

DRAFT
Statewide Water Resources Committee

June 15, 2006
Room 105
400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance

Don Bluedorn, Chair
Janet Bowers, Critical Water Planning Area Subcommittee Chair
Rick Carlson represented by John Quigley for part of the meeting
Carol R. Collier
Rob Davidson (has replaced Bill Wehry, Dept. of Agriculture)
Gerald Feldman
Rep. Bud George represented by Thomas Kuhn
Rep. Kate Harper
Mark Hartle
Joe Hoffman
Bob Long represented by Martin Miller
Susan Fox Marquart
David Mandelbaum, Policy and Integration Subcommittee Chair
Gary Merritt
John Mizerak represented by Elizabeth Hansburg
Bill Morris
Cathy Curran Myers
Gary Petrewski
Robert Rosenthal
Paul Swartz
George Wolff
Matt Wolford

Committee members not in attendance

Tom Crane
Nick DeBenedictis
Scott Dunkelberger
Jim MacKenzie, Vice Chair
Howard Neukrug
William Nichols
Robert Reichart
Alan Vicory

Others in attendance

Matt Genchur
Steve Neidlinger
Jack Rokavec
R. Timothy Weston

DEP Representatives in attendance

Michelle Clark, SERO

Jeff Dewey, Water Planning Office

Bill Gast, Chief Engineer, Water Planning Office

Kelly Heffner, Office of Policy

Desiree Henning, DEP representative on Delaware Regional Committee

Dave Jostenski, Water Use Planning Division

Susan Weaver, Acting Division Chief, Water Use Planning

Andy Zemba, Water Planning Office

Administrative

These two items were delayed on the meeting agenda until a quorum was reached, which was approximately halfway through the meeting.

Review of Mar. 16, 2006 Meeting Summary. No revisions.

Motion: Adopt as final

Made By: Kate Harper

Seconded By: Bob Rosenthal

Outcome: Passed

Review of draft Dec. 1, 2005 Meeting Summary. Minor revision made at previous meeting, adopt with revision.

Motion: Adopt as final with revision

Made By: Bill Morris

Seconded By: George Wolff

Outcome: Passed

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

DEP Update

Sue Weaver reviewed the 6/6/06 DEP Update Memo. Deputy Secretary Cathy Myers spoke briefly about the Growing Greener funds that will be used for State Water Plan implementation work.

Update from Regional Committee Representatives

Delaware- Carol Collier reported that the meeting was primarily DEP presenting material to them and that Bill Manner, DEP Watershed Program Manager, reported on the growth pressure that the Northeast part of the state is experiencing.

Great Lakes- Matt Wolford spoke that the meeting was largely presentations and appreciated Bill Gast presenting the USGS screening tool, the Regional Atlas was well received and elections were held with the same officers being elected.

Lower Susquehanna- Bill Morris reported that the meeting was largely the same as DE and GL, they have several new volunteers for the Subcommittees and the atlas was well received.

Ohio- Don Bluedorn reported the Regional Atlas was well received, the Committee is still very interested in mine pool maps and their next meeting will include a discussion of the Laurel Hill Creek watershed.

Potomac- no report on Potomac meeting (Bob Reichart was not present and Joe Hoffman missed the last Potomac meeting).

Upper Middle- Gary Petrewski reported that they had a similar type of meeting as all of the other reports.

State of the State Water Plan

Sue Weaver presented the State of the State Water Plan. The Coastal Zone atlas was passed around the table during the presentation as an example of what the State Water Plan Atlas may look like. Paul Swartz commented that he was glad to see work products that will be visual. Matt Wolford requested this presentation at the RC August meeting and also a timeline/project management chart with names out to 2008. George Wolff commented that Agriculture has an impact and he really didn't see how it was addressed. Bill Gast responded that the Ag impact is in the USGS tool and WUAT and this presentation really didn't cover that much detail. Cathy Myers commented that we could spend more time at the next meeting presenting how we are using the population projections and the USGS screening tool and the WUAT.

Don Bluedorn commented that he thought the presentation was very good and wanted to present a concept to the Statewide Committee for consideration- Don would like to create an Executive Steering Committee (Don Bluedorn, Jim MacKenzie, David Mandelbaum, Jan Bowers and Todd Giddings) to participate with DEP on a monthly conference call so that DEP can bring issues to them to gain feedback in order to assess whether it is a big enough issue to take to the Statewide Committee. It would also allow timely feedback to DEP as we begin our technical analysis. There were mixed reactions from the members of the committee although no loud disagreements. The discussion was ended by Don stating that this would be tried for a period of time and reevaluated in the future.

Cathy Myers requested a brief time to talk about the water rights case that is being tried in Huntingdon Count Court on the Little Juniata and that this could be a historic case for DEP. There was brief discussion among the members of the Statewide Committee.

P&I Subcommittee

David Mandelbaum, Chair of the P&I Subcommittee, complimented John Hines for his direction and guidance on the subcommittee. David explained the purpose/origin of the cake document, and the importance of making the process understandable and important to persons not working as a Water Resources professional. He is expecting drafts of the Marketing Document articles to be sent to the P&I Subcommittee. He thinks the drafting of the Marketing Document will be a larger task than DEP can handle, and suggested that a project manager be named to handle making assignments.

Bylaws Discussion

Don Bluedorn presented several preliminary concepts to revise to the current Bylaws that would allow the Statewide Committee to function without needing a super-majority to take action. Don will work with DEP to investigate the feasibility of revisions to the Bylaws prior to the next Statewide Committee meeting.

CWPA Subcommittee

Jan Bowers, Chair of the CWPA Subcommittee, reported that the next CWPA Subcommittee is scheduled for Aug. 3. Gary Petrewski suggested that one of the next work items for the CWPA Subcommittee is to look at the assumptions DEP made for the

screening tool and do they need to be revised now that we are starting to get some results.

Drought Monitoring Report

Mr. Gast presented the current drought monitoring conditions. The presentation was well received. Jerry Feldman wanted to know the relationship between droughts and the State Water Plan efforts. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21, 2006, at 9:30 in room 105 of the RCSOB in Harrisburg. Next meeting agenda items: possible Bylaw revisions, Draft CARP Guidelines (if sent to the SC from the CWPA Subcommittee), EQB outcome on draft regulations, an update on our continued work (include WUAT and population projection discussion), implications of drought on the SWP and an item on Great Lakes/conservation.