

POTOMAC REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2007  
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adams County Emergency Management Building, Gettysburg

**DRAFT** Meeting Summary

**Attendance**

**Committee members in attendance:**

Charlie Bennett	Don MacAskill
Mark Bream	Mark Mathews
Phyllis Chant	Pat Naugle
Michael Christopher	Brent Ramsey
George Fisanich	Bob Reichart
Joe Hoffman	Bill Reichart
Mark Mathews	Pat Naugle
Russell McLucas	Brent Ramsey

**Others in Attendance:**

Dr. Charles Borowsky  
Bill Gast – DEP  
Lori Mohr – DEP

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chair, Charles Bennett, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Administrative Items**

The Draft November 2006 Meeting Summaries were approved with no changes.

Motion made by: Joe Hoffman  
Motion second by: Bob Reichart  
Motion passed.

The current chairperson (Charles Bennett) and vice chairperson (Phyllis Chant) were elected to serve in their respective roles for the 2007 regional committee meetings.

Motion made by: Bob Reichart  
Motion seconded by: Mike Christopher  
Motion passed.

## DEP Summary of Activities

Lori Mohr updated the committee on the status of DEP activities:

New committee member appointments and reappointments were made by the Governor. Letters were mailed to committee members on January 30, 2007. DEP is still seeking nominations to fill vacancies.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop the statewide water atlas and the public information document was issued on January 25, 2007. An email was sent to all regional committee members with a link to the RFP on the web. Proposals are due to DEP on February 27, 2007. A pre-proposal conference was held to answer questions from interested applicants on Tuesday, February 6, 2007.

The public comment period for the Registration Regulations (Ch. 110 regs) closed on January 2, 2007. We received minor comments and a comment/response document is being prepared. In addition, the CARP Guidance document is under internal review. We hope to finalize both of these documents later this year.

### Comments from the public

No comments.

### Technical Analysis Update

Bill Gast reported on the pilot work for the Water Budget Screening Tool. Two pilot areas were selected for the initial pilot screening – the Codorus Watershed in the Lower Susquehanna basin, and the Wissahickon watershed in the Delaware basin. Bill gave an overview of the results and showed several maps that were generated based on the results of the screening tool model.

The pilot work was conducted to be able to assess the accuracy of the tool and of the data going into the model. DEP staff was able to identify several problems that are being evaluated, and a workplan is under development for addressing the problems that were encountered during the pilot work. The next step is to choose another grouping of watersheds throughout the state for screening. Agreements with DRBC and SRBC are in place to assist in the watershed screenings, and DEP is in the process of contracting with ICPRB to screen areas in the Potomac basin. DEP staff will provide another status report on the screening work at the May regional committee meeting.

### Regional Action Agenda

The committee discussed topics to recommend to the P&I subcommittee for inclusion in the Statewide Action Agenda. The P&I subcommittee requested input from all of the regional

committees for discussion at their next subcommittee meeting. Information from the meeting will be sent to P&I for their consideration.

The committee worked in groups on the regional action agenda. Pat Naugle made a motion to include the following key theme in the Potomac Regional Action Agenda: **“Establish regulatory authority in the Potomac River Basin for reviewing and approving significant water withdrawals, including groundwater.”**

Motion made by: Pat Naugle

Motion second by: Phyllis Chant

Motion passed.

#### Follow-up/Next Steps

Before the next meeting, sub-groups will send their portion of the Action Agenda to the whole committee. Sub-groups may continue refining their work between now and the next meeting. Lori offered to help set up conference calls for the sub-groups. We will continue discussion of the Regional Action Agenda in May.

Next meeting: May 18, 2007 at the Adams County Agricultural Center.