

Draft
Ohio Water Resources Regional Committee
February 15, 2005

Cranberry Township Municipal Building
2525 Rochester Road, Suite 400
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Meeting Summary

Attendance

<u>Committee members in attendance:</u>	<u>Committee members not in attendance</u>
Daniel Barton Shirl Barnhart Donald C. Bluedorn Scott C. Blauvelt Mitchell Brouman Terry Dayton Gerald E. Feldman Jeffrey J. Foley Curtis Kaelin Marie M. Clark Richard C. Lehman Robert Ritchey Ronald J. Rohall Jan Oliver Deb Simko Robert Softcheck Jay Tarara Roger Uhazie Jeff Fliss, DEP	Charles O. Stowe Robert C. Junk, Jr. Jerry G. Schulte <u>Others in Attendance:</u> Nate Rozie, Reliant Energy Dan Ireland, Pa American Water Kirk Brethauer, SW Pa Commission John E. Citrone, MHB Inc. <u>DEP Representatives:</u> John Hines Diane Neukum Rita Coleman Bill Gast Dennis L. Angelo John Green Hoss Liaghat Rich Neville Greg Holesh

Introduction

The meeting started at 10:00 AM.

Administrative Items

Finalize December Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Ritchey requested a correction of the word Johnstown on page 3.

Motion made by Mr. Ritchey to approve the summary of the December meeting.

Motion Second: Mr. Softcheck

Motion was carried.

Statewide Committee Meeting Summary: Don Bluedorn presented a brief summary of the statewide committee activities. He mentioned non CWPA areas, and that the draft documents were approved by the statewide committee for regional committee comments. The documents are: Draft Regional Component Outline, CWPA Designation Criteria (comments on numeric criteria shall be submitted by the May 30) and CWPA Nomination Process (comments shall be submitted by Feb 28)

DEP summary of Activities: Committee members were provided with a copy of the 2004 Review and current activities update report. John Hines 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 beginning to develop regional components of the State Water Plan.

Mr. Hines also explained about funding, budget status and goals, including Discharge Monitoring Reports, work with the River Basin Commissions, registration, regulations, and policy and procedures as indicated in the Process and Update document dated Jan 13, 2005.

The committee also asked about a list of registrants and streamlining the registration process.

Comments From the Public:

Diane Neukum from Meadville DEP office mentioned about the need to have a representative from the northern part of the Ohio watershed.

Finalize Comments on Regional Framework and Discuss Initial Drafting

Process:

Deb Simko Distributed the Regional Component Outline of Ohio River Basin. She mentioned so far she received one comment. The outline was approved.

Motion made by Mr. Barnhart

Motion Second: Mr. Dayton

Motion was carried.

CWPA Revised Criteria Presentation and Comments

Mr. Bluedorn explained the documents and the deadline for the comments on the CWPA process and criteria documents.

Mr. Gast distributed and explained the revised the CWPA criteria document. After the presentation the committee members discussed the content of CWPA criteria and numeric values.

Mr. Bluedorn also distributed and explained the Comments to the Draft CWPA Process and Criteria submitted by the Ohio Regional Water Resources Committee, dated February 15, 2005. Two revisions were suggested by the Ohio committee members. On Paragraph 1 of process, it was added that” the statewide committee shall provide a reasonable detailed written summary of the basis for the rejection of the process.” The second comment was on page 3, paragraph 9, Minimum Unit Size, the first sentence changed to “ It concerns the committee that maybe 15 square miles is too small”.

Motion made by Mr. Bluedorn to endorse the document.

Motion Second: Mr. Barnhart

Motion was carried.

Public Meeting/Hearing Discussion:

Vice chair Mr. Bournman explained the activities and conference calls of Feb. 10 in regard to Public Meeting/Hearing Discussion. The effect of limited funding on public hearing/meeting, details of advertising, approximate date (May – June) and locations (Johnstown and Cranberry) were discussed by the vice chair, chair and Mr. Hines. It was decided that the chair, vice chair, Bluedorn and Uhazie work together to follow up on public meetings arrangement/presentations.

A discussion was held on agenda items for the public hearing/meeting. Agenda items discussed included: an overview of Act 220, list of regional priorities and regional components of the plan.

A public meeting/hearing will be held on May 9, 2005 on the same day as the next Ohio Committee Meeting.

February Meeting, Wrap-Up and Adjourn:

The deadlines for the comments on the documents were emphasized. The comments to the Draft CWPA process and criteria submitted by the ORWRC will be discussed in the next CWPA sub committee meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:15.

The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2005. The location will be announced later. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.