

FINAL Meeting Summary

Lower Susquehanna Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

April 5, 2004

DEP-Southcentral Regional Office, Harrisburg, PA

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

William Achor	Chris Hoffman
Don Baldwin	James Hostetter
Tom Beauduy	Walter Leis
Jineen Boyle	Daniel Mains
Betty Conner	Thomas Mealy
Ronald Evanko	William Morris
Melanie Hesse	Donald Robinson
Cynthia Hitz	

Committee members not in attendance:

Jolene Chinchilli	Jeffrey Osman
William Fulton	Craig Robertson
Ed Goodhart	Steven Seidl
Michael Kyle	Gerrit Strathmeyer

Others in attendance:

William Apgar	Dale Glatfelter	Sara Nicholas
Fred Bohls	Stephanie Harmon	Leslie Sarvis
Michael Buchwach	Michael Hession	Cindy Schweitzer
E. Drannon Buskirk	John Hines	John Seitz
Joel Caves	David Jostenski	Mike Sherman
Phil Conlin	Elmer Knaub	Richard Shoup
PJ Dhillon	Karen Koncle	Ken Spizor
Norma Enck	Walter Lyon	Susan Weaver
Stuart Gansell	Brian MacEwen	Tom Yeager
William Gast	Tom McCarty	
Scott Gebhardt	Lisa Nicholas	

Administrative Items

1. The summary from the previous meeting on February 2, 2004 was approved with no changes. Motion made by: William Achor
Motion Second: Thomas Mealy
Motion was carried
2. Tom Beauduy, Deputy Director of SRBC, announced that Glenn DeWillie has left SRBC and that he will be replacing Glenn as the SRBC representative on the committee.

3. Dave Jostenski showed several maps as examples of GIS information that the Department currently is pulling together as part of the State Water Plan. Included were views of water withdrawals over top of geology and land use, the water quality attainment status and digital elevation models. This information will be posted on the secure Regional Committee page.
4. Dave Jostenski and Sue Weaver provided an update on the Act 220 registration process. Registration information will be used to develop an inventory of water use data. A water budgeting model will utilize the water use registration information to assess the availability of water and identify critical areas. All public water supply agencies, hydropower facilities and all users exceeding an average rate of 10,000 gallons per day in a 30-day period must register. Approximately 2,600 sources have registered as of April 2004. DEP expects to have approximately 15,000 sources registered when complete.
5. John Hines announced that the Statewide Committee members have all been appointed, and a tentative date of May 10 is set for the first meeting.
6. DEP staff proposed that an outreach ad hoc workgroup be formed consisting of individuals from each regional committee, the statewide committee and DEP staff. If all regional committees are in agreement, the workgroup will meet to develop an outreach strategy and framework that is consistent among all of the regional committees. Committee members interested in serving on this ad hoc outreach/public participation workgroup should volunteer by submitting their name to Don Robinson or Leslie Sarvis. Currently serving on the Lower Susquehanna ad hoc workgroup are: Jolene Chinchilli, Cynthia Hitz, Ron Evanko and Betty Conner. Don Baldwin also volunteered to be on the workgroup. The workgroup members will be contacted about a meeting of the large ad hoc workgroup, which DEP staff hope to set up in late May.

Comments from the Public

Norma Enck, Manager of West Cocalico Township and Karen Koncle, Manager of East Cocalico Township provided an overview of the Strategic Comprehensive Plan for the Cocalico Region. Three main issues presented to the Committee were:

- a. Research of water capabilities on a regional basis
- b. Research an interconnection among the four existing public water systems to protect all customers in the Cocalico Region in times of emergencies
- c. Research whether the four water systems should join into a regional authority or remain as individual systems

Also representing the Cocalico area were: Michael Hession, Manager of Denver Borough, Cindy Schweitzer, Sec./Treas. of Adamstown Borough, and Kenneth Spizor of East Cocalico Township. The representatives asked the committee to consider their situation, and that any funding or Plan implementation guidance that could be provided would be appreciated. Tom Beauduy offered an SRBC staff member to attend one of their quarterly meetings to discuss some of their issues. A copy of the Plan was distributed to the committee members.

E. Drannon Buskirk of the Paxton Creek Watershed and Education Association (PCWEA) commented on the Association's efforts to develop a Watershed Plan for Paxton Creek. They are currently compiling data on vegetation, impervious surfaces and stormwater studies. Mr. Buskirk emphasized the need for groundwater recharge and proactive support from the committee.

Capital Region Water Board Presentation

Presentation by Walter A. Lyon: "The Capital Region Water Board"

The presentation provided an overview of the Capital Region Water Board and highlighted their accomplishments. The primary function of the Board is to study and evaluate the water situation in the Capital region. The Board covers the following counties: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York. A handout of the presentation was provided to committee members.

Lebanon County Conservation District

Presentation by Stephanie Harmon: "Lebanon County-Everything You Wanted to Know...Or Not"

The presentation provided an overview of the Lebanon County Conservation District's environmental programs and activities. A handout of the presentation was provided to committee members.

Timeline/Flowchart of State Water Plan

Dave Jostenski provided committee members with a timeline of DEP activities that will take place between 2004 and 2008. Sue Weaver reviewed the role of the Regional Committee and included a timeline of target completion dates for Committee tasks. Handouts were provided detailing these activities and tasks.

Wrap-Up/Next Steps

Committee members listed items for the Statewide Committee to evaluate as criteria for a critical water planning areas:

1. Sustained base flow
2. Quality and quantity
 - Storage
 - Inter-basin transfer
3. Demand projection criteria and standards for set horizon
4. Geologic criteria

Bill Morris will present these items to the Statewide Committee at the May 10 meeting.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2004, PA DEP Southcentral Regional Office. The meeting will begin at **9:30 am** to allow more time for public comment and discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.