



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee**

Meeting Agenda | January 30-31, 2024

All times listed in Mountain Standard Time

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Time	Topic
1:30 – 1:40 pm	Meeting Opening and Welcome Remarks <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Rod Snyder, Agriculture Advisor to the Administrator, EPA</i> <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i>
1:40 – 1:45 pm	Roll Call <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i>
1:45 – 2:00 pm	New Mexico Tour Highlights and Discussion <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i>
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Update on FRRCC Animal Agriculture Water Quality (AAWQ) Subcommittee <i>Rod Snyder, Agriculture Advisor to the Administrator, EPA</i> <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i> <i>Mae Wu, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA</i>
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Climate and Water Quality Co-benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA 319 nonpoint source grant program <i>Katie Flahive, EPA Office of Water</i> • USDA-NRCS climate-smart agriculture funding through IRA <i>Martin Lowenfisch, NRCS Branch Chief for Areawide Planning</i>
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 – 4:45 pm	FRRCC Ad Hoc Workgroup Status Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water, Energy & Climate Nexus – <i>Michael Crowder</i> • Climate Mitigation, Resilience & Adaptation – <i>James Pritchett</i> • Climate Finance, Social Inclusion & Technical Assistance – <i>Chantel Simpson</i>
4:45 – 5:15 pm	Committee Discussion <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i>
5:15 – 5:30 pm	Wrap up and Day One Adjourns <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i> <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i>

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8:00 – 8:15 am	Call to Order, Roll Call of Committee Members <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i>
8:15 – 9:30 am	Role of Innovation in Technology in Climate-Smart Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drones / UAVs <i>Amy Blankinship and Katrina White, EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED)</i> • Gene Editing, Biopesticides & emerging technologies <i>Rubella Goswami, USDA NIFA, Director for the Plant Protection Division</i> <i>Mike Mendelsohn, EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (BPPD) Emerging Technologies Branch</i>
9:30 – 10:15 am	Solar Siting Considerations <i>Ethan Winter, American Farmland Trust, National Smart Solar Director</i> <i>Samantha Levy, American Farmland Trust, Conservation and Climate Policy Manager</i> <i>Rusty Rumley, National Agricultural Law Center, Senior Staff Attorney</i> <i>Aliza Drewes, USDA Rural Utilities Service, Senior Advisor</i>
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 10:45 am	Agriculture and Forestry Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Report <i>Sara Ohrel, EPA Climate Change Division</i>
10:45 – 11:15 am	Status of Biofuels Tax Credits in the Inflation Reduction Act <i>Benjamin Hengst, EPA Deputy Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality</i>
11:15 – 12:00 pm	Rural Equity and Technical Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers <i>Patricia Sullivan, NMSU Associate Dean for Outreach & Recruitment</i> • Rural Partners Network updates <i>Michael Rivera, New Mexico USDA Rural Development</i>
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Break
12:15 - 2:15 pm	Working Lunch: Discussion and Consideration of Workgroup Recommendations <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i>
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Public Comment Session
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Wrap Up, Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjourns <i>Beth Sauerhaft, Chair, FRRCC</i> <i>Rod Snyder, Agriculture Advisor to the Administrator, EPA</i> <i>Venus Welch-White, FRRCC DFO, EPA</i>