

# Statewide Water Resources Committee

Mar. 15, 2007

9:30- 12:30

Room 105

400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

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Meeting Summary

## **Attendance**

### Committee members in attendance

Sam Berkheiser

Don Bluedorn, Chair

Janet Bowers, Critical Water Planning Area Subcommittee Chair

Carol R. Collier

Paul Diskin

Gerald Feldman

Rep. Bud George represented by Rya McIlmoyle

Rep. Kate Harper

Mark Hartle

Joe Hoffman

Jim MacKenzie, Vice Chair

David Mandelbaum, Policy and Integration Subcommittee Chair

Susan Fox Marquart

John Mizerak represented by Sean Sanderson

Cathy Curran Myers represented by John Hines

Gary Petrewski

Robert Reichart

Paul Swartz

R. Timothy Weston

George Wolff

Matt Wolford

### Committee members not in attendance

Tom Crane

Rob Davidson

Nick DeBenedictis

Scott Dunkelberger

Bob Long

Gary Merritt

Bill Morris

Howard Neukrug

William Nichols

Alan Vicory

### Others in attendance

Jennifer Engle, PA Management Associate Program

Matt Genchur

Amy Jacoby

\_\_\_\_\_ McNelly, ARIPPA (signature of first name unreadable)

Randy Wood

DEP Representatives in attendance

Pam Bishop  
Bill Gast, Chief Engineer, Water Planning Office  
Dave Gordner  
Desiree Henning-Dudley, SERO  
Mike Hill  
Lori Mohr  
Dave Jostenski, Water Use Planning Division  
Hoss Liaghat  
Barbara Magaro  
Susan Weaver, Acting Division Chief, Water Use Planning

**Administrative**

Voting on the meeting summary was delayed until a quorum was reached, which was approximately halfway through the meeting.

Review of Dec. 21, 2006 Meeting Summary.

Motion: Adopt as final

Made By: Bob Reichart

Seconded By: John Hines

Outcome: Passed

**DEP Update**

Rod Fletcher, Director of the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, spoke briefly regarding federal Abandoned Mine Lands Trust Fund that will deliver over \$1 billion to Pennsylvania for abandoned mine reclamation. Under the new law, the collection and distribution of abandoned mine lands (AML) funds will be overseen by the U.S. Office of Surface Mining (OSM). Allocation of funds will no longer require congressional approval, and will allow Pennsylvania and other states with historic abandoned mine problems to engage in long-term planning and budgeting. In addition, the department is planning to conduct a series of public outreach meetings to involve state and local elected officials, environmental and watershed groups, businesses, foundations and economic development organizations to explore options for addressing the host of problems faced by Pennsylvania's former mining communities, and to look at opportunities presented by this historic legislation

John Hines updated the Committee of activities ongoing within the Department. Mr. Hines requested input from the Committee regarding whether another Subcommittee is to be created to address the Water Conservation Technical Assistance Center or would it be more appropriate for the CWPA Subcommittee to take on this item. Several members offered varying viewpoints and it was agreed that Mr. Hines, Jerry Feldman and Tim Weston would get together to put frame out a plan of action and come back to the Statewide Committee with more direction.

Lori Mohr updated the committee on how the RFP process was proceeding. Five proposals were submitted to the Department and there was an internal meeting in the next week to discuss moving forward with the evaluations of the RFPs.

Dave Jostenski provided an update on technical work and the work plan for the next several months.

### **Update from Regional Committee Representatives**

**Delaware**- Carol Collier reported for Howard Neukrug (unable to attend today's meeting) that the Regional Committee was working the P and I Subcommittee request and giving input back to the Subcommittee.

**Lower Susquehanna**- Lori Mohr reported for Bill Morris that the Committee spent time reviewing the maps and the Codorus Creek study, the Regional Action Agendas and the P and I Subcommittee request.

**Potomac**- Bob Reichart stated that they held their elections (Charlie Bennet and Phyllis Chant re-elected to Chair and Vice-Chair positions), the Committee has three vacancies which impact the ability to make a quorum and they were waiting to hear back from DEP regarding the white paper on water quality and well construction standards for domestic supply.

**Upper Middle**- Gary Petrewski reported that they did not have a quorum and but they had a similar type of meeting as all of the other reports.

**Great Lakes**- Lori Mohr reported for Matt Wolford (unable to attend today's meeting) that the Regional Committee was working on their action agenda and that they did not have a quorum.

**Ohio**- Jerry Feldman and Lori Mohr that the committee worked on their action agenda and the AML issue.

### **P&I Subcommittee**

David Mandelbaum, Chair of the P&I Subcommittee, stated that the Subcommittee would be beginning discussion on the action agendas.

### **CWPA Subcommittee**

Jan Bowers, Chair of the CWPA Subcommittee, reported that the CWPA Subcommittee has not met since the last Statewide Committee meeting.

### **SRBC and DRBC Flooding Issues**

Drew Dehoff of SRBC and Carol Collier of DRBC presented information on the efforts their respective River Basin Commissions have been working on to address flooding issues.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2007, at 9:30 in room 105 of the RCSOB in Harrisburg.