WERA1508: Western Water Network for Addressing Complex Water Issues

**September 2nd, 2025 Meeting** (Virtual)

**In attendance**: Travis Warziniack, Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, Robert Heinse, Anik Alvi, Bret Hess, Kristi Hansen, Bob Sabie, Angus Aney, Jim Ekins, Beth Callaway, Sam Fernald, Nicolas Quintana, Derek Godwin, Jamie McEvoy, Ginger Paige, Alex Maas, Steve Buck

* WERA background
  + Virtual meeting leadership - rotating meeting leads, meet every other month
    - Ginger to lead November meeting
    - Robert leads January meeting
    - Derek leads March meeting
  + Defining action items for this WERA
    - What do people have funded that they can bring to the table?
      * NMWRRI examples
      * Discussion of other WERA member ideas
    - Leveraging the network to improve outcomes (e.g., network of stakeholders connected to agencies and policy makers through WERA and WWN research and extension)
* Planning for the October meeting in Denver, CO
  + Meeting logistics brief overview
    - Staybridge Suites - ~$700 for the meeting room, guest rooms are $139-$144, per diem rate is $215.
    - Suggested registration fee to pay for venue: $45
    - Meeting time 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
    - Invite Jim Dobrowolski (follow-up note, Jim will be unable to attend)
    - We should invite everyone who we’ve talked to about WWN, also folks from UCOWR workshop, sign-up from St. Louis meeting.
  + October in-person agenda
    - Begin with vision paper highlights (presentation)
      * Demonstrate how our current activities are working toward that: collecting up these programs/projects/activities that fall into the various buckets in the vision paper.
    - Brainstorming session - start with pre-seeded ideas agenda, elaborate ideas for outcomes brainstorming
      * Programs and projects, (catalog ideas to share for WWN distribution), how to regionalize, what do we have, what are gaps
      * Identify low hanging fruit/initial targets for WERA
        + Identify for tasks and next steps
        + Have people sign up for what they can/will work on
    - Work session to discuss WWN
    - Future meetings
* ACTION ITEMS FOR BEFORE OCTOBER MEETING
  1. Send an email summary to everyone after this meeting with next steps.
  2. List of invitees WERA interested groups, Ft. Collins, St Louis, Reno overlap
  3. Keep ideas coming, share programs with potential for collaboration, provide input, crowdsource – table in this [Google doc](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14pJyAp1tXakx6vzdLej3af3jSvDW5_8AMZWKVJCcXYg/edit?tab=t.0) also linked in calendar invitation.
  4. Pre-seed agenda with existing programs and projects