PA State Water Planning

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Tom Wolf, Governor
Patrick McDonnell, Secretary
• DEP is conducting review and update of State Water Plan
• We need individuals in various sectors to serve on regional committees and State-wide committee
• We need your help in getting nominations
• Appointments are made by Governor
• 6 Regional Committees and 1 State-wide committee
Regional Committees
Roles of Committees

Advise the Department and make recommendations on State Water Plan deliverables on Past, Present and Future issues
Roles of Committees

• Past: old business
  • Completion of Critical Area Resource Plans

Major achievements of previous plan:
• Ability to share that information with others
• Development of models to assess general water availability
• State-wide “screening” of water availability
• Identification of initial “Critical Water Planning Areas”
• Three draft “Critical Area Resource Plans”
• Contribution to assessing in-stream flow needs.
Roles of Committees

- Future: Emerging issues
  - Develop sustainable funding model
  - Climate Change
  - Legislative, regulatory and programmatic changes
  - Improvement to SWP process
Roles of Committees

• Present:
  • Adequacy of current plan
  • Deployment and communication of water use data for public use and planners
  • Development of decision support tools
  • Website
  • Conversion of Water Atlas to Digital Story Map(s)
Meetings: When and Where

- As soon as committees are fully reconstituted
- 18 to 24-month time
- Quarterly basis
- Primarily webinars and/or conference calls
- Reimbursement of travel expenses
How to Volunteer

• Provide to the Department:
  • a letter of interest addressed to Governor Tom Wolf,
  • A resume
  • A nominating letter from state-wide or regional organizations.
### Who to Contact

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