

Draft

Statewide Water Resources Committee

July 22, 2004

Room 105

400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance

Don Bluedorn, Interim Chair

Janet Bowers, Critical Water Planning Area Subcommittee Chair

Rick Carlson

Carol R. Collier

Scott Dunkleberger (will be representing DCED, previously represented by Emily White)

Gerald Feldman

Tom Ford

Rep. Kate Harper

Bob Long

Jim MacKenzie, Interim Vice Chair

David Mandelbaum, Policy and Integration Subcommittee Chair

Susan Fox Marquart

Gary Merritt

John Mizerak

William Morris

Mike Sherman for Cathy Curran Myers

Howard Neukrug

William Nichols

Gary Petrewski

Robert Reichart

Robert Rosenthal

Rich Subasic

Paul Swartz

Bill Wehry

George Wolff

Committee members not in attendance

Nick DeBenedictis

Michael Donohue

Bud George

Joe Hoffman

Alan Vicory

Matt Wolford

Others in attendance

Dave Callahan

Melanie Cook

Tom Fuhman (for Matt Wolford)

Bill Gerlach

Joseph Hardella
Pat Henderson
Thomas Kuhn (for Rep. Bud George)
Kerry Leberknight
Dennis Miner
Lisa Nichols
Marel Raub
Dan Snowden
Bob Wendelgass
R. Timothy Weston

DEP Representatives in attendance

Julia Anastasio
Pam Bishop
John Dernbach
Stu Gansell
Bill Gast
Jennifer Handke
John Hines
David Jostenski
Lori Mohr
Susan Weaver

Administrative

Review of draft May 10, 2004 Meeting Summary. No revisions.
Motion: Adopt draft May 10, 2004 Meeting Summary.
Made By: Carol Collier
Seconded by: Bob Long
Outcome: Passed

Summary of DEP Activities to date

Dave Jostenski provided an update on Registration. DEP has received approximately 5,500 registrations.
The DEP priorities statement was distributed and John Dernbach, DEP Policy Director, briefly summarized it.
Susan Weaver distributed a handout on accessing the Act 220 web pages.

Comments from the Public

Bob Wendelgass- a member of the Delaware Water Resources Regional Committee and representing Clean Water Action expressed concern regarding the development of the Critical Water Planning Area (CWPA) criteria and submittal process would not include the Regional Water Resources Regional Committees
Tim Weston- an attorney with Kirkpatrick and Lockhart suggested an interim process be provided for stressed areas, an opportunity to gather data and then a decision can be made on whether it is a CWPA or not.

Correspondence to Governor

Don Bluedorn read the letter dated June 25, 2004 that was sent on behalf of the Statewide Committee to Gov. Rendell. The letter informed Gov. Rendell that the Statewide Committee held their first meeting in May and established three

subcommittees to address areas of Policy and Integration, Critical Water Planning Areas and Public Outreach. The letter encouraged the Governor and Secretary McGinty to continue to ensure adequate funding is provided for developing and finalizing the State Water Plan by the statutory deadline of March 2008. It was observed by the Statewide Committee that they thought it would be useful to have a representative from the Department of Transportation participate in the discussions and requested a designee from Penn DOT join the Statewide Committee in the water planning process. There has not been an official response from the Governor yet.

Update from Regional Committee Representatives

- Howard Neukrug (Delaware Regional Committee) talked about the letter that was sent from the Delaware Regional Committee to Jan Bowers expressing interest in participating in the CWPA criteria and process development. Mr. Neukrug also mentioned that County Planning Directors have been invited to the Aug. 13 Delaware Regional Committee to discuss their county water resource planning efforts.
- Gary Petrewski (Upper/Middle Susquehanna Regional Committee) stated that the Committee has been focusing on specific watersheds within their basin to gather more detailed information and that the Committee formed three subcommittees to align with the Statewide Subcommittees.
- Bill Morris (Lower Susquehanna Regional Committee) said that they have been receiving presentations from the Watershed Specialists in the Lower Susquehanna Basin and that these have been very informative.
- Don Bluedorn (Ohio Regional Committee) reported that the Committee was briefed on the activities of the Statewide Committee; they discussed the public participation process and developed their regional Stakeholder list.
- Tom Fuhman, sitting in for Matt Wolford (Great Lakes Regional Committee) said that the committee has been informed of the public participation process being developed by the Public Participation Subcommittee.
- Bob Reichart (Potomac Regional Committee) stated that the Potomac Committee had a speaker from the Cumberland MD Public Works Dept. in addition to several Watershed Specialists at their June meeting.

Subcommittee Activities/Reports

- Don Bluedorn read the 7/12/04 letter from the Delaware Water Resources Regional Committee regarding CWPA's (letter referred to by Howard Neukrug in previous section) that was sent to Jan Bowers as Chair of the CWPA Subcommittee.
- Guidelines for Subcommittee Activities- There was discussion on the composition of the Subcommittees. It was decided that the Guidelines would provide for Subcommittee members that they may designate a representative to participate in a Subcommittee meeting on their behalf. The Guidelines apply to the 3 existing Subcommittees and will apply to any future Subcommittees that are formed. In addition, there was discussion on which meetings were going to be publicized according to the Sunshine Act. It was decided that all Subcommittee meetings will be publicized in the same manner as the Statewide Committee meetings and that conference calls and email exchanges may be publicized at the Chair's discretion. Copies of the

Subcommittee meeting minutes will be available in the same manner as the Statewide Committee minutes, they will be posted on DEP's website.

Motion: Adopt the Guidelines for Subcommittee Activities as discussed

Made by: Bob Long

Seconded by: Kate Harper

Outcome: passed

- CWPA Subcommittee- Jan Bowers, Chair

Jan Bowers summarized the activities of the Subcommittee. The group held a conference call on June 14 and a meeting in Harrisburg on July 6. Leroy Young of the Fish and Boat Commission was asked to participate on the Subcommittee. In addition, a USGS representative has been invited to attend all meetings of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee decided that they would have Draft Criteria and a Draft Process to the Statewide Committee in November 2004 and Draft Guidelines to the Statewide Committee in 2005.

There was discussion on how the development of the CWPA criteria, submittal process and guidelines for development of the CWPA plans would proceed. It was decided that comments from the Regional Committees was important as these items are developed. Motion: The Statewide Committee will send the draft CWPA Criteria and Process to the Regional Committees for comment.

Made by: Gary Petrewski

Seconded by: Bob Rosenthal

Outcome: passed

Jan posed the question to the Statewide Committee on whether the CWPA Subcommittee should address all technical issues of the Statewide Committee and essentially become a technical oversight Subcommittee.

Motion: Expand the role of the CWPA Subcommittee to encompass all technical issues, become the Technical Oversight Subcommittee

Made by: George Wolff

Seconded by: David Mandelbaum

Outcome: passed

Gary Petrewski expressed concern regarding a pre-process for identifying stressed areas. Jan responded that the CWPA Subcommittee had a lengthy discussion on this topic and had decided to develop only one process. However, Jan responded that the Subcommittee would take Gary's suggestion under consideration.

Jan had previously requested (in a 6/15/04 email message) information from the Regional Committee Chairs and the River Basin Commissions on stressed areas that they are aware. She asked that this message be sent again.

The next two meeting dates of the CWPA Subcommittee are August 5th and September 2nd and both will be in Harrisburg.

- Policy and Integration Subcommittee- David Mandelbaum, Chair

David Mandelbaum summarized the activities of the Policy and Integration Subcommittee. A conference call was held on June 15, a meeting on June 29 and another conference call on July 20. David distributed a draft vision statement from the

Subcommittee and the Subcommittee minutes (final 6/20/04 minutes and draft 7/20/04 minutes). The Statewide Committee decided the draft vision statement was too preliminary to send to the Regional Committees and requested members to get their comments to David by Aug. 5th.

Motion: Statewide Committee members submit comments on the draft vision document to David Mandelbaum by August 5th. The Subcommittee will schedule a conference call the week of August 9 to discuss the comments submitted and plan the next step.

Made by: David Mandelbaum

Seconded by: Bill Morris

Outcome: passed (16 voting members voted "yes")

- Public Participation Subcommittee- Don Bluedorn, Spokesperson

Don Bluedorn summarized the activities of the Public Participation Subcommittee. A meeting was held on May 26, and there were subsequently several conference calls consisting of a smaller working group. The Subcommittee developed a draft Universal Message for consideration by the Statewide Committee and the document was distributed. There were several suggested revisions:

Maya van Rossum (a member of the Delaware Regional Committee and the Public Participation Subcommittee) recommended adding the following sentence:
"Clean water and healthy flows are vital to fish, wildlife, aquatic communities and plant life, and for sustaining critical habitats such as wetlands."

Jim MacKenzie (with agreement from George Wolff as well) - add the word "agriculture"

Gary Petrewski- add the phrase "electric power generation", after Statewide Committee discussion, Gary subsequently agreed to "energy production".

David Mandelbaum- include a sentence on economic development

Susan Fox Marquart- change "ensure" to "assure"

Motion: Adopt the revisions submitted above

Made by: Howard Neukrug

Seconded by: Bill Morris

Outcome: passed

Working Document

Stu Gansell briefly reviewed the Working Document for Updating the State Water Plan. It will be composed of eight volumes (Volumes I & II- State Water Plan and Definitions... Volumes III – VIII will be the Regional Plan Components). This framework is essentially the work plan DEP will follow to write the State Water Plan.

Direction to Regional Committees

Don Bluedorn and John Hines will write an email message, to be sent to the Regional Committee Chairs (copy Statewide Committee):

- Statewide Committee just met, will send draft minutes when available
- Attached are Guidelines for Subcommittee Activities- this will give direction to participation opportunities as the Subcommittees do their work
- CWPA Subcommittee

- Draft Criteria and draft Process will be sent to the Regional Committees for comment after November Statewide Committee meeting.
- Please respond to Jan Bower's 6/15/04 email on identification of stressed areas in your basin.
- CWPA Subcommittee's role has expanded to include all technical support to the Statewide Committee as needed.
- Policy and Integration Subcommittee- Working on a draft vision statement
- Public Participation Subcommittee- attached is the Universal Message, next step will be working on targeting key sectors with a modified message

Next Meeting Dates for 2004

A meeting was scheduled for November 19 and one in September 2004 (date will be scheduled through email).

Suggested Agenda Topics for September Meeting

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion: Adjourn meeting

Made by: Jerry Feldman

Seconded by: Howard Neukrug

Outcome: passed