



NAC/GAC Report

November 2023



JPAC Public Forum on

Community-based Conservation of Freshwater Resources:

Forging Alliances for Water Stewardship

Oaxaca, Mexico

November 29, 2023

Vince Nathan, NAC Chair

Austin Nunez, GAC Chair

Agenda



U.S. National Advisory Committee

15 Members

- Academia
- Industry
- Non-Profit Organizations



2023 Meetings

May 18, 2023

December 7, 2023



2023 Advice Letters Update

January 20, 2023

June 23, 2023



U.S. Governmental Advisory Committee

14members

- State
- Local &
- Tribal Governments



Committee Manager

Oscar Carrillo

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)



Closing

Questions

Committees Advise the US Government



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EPA Administrator



Jane T. Nishida
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Office of International & Tribal Affairs, EPA



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Vince Nathan
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Oscar Carrillo
NAC/GAC, Designated
Federal Officer, EPA



Austin Nunez
Chair, GAC



Mission

- The committees were created in 1994 by Presidential Executive Order 12915—*Federal Implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation* and have been continued until 2023 via Executive Order.
- The Mission of the NAC and GAC is to advise the U.S. Government on Trade and Environment issues.



December 7th meeting

- The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice to the EPA Administrator on exemplary cities in North America with strong climate governance, nature-based solutions, environmental justice engagement.
- This topic is related to the Champion Cities initiative announce at the 2023 Council Session in Canada.



Advice



- The NAC/GAC advises the U.S. Government on issues related to the CEC.
- We meet twice a year.
- Review the CEC's Operational Plan & Budget and the Draft Strategic Plan
- Recommendations are in the form of advice letters after each of our meetings.



Advice Letters (from 01/20/23 & 6/23/23)

- NAC provided advice to the U.S. Government on various items:
 1. Engaging Sub-national organizations in shaping CEC's climate adaptation initiatives.
 2. Early warning systems for disaster preparedness on climate change
 3. Identifying best practices, strategies, and tools the CEC could develop to empower minority, low-income, tribal, and indigenous communities to address climate adaptation challenges?



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 1. Engaging Sub-national organizations in shaping CEC's climate adaptation initiatives.
 2. Early warning systems for disaster preparedness on climate change
 3. Identifying best practices, strategies, and tools the CEC could develop to empower minority, low-income, tribal, and indigenous communities to address climate adaptation challenges?

Thank you

HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS?

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