

FINAL

Lower Susquehanna Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

February 14, 2005
DEP- Southcentral Regional Office, Harrisburg, PA

Meeting Summary

Attendance:

Committee members in attendance:

Tom Beauduy	Cynthia Hitz	Craig Robertson
Jineen Boyle	Michael Kyle	Donald Robinson
Betty Conner	Walter Leis	Steven Seidl
Ronald Evanko	William Morris	

Committee members not in attendance:

William Achor	Melanie Hess	Jeffrey Osman
Don Baldwin	Chris Hoffman	Gerrit Strathmeyer
Jolene Chinchilli	James Hostetter	Kirk Stoner
Ed Goodhart	Thomas Mealy	

Others in attendance:

Joel Caves, Spotts, Stevens and McCoy, Inc.
Matt Genchur, PRWA
Joseph Nordella, GTS Technologies
John Seitz, York County Planning Commission

DEP

Michael Buchwach	Scott Gebhardt
Stuart Gansell	Lori Mohr
Bill Gast	Tom Yeager

Administrative Items:

Finalize December Meeting Summary

Additions/corrections: The December 6, 2004 minutes were discussed. No official action taken, due to lack of quorum. Betty Conner suggested that quotation marks be added to the correction under the Additions/Corrections section of the December 6, 2004 meeting minutes. The sentence should state: The minutes from the October 4, 2004 meeting were approved with a correction

under the Growing Greener section: "Motion failed to pass, as ten votes would be required" should be changed to twelve votes.

Statewide Committee Update

William Morris stated the statewide committee and its sub-committees are continuing to discuss items such as developing criteria for critical water planning areas, developing a framework for the regional components of the plan and identifying potential sources of funding for water planning.

DEP Summary of Activities

Committee members were provided with a copy of the 2004 Review and goals for 2005. Stu Gansell reviewed this report and provided an overview of major activities to be accomplished in 2005. These activities include: improving registration responses from public water suppliers, pilot projects from the USGS screening tool, holding public hearings and begin to develop regional components of the State Water Plan.

Comments from the public

None.

CWPA Revised Criteria Presentation:

Bill Gast presented a draft of the Critical Water Planning Area Designation Criteria. The content of this draft document is still under discussion and development by the CWPA Subcommittee.

CWPA Process and Criteria Comments:

Comments on the revised CWPA criteria are due by May 30, 2005.

Tom Beauduy, Walt Leis, and Craig Robertson had a conference call to discuss the CWPA Process document and formulate some comments for the regional committee to react to. A draft summary of their conference call was distributed. Committee members discussed the CWPA Process document and formulated comments that will be sent to the statewide committee to indicate the consensus of the committee members who were present at the meeting. If individual committee members wish to submit individual comments on the CWPA process document, they are encouraged to do so. Comments on the CWPA process are due by February 28, 2005.

Public Meeting/Hearing Discussion:

Regional Priorities – Report from Work Group

Betty Conner distributed a list of regional priorities to committee members. Comments on the regional priority list should be sent to Betty Conner.

Public Meeting and Hearing – May 16, 2005

The regularly scheduled May 16, 2005 meeting of the Lower Susquehanna Regional Water Resources committee will include a business session, a public meeting, and a formal public hearing. The business session (open to the public) will be held for all committee members in the afternoon, beginning at 12:30 PM and ending at approximately 4:00 PM. Committee members will then break until 5:30 PM, when public meeting activities will begin. The formal public hearing will start at 7:30 PM. The public meeting portion will focus on a general overview of Act 220 and on the regional priorities developed by the committee.

Finalize Comments on Regional Framework:

DEP staff explained the Draft Regional Component Outline and covered major topics of the document. Committee members should provide comments to Betty Conner as soon as possible. The committee's comments are due to DEP by February 28, 2005.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

A discussion was held on the importance of attendance for committee members at future meetings. Several committee members suggested that a discussion on attendance be included as an agenda item at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2005. The location will be announced later. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.