



The Environmental Council of the States

2017 Spring Meeting

*New Administration, New Congress:  
States' Path Ahead*

## **Preliminary Agenda**

Thursday, April 6–Friday, April 7

The Mayflower Hotel  
Washington, DC



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## Thursday, April 6

<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration Open</b>	<i>District Foyer</i>
<b>7:30 – 8:55 a.m.</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	<i>Palm Court</i>
<b>7:45 – 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Session of the Shale Gas Caucus: Beneficial Reuse of Produced Water Beyond the Oil Patch</b>	<i>Rhode Island</i>
<b>9:00 – 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>  ❖ <b>Call to Order, Announcements, and Agenda Preview</b> ECOS President John Linc Stine Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  ❖ <b>Self-introduction of ECOS Members</b>	<i>District</i>
<b>9:30 – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Former U.S. EPA Administrators' Outlook for EPA</b>  Moderated by ECOS leaders, this dialogue will bring together past EPA Administrators from diverse political perspectives to reflect on the challenges, opportunities, and changes they see ahead for the agency in the Trump Administration.	<i>District</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>	<i>District Foyer</i>
<b>11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Environmental Infrastructure: Fast Lanes &amp; Pipe Dreams</b>  The new Administration could put in motion as much as a trillion dollars in domestic infrastructure investment over the next 10 years. The expected capital infusion will impact state environmental programs in terms of permitting and evaluation and will move forward shovel-ready projects across the nation. This discussion will bring together ECOS and other experts to consider various approaches to environmental infrastructure financing and public-private partnerships, as well as the effect of significant infrastructure investment on state environmental agencies, U.S. jobs, and the national economy.	<i>District</i>
<b>12:15 – 1:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Keynote Luncheon: Environment, Energy, &amp; the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress</b>	<i>Palm Court</i>
<b>1:45 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Exploring Our Energy Future</b>  ECOS has urged the new Administration to continue a robust national dialogue around energy, as ECOS members are playing a leading role in these conversations in their home states and regions. During the Obama Administration, energy conversation was dominated in large part by the Clean Power Plan, the role of carbon, the Paris	<i>District</i>

negotiations, renewables, and demand-side reduction. How is the energy conversation changing in the new Administration? What considerations remain front and center, and which new topics are coming to the forefront? This discussion will spotlight the perspectives of ECOS members and other experts on where the energy/environment conversation is headed in 2017.

**3:00 – 3:30 p.m.**      **Networking Break**      *District Foyer*

**3:30 – 4:45 p.m.**      **Electrifying America, Cutting NOx: States and the VW Settlement**      *District*

A national environmental settlement with Volkswagen offers states an opportunity to put new resources to use in communities and to partner with other states. This session will feature ECOS members and other experts discussing a variety of approaches to managing and expending these funds, public engagement, and innovation.

**5:00 – 6:45 p.m.**      **Mayflower Hotel Reception**      *Palm Court*

### **Friday, April 7**

**7:30 a.m.**      **Registration Desk Open**      *District Foyer*

**7:30 – 8:55 a.m.**      **Continental Breakfast**      *Palm Court*

**7:30 – 8:45 a.m.**      **ERIS Board Meeting**      *New Hampshire*

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**      **Corporate Roundtable  
License to Operate: Enhancing Community Engagement**      *District*

Corporate members of the Business Network for Environmental Justice will discuss how their corporations are engaging with communities and will provide replicable case studies, in conversation with ECOS leaders.

**10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**      **Networking Break**      *District Foyer*

**11:00 am – 12:15 pm**      **Risk Communication: Lessons from Public Health Leaders**      *District*

Public health officials have a long track record of communicating risk to the public on emerging contaminants and other environmental issues. In ECOS' continued effort to engage colleagues in the public health field, members and other experts will reflect on risk communication case studies and highlight replicable lessons learned.

- 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.**      **Keynote Luncheon: Building a Change-Receptive Organization**      *Palm Court*  
*Misael Cabrera, Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and Vice Chair, ECOS Innovation and Productivity Committee*
- 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.**      **Serving up Carrots: Innovative State Efforts Yield Measurable Compliance Improvement**      *District*
- This discussion will bring forward ECOS experts to discuss compliance assistance programs that work – meaning they advance compliance with air, waste, and water regulatory requirements and that those advancements can be measured. Dialogue will center on replicable approaches that can be taken home and put to work by ECOS members.
- 3:00 – 3:10 p.m.**      **Closing Remarks & Meeting Adjournment**      *District*
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- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**      **State-U.S. EPA Roundtable**      *District*

**Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming ECOS Meetings**

**2017 STEP Meeting on Environmental Infrastructure: Innovation & Partnerships**

July 17, 2017  
Washington, DC

**2017 Fall Meeting**  
September 11-13, 2017  
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

**2018 Fall Meeting**  
Dates TBD  
Vermont

**2018 Spring Meeting**  
March 20-22, 2018  
St. Paul, Minnesota

**2019 Spring Meeting**  
Dates TBD  
Washington, DC