

POTOMAC REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 2007  
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adams County Agriculture & Natural Resource Center, Gettysburg

**DRAFT** Meeting Summary

**Attendance**

Committee members in attendance:

Wayne Belt  
Charlie Bennett  
Mark Bream  
Phyllis Chant  
Michael Christopher  
Andrew Fitz  
Brian Hill  
Joe Hoffman  
Ricky Leese

Donald MacAskill  
Mark Mathews  
Bill McLaughlin  
Russell McLucas  
Pat Naugle  
Robert Reichart  
William Reichart  
James Richenderfer

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

George Fisanich  
Jeffrey Kloss  
Brent Ramsey

Others in Attendance:

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

**Welcome and Introductions**

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

Charlie asked the new Committee members, Wayne Belt and Brian Hill, to introduce themselves to the Committee. Charlie then informed the Committee that he had spoken with Evon Barvinchak and Pete Gratto regarding their poor attendance. Both agreed that they would not be able to continue as committee members and are forwarding their resignations. In addition to the current "industrial" vacancy on the committee, Barvinchak's resignation opens a "public water supply" vacancy and Gratto's resignation opens an "environmental" vacancy. Please send any ideas you may have for nominations to Charlie or Leslie Sarvis.

### **Regional Action Agenda**

The Committee worked on finalizing their Regional Action Agenda. Committee members wrote comments and notes on large flip chart sheets. Leslie will revise the draft based on this work and distribute the updated goals and objectives to the Committee. After reviewing the updated draft, Committee members may send additional comments to Leslie at [lsarvis@state.pa.us](mailto:lsarvis@state.pa.us).

The Committee also discussed and selected two goals that will be advanced for developing more detailed work plans and recommendations in the 2008 State Plan. Those goals are:

1. Land Use Planning and Growth
2. Develop land use programs that protect water quality and quantity and preserve the ecological integrity of surface and groundwater, including springs, streams, lakes, wetlands, etc.

### **Fall Public Meetings and Hearings**

As required by Act 220, the Regional Committees must hold another combined public meeting/hearing to solicit input on the drafts of the regional plan components. Leslie said that all draft components of the State Water Plan, not just the regional plan component, will be taken to each of the regional public meetings/hearings. The Committee agreed to schedule a public meeting/hearing for the evening of Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested to use the same location in Mont Alto that was used for the first public meeting/hearing in 2005. DEP staff will confirm this location, and further details will be made available to the Committee once the time and location are set. Joe Hoffman stressed the importance of publicizing the public meetings/hearings, and Leslie said that a publicity strategy would be developed, including asking PCN to televise all of the public meetings/hearings.

### **Administrative Items**

The Draft February 2007 Meeting Summary was approved with one change. Russell McLucas was listed as attending the meeting when he was actually not in attendance.

Motion made by: Mike Christopher

Motion second by: Bob Reichart

Motion passed.

The Statewide Committee Update Memo dated March 15, 2007 was provided to the Committee along with a draft document outlining the Organization of the 2008 State Water Plan. Leslie discussed both documents with Committee members.

The Contractor selected to complete the Paper Atlas and Public Information Document is Greenhorne and O'mara (G&O) in association with Land Logics Group and Robinson Group. The Notice to Proceed was issued on April 10<sup>th</sup> and work commenced immediately. The consultant will be attending the August round of Regional Committee meetings to present drafts of the Atlas to committee members.

DEP will be providing materials for regional committee members to review before the August meetings and is currently trying to determine the best way to provide these materials and collect comments.

Leslie handed out a background paper drafted by DEP staff entitled "Private Water Well Construction and Ground Water Quality Consideration in Pennsylvania." This was originally requested by the Committee to be a white paper, but Leslie informed the group that it was drafted by DEP to provide background information only and not intended to be a position paper. Consequently, Mark Mathews suggested that Bob and Bill Reichart draft a white paper for the committee to review. In support of this idea and potentially the white paper, a motion was made for the Reicharts to draft a white paper on water quality issues, specifically well construction standards, licensing and continuing education, for the committee to review at their August 17 meeting. Bob Reichart said they would try to have the paper prepared before the meeting so that Committee members could review it ahead of time.

Motion made by: Mike Christopher  
Motion second by: Russell McLucas  
Motion passed.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the Public

### **Update on Water Budget Screenings**

Dave Jostenski presented an update the Committee on the schedule and sequence of the water budget screenings. Selected screenings on 22 watersheds are currently being conducted across the state to aid in the process of identifying Critical Water Planning Areas. The data verification on these watersheds will be completed by August 2007. In the Potomac Basin, the watersheds being screened are: Antietam Creek, Marsh Creek, Toms & Middle Creeks, and Rock/Alloway/Piney Creeks.

### **Follow-up/Next Steps**

- If Committee members have further comments on the Regional Action Agenda, please send them to Leslie Sarvis.
- Attendance at the Aug. 17 meeting is very important because the Committee will be reviewing a draft of the Atlas which will be part of the public meeting/hearing in October.
- Bob and Bill Reichart will try to send their white paper to the committee before the Aug. 17 meeting.
- The November round of Regional Committee meetings may be re-scheduled to allow time for compilation of comments from the Oct. public meetings/hearings.

Next meeting: August 17, 2007 at the Franklin County Administrative Annex in Chambersburg.