

Statewide Water Resources Committee

Technical Expert Advisory Pool

May 2005

Introduction

In accordance with the provisions of Water Resources Planning Act, members of the Statewide Water Resources Committee (Statewide Committee) are appointed experts in the field of water resources. As such they, along with the members of the Regional Committees and the Department of Environmental Protection, have the experience and expertise to develop a Statewide Water Plan by 2008.

However, because of the broad array of issues involved in the water planning process, additional focused input may be needed from time to time from various expert individuals outside of the appointed committee process. Rather than relying solely on governmental agencies or attempting to retain outside consultants to provide all of this input, the Statewide Committee has decided to form a Technical Expert Advisory Pool to assist it over the next few years.

Pool Formation and Role

Based on the topical area to be considered, candidates for the Pool will be screened by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Statewide Committee and by the Director of DEP Water Planning Office. These 3 individuals will then compile a proposed pool for review and approval by the Statewide Committee. After the Pool is approved by the Statewide Committee, the Pool members will be invited to provide topical related technical or other appropriate advice to the Statewide Committee and to participate in the discussion during Committee meetings, at the Chair's and Vice-Chair's discretion. Pool members also will be encouraged to speak with Committee members outside of formal meetings, at the members' discretion. The Statewide Committee is not obligated to accept any of the input or recommendations that the Pool members may provide.

Membership on the Pool will be informal and will not be for a specified period of time. Membership on the Pool may change over time based on a number of factors, including the nature of the issues faced by the Committee. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Director will continue to review recommendations, if any, that are received over time and consider possible modifications to the Pool membership

as needed. Changes to the Pool shall not take effect until approved by the Committee.

Pool members will not be paid for their services and they will not be official members of the Statewide Committee or, for these purposes, serve in any official capacity whatsoever. Their sole role will be to provide technical or other appropriate advice to the Committee and to participate in the discussion during Committee meetings, at the Chair's and Vice-Chair's discretion.

Recommendations for Pool Members

Members of the Statewide Committee or any Regional Committee may recommend members for the Technical Expert Advisory Pool. Recommendations should be in writing and contain the following information:

1. A brief summary of why the Committee member believes that the candidate should be appointed to the Pool.
2. The candidate's curriculum vitae or resume.
3. The candidate's contact information.

Recommendations should be directed to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Statewide Committee and the Director of DEP Water Planning Office, as follows:

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Recommendations may be submitted at any time. However, in order to be considered for discussion during the Statewide Committee meeting on July 21, 2005, recommendations must be submitted no later than June 17, 2005.