

**FINAL**

# Lower Susquehanna Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

Feb. 2, 2004  
DEP-Southcentral Regional Office, Harrisburg, PA

## Meeting Summary

### **Attendance**

Committee members in attendance:

William Achor	Chris Hoffman
Don Baldwin	James Hostetter
Jineen Boyle	Michael Kyle
Jolene E. Chinchilli	Walter Leis
Betty Conner	Thomas Mealy
Ronald Evanko	William Morris
Ed Goodhart	Jeffrey Osman
Melanie Hesse	Craig Robertson
Cynthia Hitz	Steven Seidl

Committee members not in attendance:

William Fulton	Donald Robinson
Daniel Mains	Gerrit Strathmeyer

Others in attendance:

Pam Bishop	Dave Jostenski
Mike Brownell	Elmer Knaub
Phil Conlin	Lori Mohr
Bill Gast	Lisa Nicholas
Stu Gansell	John Seitz
Scott Gebhardt	Tom Shaul
Dale Glatfelter	Mike Sherman
Jennifer Handke	Sue Weaver
John Hines	Tom Yeager

### **Administrative Items**

1. Donald Robinson was elected to serve as Chair and Betty Conner to serve as Vice-Chair.

Motion made by: William Morris  
Motion Second: Ronald Evanko  
Motion was carried

2. The summary from the previous meeting held on December 18, 2003 was approved after a correction was made to the Attendee List. Craig Robertson was incorrectly listed as attending the December meeting.

Motion made by: Ronald Evanko

Motion Second: William Achor

Motion was carried

3. Sue Weaver introduced three facilitators to the Committee. The Facilitators serving the Committee are Phil Conlin, Mike Buchwach and Scott Gebhardt.
4. DEP provided summaries of the following activities:
  - ❑ Public meeting requirements- must have at least 1 public meeting in 2004.
  - ❑ DCNR Rivers Conservation Plans- maps and program overview
  - ❑ Act 220 Registration Update
  - ❑ GIS Water Use Data (WUDs)- maps displaying WUDs, land use and limestone areas were provided to committee members for review
  - ❑ Overview of the Pennsylvania Right to Know Act
  - ❑ Overview of Water Resources Planning Activities in Texas
5. No comments were offered from the public.

### **Pennsylvania Water Law**

Presentation by Pam Bishop: "A Short Review of Pennsylvania Water Law"

The presentation provided an overview of water resources law in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania's system of water allocation law is based on numerous court rulings dating back to the 1800s. Different rules govern the use of surface water and ground water.

### **Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC)**

Presentation by Mike Brownell: "SRBCs Water Management Program"

The presentation provided an overview of SRBCs water management program. Projects resulting in a consumptive use of water exceeding an average of 20,000 gallons per day (gpd) for any consecutive 30-day period and projects withdrawing in excess of an average of 100,000 gpd for any consecutive 30-day period are subject to review and approval by SRBC.

### **Regional Issues Facilitated Discussion**

Committee members worked with DEP facilitators to categorize each regional issue into one or more of the following:

1. Water Quantity
2. Water Quality
3. Land Use
4. Ground Water
5. Surface Water

### **Wrap-Up/Next Steps**

Committee Members Jolene Chinchilli, Cynthia Hitz, Betty Conner and Ron Evanko volunteered to serve on an outreach committee to assist with outreach material and organizing public meetings.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2003 10:00 AM

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Motion made by: Craig Robertson  
Motion Second: Betty Conner  
Motion was carried