



Date: October 15, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Invitation to the 2026 WERI–CNMI Advisory Council Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the annual WERI–CNMI Advisory Council Meeting, which will be held on **Monday, December 14, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** in the **Napu Room** at **Pacific Islands Club, Saipan.**

The primary objectives of the meeting are to review ongoing and completed research activities relevant to CNMI's water and environmental needs and to identify priorities for future research, education, and training.

The annual meeting provides a forum for discussing water resources management and development, exchanging ideas, and identifying potential solutions to freshwater resource challenges in CNMI. The program will include introductory remarks, an overview of WERI and the USGS 104(b) program by the WERI Director, and presentations on ongoing and completed research projects.

Roundtable discussions will focus on water resources management, environmental challenges, research priorities, education and training needs, outreach activities, and opportunities for future collaboration. A questionnaire will also be distributed to gather input on emerging water and environmental issues and updated research and training priorities in CNMI.

Please share this invitation with colleagues and other stakeholders who may be interested in participating. If you wish to attend, kindly send your name and contact information to Ms. Shirley Itliong at itliongs@triton.uog.edu.

We look forward to your participation and valuable contributions toward advancing water resources research and sustainable management in CNMI.

Sincerely,

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