NCAWWA-WEA Water Resources Committee
Conference Call Summary
October 11, 2017, 12:00-1:00

Attendance:
Kelly Boone          Larry Mitchell          Ruth Rouse
Lori Crossland       Mick Noland            Nicole Wilkinson
Chad Ham             

1. Ruth welcomed everyone. Two main agenda items:
   • Finalize details for forum on Hurricane Matthew at annual conference
   • Discuss potential for 2-hour webinar in early 2018 featuring other potential speakers identified for the November session

2. Planning details for annual conference (Tuesday November 14 from 3:20-5:00 PM).
   • Recapped speakers.
   • Group decided that each speaker would be allotted 6 minutes; we will hold up warning sign at 5-minute mark
   • Group reviewed draft questions submitted by individual Committee members; some minor suggestions were made. Ruth will send the speakers the draft questions and ask for any input they have.
   • Lori developed 2 signs to advertise the session at the conference
   • Nicole volunteered to pull any presentations/visuals onto laptop (we’ll organize ahead of time to efficiently present any slides during the forum)
   • Ruth will look into small gifts for panelists

3. Potential webinar in early 2018
   • Nicole had provided some information on university research that is evaluating the social impacts of Hurricane Matthew. Many of these communities are still feeling the impacts of the storm, particularly in lower-income and minority communities. Nicole had put together a summary of some of her thoughts organized around Readiness, Recovery, Research, Relationships, and Reactions which was shared with the Committee
   • Larry Mitchell had previously shared some of the FEMA assistance and Readiness Management expertise of Dewberry staff that could also provide information to attendees. However, Larry indicated that with the impacts of Harvey and Maria that their availability would likely be limited
   • There was discussion about whether presenting only social impacts/research would be relevant to operations staff, a large constituency of AWWA. It was also discussed that AWWA may also be a more technical group and hearing research on social impacts without technical information may not be appropriate for this organization
   • However, members noted that utility administrative staff are interested in hearing about social impacts; may help utilities communicate more effectively before, during and after emergencies
   • Ultimately group decided that we were not ready to plan a 2-hour webinar for early 2018, but we could have some of the speakers attend future committee meetings/calls and share their research or expertise with the Committee