

Potomac Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

May 19, 2005

Penn State Mont Alto
One Campus Drive
Mont Alto, PA 17237

DRAFT **Meeting Summary**

Attendance:

Committee members in attendance:

Evon Barvinchack
Charles Bennett
Mark Bream
Phyllis Chant
Michael Christopher
George Fisanich
Thomas P. Gratto
Joseph Hoffman
Ricky Leese

Mark Mathews
William McLaughlin
Russell McLucas
Pat Naugle
Brent Ramsey
Robert Reichart
William Reichart
James Richenderfer

Committee members not in attendance:

Andrew Fitz
Jeffrey Kloss

Donald MacAskill
Roger Steele

Guests:

Tom McCarty

DEP

Stuart Gansell
Sue Weaver

Lori Mohr

Administrative Items

Finalize February Meeting Summary

Russell McLucas made a motion to accept the February 18, 2005 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Michael Christopher. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

Chairman Bennett noted that there are two vacancies on the committee: one for the environmental category and one for the industrial category. Committee

persons were asked to contact persons who may be interested to serve on the committee.

Statewide Committee Update – Bob Reichart

Technical Expert Advisory Panel is being assembled by the statewide committee to provide advice on topics that may require additional expertise in subjects that are not covered by the expertise of the members on the statewide and regional committees or on DEP staff. Taking recommendations until June 17, 2005. Reviewed the CWPA Process and criteria documents. Comments on the criteria document are still being accepted until May 31, 2005.

DEP Summary of Activities – Susan Weaver

Draft committee member biographies were distributed. DEP staff requested that committee members review their bio and provide any necessary revisions to DEP by the end of the meeting.

Population projections are being assembled by DEP staff. Draft projections for the entire state, broken down by county and municipality, were distributed. Municipal projections for 2010, 2020, and 2030 are included, based on the year 2000 census. These projections will be sent to various planning agencies for verification.

Budget update given by Sue Weaver. State Water Plan was not granted the funding requested for 2005-2006. Continue to use the Clean Water Fund to fund committee meetings and USGS water budget tool project. Seeking federal funding for other activities.

CWPA Process and Criteria Documents Discussion

Susan Weaver gave a status report on the process document and the criteria document. These documents will be merged into one single package that will be finalized by the Statewide committee and then will be sent through the DEP Technical Guidance process.

Received comments from all six regional committees on the Process document. Revised the former document to include an additional step that will allow the process to be simplified for entities interested in having a particular watershed put on a list for consideration for a CWPA. The regional lists will be prioritized and sent to the statewide committee for consideration of CWPA designation. "Nominating petition" will be used to present a watershed to the regional committee for consideration. Lead contact person is designated for the watershed. Petition will be sent to DEP for a completeness review and there is sufficient data for initial screening, the data will be forwarded to the regional committee.

Criteria document – surrogate initial screening criteria (percentage of Q 7-10) will be used by regional committee during its consideration for nominating an area for a CWPA.

Registration and Reporting Regulations Discussion

Draft regulations went to the Statewide committee on May 4, 2005. These regulations eventually will guide our reporting and record keeping for the future. Comments must be submitted by June 15, 2005. The statewide committee will review the comments and, if appropriate, will revise the regulations based on comments. The regulations will then proceed through the DEP regulatory process, and will be presented to the Environmental Hearing Board for adoption in late fall/early winter.

Regional Component Framework Discussion

DEP distributed a copy of the Delaware regional committee framework and asked the committee if they would like to model their regional component after the Delaware's regional component. Any suggestions for revising the framework would be considered at the next meeting. A substantive discussion of the regional component will be scheduled for the August meeting.

Public Meeting/Hearing Discussion

Details of the Public meeting and hearing were discussed and the agenda was reviewed.

August Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held at the Adams County Agricultural Center on August 19, 2005.