

Delaware Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

February 11, 2005
DEP Southeast Regional Office
2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FINAL Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

Carol R. Collier	Irvil Kear
Jeff Featherstone	Gary Kribbs
Julie Lynn Gallisdorfer	Preston Luitweiler
Lisa Hamilton	Mike Meloy
Honorable Kate Harper	Arthur Needham – alternate for David Hodge
Helen Haun	Howard Neukrug
Desiree Henning-Dudley	Barbara Smith
John Hoekstra	Michael Stokes
Darryl Jenkins	Maya van Rossum
Leonard Johnson	Robert Wendelgass

Committee members not in attendance:

Clark Connor
John Coscia
David Hodge

Others in attendance:

Brendan Collins – Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP	Roger W. Lehman – Weston Solutions
John Connor – Plymouth C.C.	Dennis Livrone – Bucks Co. Planning Commission
Bill Gast – DEP	Leslie Sarvis – DEP
Eric Grindrod – Spotts, Stevens and McCoy, Inc.	Barbara Shell-Magaro – DEP
George Kunkel – Philadelphia Water Dept.	Mark Wejkszner – DEP

Administrative Items

1. The Draft December Meeting Summary was approved with a correction, to remove “Delaware Regional Planning Commission” from the location of the meeting on page 1.

Motion made by: Barbara Smith

Motion Second: Kate Harper

Motion was carried to accept the December draft meeting summary with the above correction.

2. The Draft August 2004 Meeting Summary was approved with two corrections. The correct location of the meeting was the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission on page 1, and under presentation number 3 (Montgomery County, page 5), the Water Resources Initiative was a county appointed task force, not a city appointed task force.

Motion made by: Howard Neukrug

Motion Second by: Gary Kribbs

Motion was carried to accept the August 2004 draft meeting summary with the above correction.

3. Leslie Sarvis updated the committee on the last Statewide Committee meeting, which included discussion on changes to the Draft CWPA Criteria document. Because of these changes, the deadline for comments from the regional committees is extended to May 31, 2005. Comments on the drafts CWPA Nomination Process document, and the Regional Component Framework are still due by Feb. 28, 2005. The Statewide Committee would also like to remind the regional committee members to emphasize the Vision Statement when speaking about the State Water Plan at events or to other organizations. The next Statewide Committee meeting is March 17, 2005.
4. Committee members were provided with a copy of the 2004 Review and goals for 2005. Leslie Sarvis highlighted the major activities to be accomplished in 2005, including: improving registration responses from public water suppliers; delivery of pilot projects from the USGS screening tool; and development of proposed regulations for registration and reporting. In addition, although the Program Revision Request of \$3.1 million for DEP's upcoming 2005-06 budget was not granted, this should not impact the existing course of action for DEP staff and the water resources committees in developing the State Water Plan.
5. No comments from the public.

Draft CWPA Revised Criteria Presentation

Bill Gast presented a revised version of the Draft Critical Water Planning Area Designation Criteria document. In particular, Bill discussed changes to the numeric standards for the screening criteria under Section D. Safe Yield of Available Resources. The new numbers are a bit more conservative than before. The committee was reminded that the deadline for comments has been extended to May 31, so they will continue their discussion of this document at the May 11 meeting.

Draft CWPA Nomination Process Comments

Bob Wendelgass reviewed the comment document proposed by the Delaware CWPA sub committee. Overall the committee agreed with the comments, with a few changes to topics regarding funding commitments, municipal approval, extension of the public comment period, and the length of the application process. Carol Collier and Bob will make the changes to the comment document during the next week and send it to the committee by email for a final review. If there are any other comments, please send

them to Bob and Carol by Monday, Feb. 21. Carol will submit the final comment document on Friday, Feb. 25.

Public Participation and Regional Public Meeting/Hearing

The committee agreed that two public meetings/hearings should be held in the basin, and they should coincide with their regularly scheduled May and August meetings. Suggested locations for the public meetings/hearings were the Montgomery County Community College on May 12, and the PPL Nature Center in Hawley, PA on August 11. *Note: the committee changed the date of their August meeting from the 12th to the 11th because it was thought that public attendance would be greater on Thursday instead of Friday.*

Leslie Sarvis reviewed the draft agenda for the public meetings/hearings, and the committee decided that the hearing should begin at 8pm instead of 7:30pm to allow more time for comments, questions and answers during the public meeting. It was also suggested that the regularly scheduled meeting should begin before 12:30 since it is likely to be a full agenda for the May meeting.

Barbara Smith discussed the revised list of regional priorities to take to the public meetings/hearings. The committee suggested a few changes, and Barbara agreed to finalize the list to be used for the meetings/hearings and posted on DEP's website.

Draft Regional Framework Review and Comment

Mike Stokes discussed proposed comments on the draft regional framework that were prepared by the sub group. The committee did not have any changes to the sub group's comments and agreed to send the comments onto the Policy & Integration Statewide Subcommittee.

May meeting, wrap-up, adjourn

The next meeting is May 12, 2005 at Montgomery County Community College, pending availability. The committee business meeting begins at 12:30 unless an earlier time is announced, and the public meeting/hearing begins at 5:30. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Darryl Jenkins and seconded by Gary Kribbs.