



WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL

WOTUS Regional Concept Pre-Workshop 1: Regional Classification Schemes

June 21, 2022 10:30 am - 1:30 pm (MT) via zoom.

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Pre-workshop goals

- Explore regional classification schemes that could be applied to WOTUS.
- Prepare to draft a white paper summarizing the applicability of regional classification schemes following the workshop.

Agenda

- 10:30 am Welcome and introductions
- 10:35 am Workshop Goals and Tools (*Erica Gaddis, Western States Water Council*)
- WOTUS background
 - Zoom features
 - LucidChart for whiteboard brainstorming
 - Interactive map of regional classification schemes
 - Group survey tool
- 10:50 am [National Hydrography Dataset - Hydrologic Unit Codes \(HUC 2, 4\)](#)
Kim Jones, United States Geological Survey
- 11:05 am [Ecoregions – Level 1, 2, 3](#)
Brian Topping, Environmental Protection Agency
- 11:20 am [Stream Flow Duration Assessment Method Regions](#)
Brian Topping, Environmental Protection Agency
- 11:30 am [USACE wetland delineation regions](#)
Kyle Gordon, Army Corps of Engineers
- 11:45 am [USDA Major Land Resource Areas](#)
Drew Kinney, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 12:00 pm *Break*
- 12:15pm Group discussion using virtual whiteboard:
1. How are existing regional classification schemes applicable to WOTUS definitions?
 2. Do any classification schemes offer opportunities to resolve ongoing concerns and conflicts associated with WOTUS?
 3. Do the classification schemes provide opportunities to leverage other tools that could be used in WOTUS discussions?
 4. What challenges do you see with adopting specific regional classification schemes? Are there adaptations that could be easily applied to resolve these issues?
- 1:15 pm Next steps and group survey.