

NEPA Next 50: Reflections on the National Environmental Policy Act Federal Agency Dialogue on Engagement and Consultation

Keynote & Panelist Biographies

Day 1: Engaging Stakeholders and the Public in the NEPA Process

Keynote Address

Brenda Mallory, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality



Brenda Mallory is the 12th Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). She is the first African American to serve in this position. As Chair, she advises the President on environmental and natural resources policies that improve, preserve, and protect public health and the environment for America's communities. She is focused particularly on addressing the environmental justice and climate change challenges the nation faces while advancing opportunities for job growth and economic development.

Chair Mallory has decades of experience in both the private and public sector, including spending nearly 20 years at the Environmental Protection Agency and CEQ,

serving in a number of senior roles. In Chair Mallory's first stint at CEQ as the General Counsel, she helped shape many of President Obama's signature environmental and natural resource policy successes. Now having returned to CEQ, Chair Mallory is looking to reinvigorate CEQ's important environmental policy role to advance President Biden's ambitious climate and environmental justice agenda.

Chair Mallory was the first in her family to attend college, graduating from Yale College with a double major in history and sociology and then from Columbia Law School as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. She and her husband, Mark, live in Rockville, Maryland. They have three adult children. The family enjoys visiting the parks and other natural treasures that reflect the environmental values she has worked to protect.

Panelists

Jennifer Bosyk, Chief, Branch of Environmental Coordination, U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management



Jen Bosyk has 14 years of experience in NEPA and is one of her agency's lead NEPA experts. Jen's background is in marine conservation biology and ocean policy. She received a Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment in 2007. Prior to focusing on environmental assessment and policy, Jen worked as an environmental consultant doing assessment and field work around the country. This included studying California and Stellar sea lions in the Gulfs of California and Alaska, respectively, and doing marine mammal surveys in California, New Jersey, and the Gulf of Mexico. She spent three years on the Gulf coast dredging and mapping oyster habitat after the Deep Water Horizon incident. Since joining the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) with the Department of the Interior in 2013, Jen has led environmental analysis efforts and provided NEPA direction for all BOEM's program areas, including offshore oil and gas, renewable energy development, and marine minerals extraction. She is a branch chief the Bureau's Office of Environmental Programs in headquarters and focuses on developing and carrying out national and programmatic environmental policy initiatives.

Matthew McCombs, District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service



Matt McCombs serves as the District Ranger for the Gunnison Ranger District part of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests. Previous assignments include: District Ranger for the Appalachian Ranger District on the Pisgah National Forest near Asheville, NC; Deputy District Ranger for the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District of the White River National Forest near Vail, CO; Partnership Specialist, and the Recreation, Heritage, Lands and Minerals Program Manager on the Olympic National Forest in Washington State; and as the inaugural Trail Administrator for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail after it's designation in 2009.

Matt began his career in government in 2004 working for 5 years as an aide to U.S. Senators Ken Salazar of Colorado and Jon Tester of Montana handling a variety of issues with specialties in public lands, defense and veterans' affairs.

A Colorado native, Matt earned a BA in American History from the University of Montana and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado.

Stan Buzzelle, Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Stan Buzzelle is an Attorney-Advisor in the Office of Environmental Justice at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Stan's primary areas of focus include considering environmental justice in the National Environmental Policy Act and EJ issues related to the commercial transportation of freight. He helped develop the *Promising Practices for EJ Methodologies in NEPA Reviews* report for the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice and currently co-chairs the Goods Movement Committee of the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council.

Megan Cogburn, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Highways Administration



Megan Cogburn is an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Project Development and Environmental Review in Washington, DC. She received her B.A. from Syracuse University and her Masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She started her career at the North Carolina Department of Transportation in Raleigh, NC prior to relocating to the DC Metro Area where she worked as a consultant in the private sector for several years before joining FHWA. Megan has over a decade of experience in environmental compliance and project development in the

transportation industry. She is a subject matter expert in NEPA compliance and environmental justice at FHWA.

Closing Address

Edward (Ted) Boling, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP



Ted Boling served as the country's top National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) attorney as an associate director at the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in the Executive Office of the President. Ted served at CEQ, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in Democratic and Republican administrations. His experience includes deep involvement in federal infrastructure permitting issues and the first comprehensive revision of CEQ's NEPA regulations in 40 years.

Drawing on over 30 years of high-level public service, Ted currently advises leaders on transportation and energy development projects, agencies that must hire outside counsel, and the environmental professionals that support them on the development of renewable energy, resource development, transportation, and infrastructure.