Statewide Water Resources Committee

Dec. 21, 2006
9:30 - 12:45
Room 105
400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA
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Meeting Summary

Attendance
Committee members in attendance
Sam Berkheiser
Don Bluedorn, Chair
Carol R. Collier
Rob Davidson represented by Doug Wolfgang
Paul Diskin
Rep. Bud George represented by Thomas Kuhn
Rep. Kate Harper
Mark Hartle
Joe Hoffman
Jim MacKenzie, Vice Chair
David Mandelbaum, Policy and Integration Subcommittee Chair
Susan Fox Marquart
Gary Merritt
John Mizerak represented by Sean Sanderson
Bill Morris
Cathy Curran Myers represented by Marcus Kohl
Howard Neukrug participated by phone for part of the meeting
Gary Petrewski
Robert Reichart
Robert Rosenthal
Paul Swartz
George Wolff

Committee members not in attendance
Janet Bowers, Critical Water Planning Area Subcommittee Chair
Tom Crane
Nick DeBenedictis
Scott Dunkelberger
Gerald Feldman
Bob Long
William Nichols
Alan Vicory
Matt Wolford

Others in attendance
Eboni Braxton, PA Management Associate Program
Jennifer Engle, PA Management Associate Program
Matt Genchur
DEP Representatives in attendance
Pam Bishop
Michelle Clark, SERO
Tom Denslinger
Bill Gast, Chief Engineer, Water Planning Office
Dave Gordner
Kelly Heffner, Office of Policy
Lori Mohr
Dave Jostenski, Water Use Planning Division
Leslie Sarvis
Susan Weaver, Acting Division Chief, Water Use Planning

Administrative
Voting on the meeting summary was delayed until a quorum was reached, which was approximately halfway through the meeting.
Motion: Adopt as final with correction
Made By: Bob Reichart
Seconded By: Bill Morris
Outcome: Passed

Elections
Elections were delayed until a quorum was reached, which was approximately halfway through the meeting.
Motion: Nominate Don Bluedorn for Chair and Jim MacKenzie for Vice-Chair.
Made By: Bob Reichart
Seconded By: Kate Harper
Outcome: Passed

DEP Update
Susan Weaver briefly reviewed the flow diagram and the components document that were distributed at the meeting. Both items list the major pieces of the State Water Plan, which are: Public Information Document, Pennsylvania Water Atlas, Action Agendas, Resources Inventory and Assessment, Issue Analysis and Supporting Resources. She then reviewed the 12/19/06 DEP Update Memo that was reorganized to follow the format of the flow diagram.

CWPA Subcommittee
Jim MacKenzie, representing Jan Bowers (Chair of the CWPA Subcommittee), reported that the CWPA Subcommittee has not met since the last Statewide Committee meeting.

P&I Subcommittee
David Mandelbaum, Chair of the P&I Subcommittee, stated that the language for the marketing document is relatively stable and that the Subcommittee would be beginning discussion on the action agendas.
Update from Regional Committee Representatives

**Delaware**- Carol Collier reported for Howard Neukrug (unable to attend today’s meeting) that the Regional Committee was working on their action agenda and also discussed land resources management and sustainability.

**Great Lakes**- Lori Mohr reported for Matt Wolford (unable to attend today’s meeting) that the Regional Committee was working on their action agenda and that they did not have a quorum.

**Lower Susquehanna**- Bill Morris reported that the Committee spent most of the meeting working on their action agenda. He also reported that the delay in reappointments was impacting the committee’s ability to reach a quorum.

**Ohio**- Lori Mohr and Don Bluedorn reported for Jerry Feldman (who was unable to attend today’s meeting) that the committee worked on their action agenda and held a discussion of the Laurel Hill Creek watershed.

**Potomac**- Bob Reichart stated that they too had worked on their action agenda and that they were requesting DEP to develop a white paper on water quality and well construction standards for domestic supply. He also commented that they were having quorum difficulties.

**Upper Middle**- Gary Petrewski reported that they had a similar type of meeting as all of the other reports.

Pilot Analysis Update
Dave Jostenski briefed the Statewide Committee on the progress of the pilot work and displayed initial data sets and output of model runs. Water withdrawals and discharge data was sent to the DEP Regional Drinking Water Program and Regional Watershed Program Managers as well as river basin commissions for evaluation and comment prior to final runs in the two pilot watersheds, Wissahickon and the Codorus, which is anticipated for early 2007.

SRBC Northern Lancaster County Groundwater Study
Mike Brownell presented a summary of the results of the SRBC study on groundwater in northern Lancaster County that identified Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs). CARAs are areas that provide an exceptional amount of recharge per unit area to a local groundwater flow system.

DRBC Southeastern PA Groundwater Protected Area
Carol Collier presented an overview of groundwater withdrawal regulations in the Southeastern PA Groundwater Protected Area.

Next Meeting Date
The next meeting is scheduled for Mar. 15, 2007, at 9:30 in room 105 of the RCSOB in Harrisburg.