

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Chief Economist

Federal Advisory Committee for the Expert Review of Synthesis and Assessment

Product 4.3

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Advisory Committee for the Expert Review of Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.3 (CERSAP) will be meeting in San Francisco, CA. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is the lead agency for Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.3 (SAP 4.3) titled, *The Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture, Land Resources, Water Resources, and Biodiversity*. CERSAP will provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on the conduct of this study.

DATES: CERSAP will convene from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday December 13, 2007. If the CERSAP believes there is unfinished business and more meeting time is required at the end of the day on Thursday, CERSAP will reconvene from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday December 14, 2007.

ADDRESSES: CERSAP will meet in the Golden Gate Conference Room at the Serrano Hotel in San Francisco. The hotel's address is 405 Taylor Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. Written materials for CERSAP's consideration prior to the

meeting must be received by Dr. Margaret Walsh no later than Friday November 30, 2007. Written materials may be sent to Dr. Walsh at mwalsh@oce.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Margaret Walsh, Global Change Program Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 202-720-9978 or mwalsh@oce.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a public meeting. Written materials for CERSAP's consideration prior to the meeting must be received by Dr. Margaret Walsh no later than Friday November 30, 2007. Individuals may make oral presentations at the meeting venue. Those making oral presentations should register in person at the meeting site and must bring with them 20 copies of any materials they would like distributed.

More information on CERSAP and on SAP 4.3 may be found online at http://www.usda.gov/oce/global_change/index.htm, <http://www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap4-3/default.php>, and <http://www.sap43.ucar.edu/>.

Draft Meeting Agenda:

Thursday December 13, 2007

- A. Welcome and Introduction to CERSAP Procedures and Activities
- B. Update on SAP 4.3
- C. Discussion of SAP 4.3
- D. Public Comment

Friday December 14, 2007 (if applicable)

- A. Unfinished Discussions from Day One

Time will be reserved for public comment on Thursday December 13, 2007.

Individual presentations will be limited to five minutes. Updates to the meeting agenda can be found online at the URLs listed above.

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