

DELAWARE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

August 11, 2005
PPL Lake Office
Wallenpaupack Environmental Center
PPL Drive
Hawley, PA 18428

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

Jeff Featherstone	Preston Luitweiler
Allen Fidler	Michael Meloy
Desiree Henning-Dudley	Mary Ellen Noble – alt. For Maya van Rossum
John Hoekstra	Barbara Smith
Darryl Jenkins	Mike Stokes
Irvil Kear	Bob Wendelgass
Gary Kribbs	
George Kunkel – alt. For Howard Neukrug	

Committee members not in attendance:

Carol Collier	Hon. Kate Harper
Clark Connor	Helen Haun
John Coscia	Leonard Johnson
Julie Lynn Gallisdorfer	Arthur Needham
Lisa Hamilton	

Others in attendance:

Bill Douglass – Upper Delaware Council	Matt Sullivan – Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox
Keith Dudley – DEP	Alan Tamm – PEMA
Bill Gast - DEP	Sue Turpack – DEP
David Lamereaux (DEP Ret.)	Sue Weaver - DEP
Bill Manner – DEP	
Leslie Sarvis - DEP	

Administrative Items

1. The Draft May Meeting Summary was approved with no changes.

Motion made by: Darryl Jenkins
Motion Second: John Hoekstra
Motion was carried.

2. Sue Weaver updated the committee on the July 21 Statewide Committee Meeting. Below key items were discussed:

- The draft registration and reporting regulations were approved by the Statewide Committee to move forward to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) in late fall or early winter. The Statewide Committee also agreed to send a letter to the EQB suggesting that a statement be included in the preamble that fees will not be imposed on registrants.
- The Critical Water Planning Area documents will be merged into one document and published in the PA Bulletin in a few weeks as proposed technical guidance--open for public comment for 30 days. A Final Tech Guidance document is expected this fall. Desiree Henning-Dudley suggested a mass email be sent to the Regional Committees about publication in the PA Bulletin.
- Sue Weaver reported that SRBC and DRBC received funding to assist with Act 220, and that some Growing Greener 2 funding may eventually go to the State Water Plan.
- Several committee members asked if DEP should consider NOV's to public water suppliers who have not registered. Bill Gast replied that NOV's also need enforcement actions which DEP may have difficulty doing.

3. *DEP Summary of Activities*

- Leslie Sarvis said population projection letters were mailed to counties the third week in July; the counties have until August 19, 2005 to comment on growth projections.
- Sue Weaver stated that there were only a handful of nominations (totaling 8) for the technical expert advisory pool and that the door will be kept open for future names. Michael Meloy questioned if there was an organized outreach to institutions as a resource. There was a motion made to contact Don Brown of DEP for outreach to academic institutions for possible nominations for the technical expertise pool.

Motion made by: John Hoekstra
Motion second: Barbara Smith
Motion Carried.

4. *Comments from the public*

The committee heard a presentation by Alan Tamm of PEMA. Tamm stated that in order to qualify for Federal Assistance, communities must have a Hazard Mitigation Plan, which most Upper Delaware municipalities do not have. He further stated that the State Water Plan makes mention of some same issues which

would be in a Hazard Mitigation Plan and therefore could be adopted by reference. Apparently, FEMA has funds for such a state plan but time is of the essence. Michael Meloy questioned if FEMA money could be redirected to the State Water Plan. Tamm responded that it might be possible. Jeff Featherstone suggested Hazard Mitigation language be placed into priorities. Tamm agreed to give input on this and offered to provide hazard mitigation plan training to the committee. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Jeff would contact Alan to discuss setting up training for the entire Committee. A motion was made to work with PEMA to explore possible coordination of Hazard Mitigation Plan and Act 220.

Motion made by Irvil Kear.

Motion seconded by Preston Luitweiler.

Motion carried.

For more information, the committee can visit: "Land Use in PA" under the DCED website <http://www.landuseinpa.com/emap>, Appendix 6 of Annex W.

Summary of the May Regional Hearing and Public Meeting

Leslie Sarvis asked the committee for feedback on the May public meeting and hearing. John Hoekstra stated there is not a lot for the public to comment on at this point. The next round of public hearings would be scheduled when the committee has a draft plan, as required by Act 220. Irvil Kear suggested working through the Conservation Districts for getting the word out about the State Water Plan. A comment/response document will not be drafted. Once the August public meetings/hearings are over, DEP will send a complete summary of all comments to the committee members as well as look into getting copies of the transcripts from the hearings for the committee members.

Regional Plan Component Outline and Work Assignments

- DEP Staff handed out a document with the Regional Component broken down into sections by date to indicate the timeframe to be completed. Mike Stokes initiated the discussion on water resources questioning how do we bring it all together. Focusing on the Socioeconomic/Land Use Conditions and Local Planning sections (page 4 and 5 of the Regional Component handout), Mike suggested a scope that incorporates information from counties. He passed out summaries of Berks and Montgomery counties and suggested the framework be done using a county-by-county snapshot. Mike volunteered to pull together information from other counties, Conservation Districts, etc. For counties that are in more than one basin, the county planners on the other regional committees should work together so as not to burden the county planning departments for data. A suggestion was made to add Conservation Districts as lead on the Socioeconomic/Land Use Conditions section. Desiree Henning-Dudley reported that the next Statewide Conservation District Meeting is Oct. 5-6, and that it

would be a good meeting to attend, considering that Conservation Districts can possibly help provide or gather data.

- Gary Kribbs volunteered to work on the Regional Resources and Physical Features section. He will coordinate with the State Survey (Jay Parrish).
- DEP should be the lead for the following sections: Water Resource Inventory, Current Water Use and Conditions, Future Water Use, and Assessment of Water Resources Use Impacts (pages 6-9). George Kunkel said that the Philadelphia Water Department could also help on the Water Resource Inventory. Conservation Districts could help with assessment of floodplain and stormwater management (page 7). The Corps of Engineers and Delaware River Port Authority could help with assessment of current navigational use (page 7).
- Wastewater appears to be missing and should be added into the Regional Component.
- The committee chair and vice chair will work on Goals/Objectives and Indicators (page 1).

Follow up/next steps

- The next meeting is November 10, 2006 at DEP-SERO in Norristown, PA at 10:00am. Sue Weaver asked the committee members to RSVP two to three weeks earlier.
- Items for discussion at the November meeting include: an NHD/SLIMS presentation; Gary Kribbs will report on topo geo meeting; more on county summaries from Mike Stokes; PEMA/Alan Tamm follow-up; Jeff Featherstone will contact 10,000 Friends of PA for land use information.
- Desiree reported on the recent DEP organization changes creating a Watershed Management Program in each Region.
- The biannual Stormwater Symposium will be Oct. 12-13.
- Irvil Kear briefly discussed and distributed information on the recently held Envirothon. The Delaware County, PA team won.

Adjourn Business Meeting

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.

Motion made by: Bob Wendelgass

Motion Second: Michael Meloy

Motion was carried.