

## Statewide Water Resources Committee

April 7, 2011

9:30am - 12:00pm

Room 105

400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

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### Meeting Summary

#### **Attendance**

##### Committee members in attendance

Tim Weston, Chair  
Paul Diskin  
Rep. Kate Harper (via phone)  
Rob Piper (via phone)  
Preston Luitweiler  
Gary Merritt  
Andy Zemba – PA DEP  
Stuart Reese

R. Timothy Weston  
George Wolff  
Robert Pody-SRBC (non-voting)  
David Sayers – DRBC (non-voting) (via phone)  
Jim Palmer – ICPRB (non-voting) (via phone)

##### Committee members not in attendance

Tom Crane  
Rob Davidson  
Scott Dunkelberger  
Gary Petrewski  
Denny Puko  
Rep. Camille “Bud” George  
Janet Bowers  
Carol R. Collier (Non-Voting)  
Mark Hartle  
David Mandelbaum

Joe Roberge  
Paul Swartz  
Alan Vicory  
Robert Reichart

##### Others in attendance

Jon Meade - PEC  
Julia Rockwell - PWD (via phone)  
Danene Sorace  
Charlotte Katzomoyr

##### DEP Representatives in attendance

Jay Braund  
Mike Hill  
Dave Jostenski

#### **Introductions**

Chairman Weston opened the meeting and those in attendance introduced themselves. Tim Weston, committee chair, opened the meeting at 9:37 a.m. Jay Braund reported that approximately six vacancies need to be filled on the statewide committee.

### **Public Comments:**

No comments were made during the public comment time allocated on the agenda.

### **CWPA Status Reports**

#### **Marsh/Rock Creeks**

Dave Jostenski and Jim Palmer provided an update on Marsh and Rock Creeks. General discussion followed. The project team is updating water use data that was used during the screening period, including a calculation/estimate of unreported uses. DEP is processing new registration information reported for this year. Data is generally meeting validations and being added to the system. Committee members commented that the work of the Critical Area Advisory Committee (CAAC), in addition to analyzing data, needs to be forward looking and provide options for policymakers to consider. Their work also needs to result in a better understanding of the efforts and resources needed to move other possible future CARPs forward. DEP staff will provide these comments to the CAAC.

#### **Laurel Hill/Back Creeks**

Dave Jostenski provided an update on Laurel Hill and Back Creeks. General discussion followed. There was a question on whether all water suppliers in the area have been attending CAAC meetings, and DEP staff made a commitment to check on this.

The discussion ended with An update from DEP on efforts to integrate central office and field office efforts on all CWPA work.

### **Update on Watch List**

Dave Jostenski provided an update on the four Watch List watersheds. DEP is continuing to collect data, including from registrations. Jay Braund provided an update on the recent Delaware Regional Forum that had a strong drinking water emphasis. Mike Stokes chaired the Delaware session, and raised the issue of the watch list watersheds.

General discussion followed. A comment was made that DEP would need to make sure that any Marcellus-related data, which is temporal, matches conditions and is best representing patterns of use. It's also important to remember that some operators are transferring flow back water, so it may not always be fresh water. DEP commented that the data involves fresh water connections. David Sayers, of DRBC, discussed some work they have been conducting on trends over 20 years of data, and may present some of the data at a future committee meeting.

### **Water Conservation Center Update**

Jon Meade, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, provided an update on the Water Conservation Center. They have been focusing on ground-level partnerships, including PSU for research options. They also have been working with foundations to see if support is possible. The project's grant closes out this summer, so there will be a push this spring to find more resources to continue the work.

### **Lancaster City Green Infrastructure (LIVE)**

Danene Sorace (Director of Lancaster LIVE) and Charlotte Katzenmoyer (Lancaster City Public Works Director) provided information on the City's comprehensive, city-wide green infrastructure plan and projects. The work includes demonstration projects for day-lighting streams, building rain gardens, implementing tree canopy projects and using porous pavements; research on the development of possible incentives for private sector participation; and other components. DCNR has been very helpful with support and funding for this project.

Initial project work indicates significant possible savings can be achieved through the implementation of green infrastructure, when total capital investment and incremental/marginal costs are considered. The project is looking at the feasibility of a possible storm water utility.

General discussion followed. The committee chair complimented the presenters on the project, and asked DEP to consider having the same presentation made at a future meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Management Team. Several comments were made on successful results of efforts being made in Philadelphia, but there is a concern that taking projects like the Lancaster and Philadelphia state-wide would require some enabling legislation. Pennsylvania has some uncertainty in law that would have to be addressed to make storm water utilities more feasible.

### **Next steps**

Tim Weston commented that DEP is looking at all the water committees. The general consensus was that no future statewide meetings should be scheduled until DEP makes a decision on the water committees.

The meeting ended at noon.