

Statewide Water Resources Committee

December 18, 2008

9:30am - 12:00pm

Room 105

400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

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Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance

Don Bluedorn, Chair

Janet Bowers

Carol R. Collier

Paul Diskin

Rep. Bud George represented by

Thomas Kuhn

Rep. Kate Harper

Mark Hartle

Joe Hoffman

Jim MacKenzie

David Mandelbaum

Susan Fox Marquart

Gary Merritt

Bill Morris

Cathy Curran Myers

Jay Parrish

Gary Petrewski

Robert Reichart

R. Timothy Weston

George Wolff

Matt Wolford (speakerphone)

Committee members not in attendance

Tom Crane

Rob Davidson

Nick DeBenedictis

Scott Dunkelberger

Gerald Feldman

William Nichols

Denny Puko

Joe Roberge

Paul Swartz

Alan Vicory

Others in attendance

Matt Azeles - DCNR

Joel Caves – Spotts, Stevens & McCoy

Matt Genchur - PRWA

Frank Koch

Stuart Reese - DCNR

Curtis Schreffler – USGS

Dan Snowden - PennDOT

Chris Snyder - PEMA

DEP Representatives in attendance

Pam Bishop

Jineen Boyle

Stu Gansell

Mike Hill

Desiree Henning-Dudley

Dave Jostenski

Nicki Kasi

Joe Lee

Hoss Liaghat

Lori Mohr

Leslie Sarvis

Susan Weaver

Kerry Wilson

Andrew Zemba

Introductions

Chairman Bluedorn opened the meeting and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Administrative

2009 Meeting Schedule

The Committee voted and passed the suggested schedule, with the exception of the Sept. 17, 2009 meeting date. It was decided to change that to a date in October TBA so as not to conflict with the fall Regional Committee meeting schedule. The 2009 Meeting Schedule is:

March 26, 2009 – Rm. 105, RCSOB

June 18, 2009 – Rm. 105, RCSOB

October – TBA

December 10, 2009 – DEP SCRO, Elmerton Ave.

Comments from the public

None.

Regional Committee Update

The Regional Committees held their public meetings/hearings in September. In November all of the Regional Committees passed their Regional Plan as part of the State Water Plan. The Committees also discussed the results of the technical analyses for watersheds in their basins that were selected for final verification, which will be discussed during the CWPA Subcommittee Update.

Policy & Integration Subcommittee Update

David Mandelbaum, Chair of the P and I Subcommittee, reported that the P&I Subcommittee drafted minor changes to the Principles document. A Resolution, drafted by the P&I Subcommittee, was distributed for consideration by the full Statewide Committee.

Vote on State Water Plan Package

The Committee voted unanimously to approve and recommend to Acting Sec. Hanger, the adoption of the State Water Plan as described in the Resolution (attached) of the Statewide Water Resources Committee.

Motion made by: George Wolff

Seconded by: Bob Reichart

CWPA Subcommittee Update

Jan Bowers, Chair of the CWPA Subcommittee, led the discussion on prioritization of watersheds to be designated as a CWPA. Dave Jostenski explained that 32 watersheds have been identified as potentially meeting the CWPA criteria. Additional information gathering is required to verify the accuracy of the data reported to DEP by water users. Don Bluedorn spoke on behalf of Deb Simko, requesting the expedited designation of the Laurel Hill Creek Watershed as a CWPA. Other committee members expressed concern about expediting one watershed on a faster track than others. Questions were raised about developing a process for prioritizing watersheds for designation based on needs. This subject will be discussed more at the next Statewide Committee meeting.

Water Conservation / Technical Assistance Center Subcommittee Update

Andy Zemba spoke for Jerry Feldman who could not attend the meeting. SRBC is finalizing a work plan for the TAC. There were suggestions to include a business plan and an outreach plan in the overall work plan.

Website Development Update

Dave Jostenski discussed the progress of the State Water Plan website. He expects that the website will be launched in 2009.

Wrap Up/Next Steps

Next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2009.