2019 NATIONAL PLANNING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WORKSHOP

PCoP Workshop Planning Team
25 April 2019
WHY WE’RE HERE TODAY...

- The workshop team wants your help in shaping the 2019 PCoP Workshop

- Share your ideas with us:
  - What’s missing in the agenda?
  - Who should be delivering sessions?
  - How can we deliver sessions creatively?
WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

**GOAL:** Hold a *working meeting for the Planning Community of Practice* with a focus on interactive sessions that allow for training and learning.

**WHERE:** Kansas City District Office

**WHEN:** Tuesday 11/5 – Thursday 11/7

**WHO:** District and MSC Planning functions (including Engineering, Real Estate, Counsel, PM/Programs, O&M) directly involved in the execution of the Civil Works Planning Program and those who are committed to bring knowledge and tools back to their home offices.
Department of the Army and USACE conference and conference exemption requirements are still in play. This means:

- Workshop must be a working meeting or formal classroom training and avoid “indicia” of a conference (we’re taking the working meeting approach)
- Must be held in a government or military facility
- Cannot exceed 3 days (not including travel)
- Participants are USACE employees directly engaged in topic of workshop; attendance provides a “tangible benefit to the command”
- Agenda will not include networking, social events, or sessions unrelated to the training / meeting objectives
- There will not be a registration fee or formal registration process
- Limits on the total cost of conducting the meeting – total cost not to exceed $500k (higher costs = higher level of approval authority required)
WHO’S PLANNING THE WORKSHOP?

HQUSACE

- **PCoP:**
  - Judy McCrea, lead
  - Lisa Kiefel
  - Stuart McLean *(PCX)*
  - Kim Townsend
  - Nancy Brighton *(cultural sub-CoP)*

- **OWPR:** Jeff Trulick *(environmental sub-CoP)*

- **Sr. Policy advisor:** Maria Wegner *(plan form sub-CoP)*

- **Council Oak:**
  - Liz Rettenmaier
  - Sarah Helinek

MSC representatives

- **NAD:** Hank Gruber
  - Larry Cocchieri *(PCX)*

- **SPD:** Craig Evans *(MVP)/Judy McCrea

- **SAD:** Steve Fischer

- **POD:** Russell Iwamura

- **MVD:** Matt Jones *(MVP)*

- **NWD:** Jeremy Weber
  - Katie LaFontaine *(NWK)*

- **SWD:** Sean Mickal

- **LRD:** Dan Linkowski *(economics sub-CoP)*
  - Karen Miller *(LRH, PCX)*
PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

• Understand risk-informed decision making – where we are, where we’re going, and why it’s important. Explain key actions/activities to operationalize RIDM, including changes to policy.

• Apply the early lessons of the new start, Supplemental, and ongoing studies, as we drive forward the execution of our program.

• Identify opportunities for engagement and facilitated decision-making across sub-CoPs, PCXs, and other CoPs.

• Plan next steps to continue information sharing and learning.
MANAGING EXPECTATIONS...

WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

Maximum room capacity ➔ Number of attendees (250)

Target:
- District PDT members, MSC staff (~200)
- Topic leads, contributors, guest speakers (HQ, PCXs, District, MSC, others – ~50)

NUMBER OF TOPICS

- Plenary sessions (~10), Breakout sessions (~7), Breakout rooms (6)

➔ 50 – 60 topics

FUNDING

Workshop preparation
- Session leads
- Topic leads
- Contributors

Travel

Cost sharing:
- GE funds
- PCoP funds
- District training funds
### NEXT UP – WHAT’S ON THE AGENDA?

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SESSION TOPIC: MSC Planning Chief Panel

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 45-minute plenary panel
• Potential topics:
  • Who’s who at the MSCs
  • Working regionally and across MSC boundaries
  • What info do decision makers need?

Give us your input!
1. What do you want to ask the MSC Chiefs?
2. What are some creative elements we can incorporate into this panel session?
SESSION TOPIC: Getting to the AMM in 90 Days

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 60-minute plenary
• Proposed sub-topics:
  o How to do a planning iteration
  o Tools and techniques (IWR-APT, risk register)
  o Forecasting
  o Initial scoping
  o Screening criteria
  o 4 accounts (nonstructural and NNBF considerations)

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
SESSION TOPIC: Applying Tools & Techniques

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 60-minute breakout sessions by sub-CoP; learn to apply tools / techniques from previous session to each sub-CoP
• Proposed sub-topics:
  o Using available data sources
  o Scoping
  o Resource agency coordination (including environmental compliance)

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?

Session Leads: Craig Evans & Nancy Brighton
SESSION TOPIC: Planning Engagement with Other CoPs (PM, E&C, H&H/Cost, Real Estate, Office of Counsel, Climate Preparedness & Resilience)

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 60-minute plenary panel and discussion
• Discuss examples and lessons learned from ongoing studies

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
SESSION TOPIC: Leadership plenary sessions

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- DCG-CEO (MG Spellmon) & DCW (Mr. James Dalton):
  - Enterprise risk management
  - Role of planning in CW project delivery
- HQ Planning and Policy (Chief, Deputy Chief, PCoP Deputy, OWPR Chief)
  - Vision for future of the PCoP
  - National Planning Portfolio
- OASA (Mr. David Leach and Project Planning and Review staff)
  - 3x3 exemptions

Give us your input!
1. What other topics would you like Senior Leaders to cover?
2. What creative elements can we incorporate in these plenary leadership sessions?
SESSION TOPIC: Asking the Right Questions re: Uncertainty (at the Right Time)

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- 45-minute breakout sessions by business line
- Goal to untangle what questions need to be asked about uncertainty and when to ask them during the study process

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
TOPIC #7

SESSION TOPIC: Reviews

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 60-minute breakout sessions
• Proposed sub-topics:
  o How to improve DQC & QA
  o Common concurrent review issues
  o Coordination between ATR and Policy & Legal Compliance review
  o Review plans

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
TOUCH #8

SESSION TOPIC: Getting from the AMM to TSP

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 60-minute breakout sessions by business line
• Proposed sub-topics:
  o Evaluation criteria
  o Level of detail / impact of new information
  o Making and documenting decisions
  o Selecting a plan

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content? CASE STUDIES?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
SESSION TOPIC: Agency Resources for Planning Teams – Who They Are & How They Can Help

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

• 60-minute plenary panel followed by breakouts or moving around the room
• Participants will learn about how OWPR, Water Resources Certified Planners, Planning Associates, Planning Mentors, Planning Centers of Expertise, and others that can help them work through studies

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
SESSION TOPIC: Working Effectively with Our Partners – Relationships & Trust

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

• 90-minute plenary roundtable / panel focusing on outside speaker perspective and examples / lessons learned
• Goal to share what’s working in other regions that participants can apply to their own projects; learn about best practices for engagement
• Possible speakers: state permitting agencies; resource agencies; non-Federal sponsors

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content? EXAMPLE SPONSORS OR AGENCIES?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
SESSION TOPIC: Telling the Story

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Plenary session
• Creating a storyline for your project that engages decision-makers, the public, and others
• Effectively telling the story, including presenting information visually, when developing study reports and presenting information

Give us your input!
1. Who should be delivering this content? ANY OUTSIDE SPEAKER IDEAS?
SESSION TOPIC: Getting from TSP to the Finish Line

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 60-minute breakout sessions by business line
• Proposed sub-topics:
  o Documentation
  o Report writing
  o Communication within the team / across CoPs
  o Resource agency coordination (including post-feasibility expectations)

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
TOPIC #13

SESSION TOPIC: Workforce Development & Planner Training

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 60-minute plenary panel / discussion
• Goal to provide information on available Planner training, discuss new and existing opportunities, etc.

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
SESSION TOPIC: Miscellaneous Breakout Sessions (Wednesday, 11/6)

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 60-minute breakout sessions to cover miscellaneous topics of interest
• Proposed topics:
  o Cultural resources (heritage assessment mgmt.)
  o Environmental resources (aligning expectations)
  o “Opening the black box” on guidance
  o Evaluating and making decisions on life safety risk

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
SESSION TOPIC: Miscellaneous Breakout Sessions (Thursday, 11/7)

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• 60-minute breakout sessions to cover miscellaneous topics of interest
• Proposed topics:
  o Partnering with Tribes
  o Engaging across the full Planning portfolio: Work with others (IIS), FPMS, PAS
  o How to avoid 3x3 exemptions
  o Communication / presenting information

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who should be delivering this content?
3. How can we best deliver this topic / session (effectively and creatively)?
SESSION TOPIC: Quick Takes

DESCRIPTION / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Two sessions (Wednesday and Thursday) of 10-minute short presentations / discussions on important topics for the Community that don’t mesh into another session
• Topic ideas:
  o Assert your Case
  o Storytelling in the Corps
  o Thinking Big: Formulation Strategies
  o Bringing your Study Area to Life
  o Moving from Sponsors to Partners
  o When you need a boat: 2019 Flooding
  o Defining Future Conditions in an Uncertain World
  o Understanding Human Behavior

Give us your input!
1. What’s missing – anything else we should consider including?
2. Who is a dynamic speaker who can deliver this content (yourself or nominate a colleague)?
NEXT STEPS FOR THE WORKSHOP TEAM

- Synthesize your input, refine agenda
- Gather your continued input on topics, topic leads, creative delivery
- Reach out to potential topic leads
- Figure out PCoP funding strategy
- Workshop updates through the MSC and HQ leads
QUESTIONS?

Type questions in the chat box. We will answer as many as time allows.

This webinar will be posted to the Planning Community Toolbox: http://www.corpsplanning.us