

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA WATER RESOURCES
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING ;

November 6, 2006
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DEP Southcentral Regional Office
909 Elmerton Ave.
Harrisburg, PA 17110

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

Don Baldwin
Jineen Boyle
Betty Conner
Ron Evanko
Cynthia Hitz

James Hostetter
Michael Kyle
Earl Meyer
William T. Morris
Steven J. Seidl

Committee members not in attendance:

Tom Beauduy
Ed Goodhart
Chris Hoffman
Walter M. Leis, P.G.

Thomas Mealy
Craig G. Robertson, P.G
Gerrit Strathmeyer

Others in attendance:

Matt Genchur, PA Rural Water
Association
Tom McCarty, Penn State Cooperative
Extension
John Seitz, York County Planning
Commission
Joel Caves, Spotts Stevens & McCoy

Yury Neboga, DEP
Dave Jostenski, DEP
Rachel Delavan, DEP
Lori Mohr, DEP
Sue Weaver, DEP
Kelly Heffner, DEP

Chairman Betty Conner called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions of committee members and guests were made around the room.

Administrative Items

The Draft May and July Meeting Summaries could not be approved and a vice chair could not be elected because a quorum was not present.

DEP Summary of Activities- Rachel Delavan

Rachel Delavan introduced herself as a job-share partner with Leslie Sarvis at DEP. Rachel will be taking over as the lead DEP contact for the Lower

Susquehanna Committee. Her contact information is rdelavan@state.pa.us and her phone number is the same as Leslie's: 717-772-5634.

Reappointments and nominations to fill four of the vacancies (3 "environmental", 1 "planning director") have been forwarded to the Governor's Office. An update will be sent to the committee when the reappointments and new appointments are final. DEP is awaiting a nomination letter for the "professional" vacancy (to replace Jeffrey Osman) and still seeking a nomination for the "industrial" vacancy (to replace Bill Achor).

Rachel referred to the Statewide Committee update memo dated September 18, 2006 and the chart and text describing State Water Plan work products. The State Water Plan will consist primarily of online products, and it will be dynamic in nature allowing for ongoing updates. Each work product for the State Water Plan was discussed briefly.

An RFP for work on the Pennsylvania Water Atlas is under internal DEP review and should be advertised at the end of November. The RFP also includes finalizing the Public Information (marketing) Document once the P & I subcommittee finishes revisions of the text.

The Guidelines for Identification of Critical Water Planning Areas document was finalized on September 30. The Guidelines for Development of a Critical Area Resource Plan document should be published as Draft guidance early next year. The Draft registration and reporting regulations have gone through DEP's approval process and were approved by the Environmental Quality Board. The Draft Regulations are expected to go out for public comment early in 2007.

The committee did not finalize dates for 2007 meetings. An email will be sent to the committee to determine whether the majority prefers Monday or Tuesday and a schedule will be set accordingly. The meetings will be held at the DEP Southcentral Regional Office.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the Public

Regional Action Agenda Facilitated Discussion

Rachel Delavan and Lori Mohr led a discussion on the committee's Regional Action Agenda Outlines, which were developed using the Committee's Regional Priorities and Desired Outcomes discussed and revised since the July 2006 meeting. The goal of today's meeting was to develop working groups to further

define the Action Agendas by incorporating specific objectives and recommendations.

After a discussion about the "Objectives" and "Action Items", the Committee added to the outlines in small working groups. Group members presented their work to the committee at the end of the session and asked for questions and comments. The revised Regional Action Agenda draft will be distributed to the Committee in a follow-up email and we will continue to work on it at the February meeting.

Technical Analysis Update- Dave Jostenski, DEP

A presentation was given to update the Committee on the work being done by DEP, USGS and the River Basin Commissions. Pilot watershed work is being conducted to test the water budget screening tool and Critical Water Planning Area identification process. This work will also help develop a scope of work for statewide application, verify the data used by the screening tool statewide, and document technical work. The pilot work is expected to be complete in January 2007.

A report containing the results of the two pilots should be provided to the Committee before the February 2007 meeting. Dave will provide the slides from his presentation in PDF format.

Follow-up/Next Steps - The next meeting will be held in February 2007 at the DEP Southcentral Regional Office in Harrisburg. The exact date and time is yet to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.