

## Potomac Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

November 21, 2008  
10:00pm – 1:00pm

Franklin County Administrative Annex Building  
218 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

### **DRAFT** Meeting Summary

#### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

Charlie Bennett	Ricky Leese
Mark Bream	Don MacAskill
Phyllis Chant	Mark Mathews
Mike Christopher	Russell McLucas
George Fisanich	Pat Naugle
Andy Fitz	Bob Reichart
Joe Hoffman	Bill Reichart
Jeff Kloss	James Richenderfer
Fran Koch	Vy Trinh

#### **Committee Members Not in Attendance:**

Robin Fitzpatrick	Brent Ramsey
Bill McLaughlin	

#### **Others in Attendance:**

Jay Braund, DEP	Lori Mohr, DEP
Mark Guise, Gettysburg Munic. Auth.	Leslie Sarvis, DEP
Bill Hanna, ACWRAC	Sherry Schultz, ICPRB
Dave Jostenski, DEP	Diana Young
Joe McNally, Geoservices, Ltd.	

#### **Introductions**

Charlie Bennett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

#### **Finalize Draft May Meeting Summary**

The Draft September 18 Meeting Summary was approved with one amendment on p. 2 under Comments from the Public. Bob Reichart is the Executive Director of PDWA, not President.

*Motion: Joe Hoffman*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Reichart*

#### **Reappointments/Vacancies**

Leslie Sarvis reviewed the vacancies with the committee. There are currently two vacancies, one environmental and one water supply. Please let Leslie know if you have any suggestions. DEP is contacting the committee members whose terms expired in September.

#### **Meeting Dates for 2009**

Leslie Sarvis discussed the meeting schedule for 2009. DEP staff proposed cutting back to two meetings for the year, but the committee would like to have four meeting dates.

The four meeting dates are: *Feb. 20, May 15, September 18 and November 20*. The committee agreed that some of the meetings could be held as conference calls.

Dave Jostenski gave an update on the development of a Water Conservation Technical Assistance Center. SRBC is finalizing the formation of the Center. DEP is exploring ways to bring a contractor on board to house the Center, which will be modeled in part after a consortium that is established in Arizona. Dave will email the committee a link to the Arizona consortium website.

### **Comments from the Public**

Bill Hannah talked to the committee about the newly formed Adams County Water Resources Advisory Committee, which was established to provide advice and expertise on water resources to the County Commissioners. The advisory committee is composed of 35-45 people and will meet quarterly.

### **Watershed Verification Update**

Dave Jostenski and staff from ICPRB discussed the verification results of the watersheds that have undergone screening for potential water quantity problems. The committee had significant discussion about the results. Dave also said that he would like to re-convene the technical subcommittee that will help evaluate in greater detail the verification results. The volunteers for the technical subcommittee are: Don MacAskill, Jeff Kloss, Mike Christopher, Bob Reichart, Vy Trinh, Russell McLucas, Pat Naugle, Mark Mathews and Fran Koch. Dave will be in touch soon with a meeting date and location. Committee members encouraged DEP to first reach out to water operators and stakeholders within each watershed to get feedback on the results before posting them on the web and moving ahead with the technical subcommittee meetings. *\*NOTE\* Subsequent to the November Regional Committee meetings, DEP sent an email confirming that it will begin contacting water operators and stakeholders in January to discuss the verification results. This will delay scheduling the technical subcommittee meetings. Further information will be provided during the February Regional Committee conference calls.*

### **Public Comments and Review of Regional Plan**

Leslie Sarvis reviewed the public comments received on the Draft State Water Plan. She said that DEP will write a Comment/Response document. Leslie read a Legislative Initiatives List that was drafted by the P&I Subcommittee as a result of the comments received. The committee discussed adding the word "water" to well drillers in the first Legislative Initiative to distinguish between water well drilling and other forms of drilling. The committee passed a motion requesting that the Statewide Committee add the word "water" before well drillers in the first Legislative Initiative.

*Motion: Bob Reichart*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Christopher*

The committee voted to approve the Regional Priorities and Atlas, and to move them forward for consideration by the Statewide Committee.

*Motion to approve: Bill Reichart*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Russell McLucas*

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

The next meeting is Friday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. *\*NOTE\* It was subsequently decided that all of the February Regional Committee meetings will be held as conference calls.*