. State policies regarding use of the cloud will be included in a report appendix. Sara plans to follow up with states who have answered that they do use the cloud to get more information. For states who do not use the cloud, most have considered it, or it was currently under review. There are concerns about pricing, ease of transfer of data, portability, etc. Some states are not considering use of the cloud and don’t plan to investigate soon. Based on answers so far, Sara doesn’t think using the cloud would be a good option for WaDE.

Sara showed a “strawman” agenda for the WIMS meetings and asked for feedback. She talked about the water adjudication and online water use/permitting block of time. Mat said that there were a lot of changes from the Snake adjudication to the more recent Northern, and to reach out to Craig Saxton. Sara asked if there were similar issues in Oregon with the Klamath adjudication. Tony commented that in some cases the water rights came in response to an adjudication. Mat also described applications that helped with clarifying the usage information using a mapping application coming from the applicant. Tony talked about a presentation that WSWC has been asked to give to the Western Regional Panel (WRP) about adjudications.

The following day lists primarily cloud and remote-sensing application topics and updates from some of the states on new technologies they are using. (See draft agenda listed in Meeting Materials.) The last day will be focused on open data access and visualizations.

Wrap Up: The group didn’t get to talk very much about WaDE, but Sara asked for feedback on water use program priorities to convey to the USGS WUDR program. She said that, given progress made during the meeting, she didn’t think it was necessary to have a call before the WIMS workshop, but would have another call before the WSWC’s March meetings in Washington DC.

Action Items:

	Description	Assignee
1	Send out link to the WIDS webpage, meeting recap, draft WIMS agenda	WSWC
2	Contact some of the WIDS to follow-up on speaking topics and availability	WSWC
3	Send any new or follow-up cloud survey questions or WIMS topics, if they come up	All