

Statewide Water Resources Committee

November 18, 2010

9:30am - 12:00pm

Room 105

400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

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Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance

Tim Weston, Chair
Janet Bowers
Carol R. Collier (Non-Voting)
Paul Diskin
Rep. Kate Harper
Mark Hartle
Heidi Moltz (Non-Voting)
David Mandelbaum
Rob Piper
Preston Luitweiler

Gary Merritt
John Spanos
Andy Zemba
Stuart Reese
Robert Reichart
R. Timothy Weston
George Wolff
Matt Wolford
Howard Neukrug (via phone)

Committee members not in attendance

Tom Crane
Rob Davidson
Scott Dunkelberger
Gerald Feldman
Gary Petrewski
Rep. Camille "Bud" George

Denny Puko
Joe Roberge
Paul Swartz
Alan Vicory

Others in attendance

Deb Simko
Matt Genchur
Herbert Mattern
Kara Holsopple
Dan Galeaone
Bret West
Patrick Gregory
James Palmer

Al Guiseppe
Paul Bruder
Harold Webster
Jacly Day
Gucia Leannell
Jon Meade
Eric Russ

DEP Representatives in attendance

Jay Braund
Mike Hill
Dave Jostenski
Mark Stephens
Bharat Bham
Carl Deluca

Introductions

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

Comments from the public

None.

CWPA Recommendation Discussion: Technical Subcommittee Meeting

Preston Luitweiler provided a summary of the Technical Subcommittee Meeting with Jan Bowers giving an overview of each of the 15 watershed areas under consideration for designation.

VOTE by the Full Statewide Committee to Recommend CWPA Watersheds to the DEP Secretary.

The Committee voted unanimously on a motion that stated that several watersheds warrant continuing review and attention and shall be placed on a watch list. Further consultation will occur with the respective regional committees and the Department will report back to the Statewide Committee concerning developments in those watersheds during 2011. The watersheds placed on the special watch list include the following:

- Little Lehigh Ck (Delaware)
- Brodhead Creek (Delaware)
- Sugar Creek (Upper/Middle Susquehanna)
- Spring Creek (Upper/Middle Susquehanna)

Motion made by: Kate Harper

Seconded by: Bob Reichart

Tim Weston stated he no longer has a conflict of interest in the Marsh Creek/Rock Creek watersheds because the litigation he was involved with has ended. He asked if anyone would have concerns with him voting. No concern was expressed.

The Committee voted unanimously on a motion that stated that pursuant to Section 3111(d) of the Water Resources Planning Act, and in response to the recommendations made by the Ohio Basin Regional Committee and the Potomac River Basin Regional Committee, the Statewide Water Resources Committee approves and recommends to the Secretary of Environmental Protection the designation of the following watersheds in the State Water Plan as critical water planning areas for the development of a critical area resource plan:

- Laurel Hill Creek (Ohio River Basin)
- Back Creek (Ohio River Basin)
- Marsh Creek and Rock Creek (Potomac River Basin)

Motion made by: Jan Bowers

Seconded by: Kate Harper

Carol Collier mentioned that in many potential CWPA watersheds, the dewatering and diversion of water via wastewater collection and treatment systems that is part of the problem. Act 537 planning does not address this resource concern. She recommended that the Statewide Committee further examine overall issue of diversion of water out of watersheds through wastewater systems.

New Nominations

Dave Jostenski reported that the Department will still accept watershed nominations from outside groups for Critical Water Planning Areas. However due to staffing constraints DEP may not act on them until staffing resources become available.

Update on Watershed Management Plans

Dave Jostenski gave an update on the ongoing watershed management plans in Laurel Hill Creek, Back Creek and Marsh/Rock Creek. DEP has funding for these plans and is working with USGS and Interstate Commission Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) in the development of these plans. These plans have been following the process for development of a Critical Area Resource Plan.

Water Conservation / Technical Assistance Center Subcommittee Update

Jon Meade gave an update on the efforts of the PA Environmental Council to establish a non-profit Water Conservation/Technical Assistance Center. The Center will also be called Save Water PA and has numerous confirmed board members. A business plan has been developed and non profit status has been obtained. In addition, the Center's website "Save Water Pa" is now up and running. It can be viewed at:

- <http://savewaterpa.org/>

Wrap Up/Next Steps

Next meeting should be scheduled for April 2011. It was recommended that "Watch List" report, be added as a standing agenda item for future Statewide Committee meetings.