

**FINAL**

Upper/Middle Susquehanna Water Resources  
Regional Committee Meeting  
December 16, 2004  
PA DEP NCRO – Williamsport, PA

Meeting Summary

**Attendance**

Committee members in attendance:

Tom Beauduy  
Ed Bellis  
Mike Cavanaugh  
William Gerlach  
Todd Giddings  
Drew Hadley  
Frank Halderman  
Roy Herlocher  
Tim Horner  
David Kaufman

Bill Manner  
Jennifer Means  
Gary Petrewski  
David Snook  
Jerry Walls  
Richard Wardrop  
Harold Webster  
Uwe Weindel  
John Yamona  
Adam Zakarian

Committee members not in attendance:

Robert Bergenstock  
Dorne White

Doug Manning

Others in attendance:

Pam Bishop, DEP  
Bill Gast, DEP  
David Gordner, DEP  
John Hamilton, DEP  
Leslie Sarvis, DEP

Thomas Schmick, DEP  
Sue Weaver, DEP

**Administrative Items**

1. The summary from the previous meeting on October 21, 2004 was approved with the following changes. Administrative Item 2, last line, the following change was made, "The ~~SRBC~~ DRBC is looking into hiring a consultant to do some projection methodologies." Administrative Item 5, second line, the following change was made, "The Committee continues to seek to address what ~~designates~~ *determines* minimum flow requirements and to finalize the critical water plan area requirements.

Motion made by: Jerry Walls  
Motion second by: Mike Cavanaugh  
Motion was carried.

2. Sue Weaver reported on decisions made by the Statewide Committee at its November meeting, including to release the drafts of the Critical Water Planning Area Process and Criteria documents, and the draft Regional Component Framework to the regional committees for discussion and comment. Upcoming meeting dates in January are:

January 5, 2005 - Policy & Integration Statewide Subcommittee

January 14 - CWPA Statewide Subcommittee

January 20 - Statewide Committee

It was also noted that Todd Giddings was elected chair of the Public Participation Statewide Subcommittee.

3. A motion was made by Todd Giddings and seconded by Tim Horner to accept the nominations of Uwe Weindel and Adam Zakarian to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair respectively. The motion was carried.
4. Absences of members was discussed, as well as reappointment of committee members. Brooks Way submitted his resignation as a member of the Committee. Robert Bergenstock will be contacted by Adam Zakarian and asked whether he would like to remain on the committee.
5. The proposed 2005 meeting schedule was provided to members. The May date was changed to May 26, and it was decided to continue to follow the current rotation sequence for meeting locations in the Basin. The 2005 Committee Meeting Schedule is now:

**Thursday, Feb. 17**

**Thursday, May 26**

**Thursday, Aug. 18**

**Thursday, Nov. 17**

6. There were no Public Comments. The committee requested that time for public comments be moved to the beginning of the meeting.

### **Phase II Public Outreach – 2005 Hearings**

Leslie Sarvis informed the committee that the Public Participation Statewide Subcommittee met in November and discussed the public meetings/hearings to be held in 2005. The regional committees need to begin planning for these meetings by deciding on a date and location, and by refining their regional priorities in a format to be presented to the public at the public meeting/hearing. The Public Participation Statewide Subcommittee will meet again in January to

discuss an agenda and a powerpoint presentation, which will be reviewed by the Regional Committees at the February round of meetings. DEP staff suggested that the committee hold its public meeting/hearing in May or August, and to combine its regularly scheduled meeting with the public meeting/hearing. A motion was made that two public meetings/hearings should be held to reasonably cover the area represented by the basin committee.

Motion made by: Hank Webster  
Motion seconded by: Dave Snook  
Motion carried

Regional Priorities were discussed, and it was decided that the regional Public Participation subcommittee should meet to: refine the regional priorities; review and provide comment to the Public Participation Statewide Subcommittee on the powerpoint presentation; and discuss the format of the public meeting/hearing. Hank Webster assumed Chair of this subcommittee. The subcommittee will report to the full committee in February. The subcommittee members are:

Hank Webster  
Ed Bellis  
Bill Gerlach  
Todd Giddings  
Jennifer Means  
Dave Snook  
Richard Wardrop

### **Draft Critical Water Planning Area Criteria Review and Presentation**

Sue Weaver presented an overview (handout) of the draft nominating process for the Critical Water Planning Areas (CWPA) and the criteria to be used in identifying a CWPA. The regional committees were asked to discuss these documents and provide comment back to the Statewide CWPA Subcommittee by Feb. 28, 2005. The committee reviewed and discussed the documents, and it was decided that members should submit comments to the regional CWPA subcommittee, which will then compile and distribute to the full committee in February. The regional CWPA subcommittee members are:

Uwe Weindel  
Bill Gerlach  
Gary Petrewski  
Mike Cavanaugh  
Todd Giddings  
Adam Zakarian

A text correction was made to the November 19, 2004 Draft CWPA Designation Criteria. The first line on page 5 was correct to read "...impairing the long-term water quality of a water resource, ~~including~~ *inducing* a..."

## **Watershed Presentations**

Jennifer Means gave a presentation on the Bradford-Tioga Watershed and its stream assessments, highlighting impairments from acid mine drainage (AMD), agriculture runoff and acid precipitation, habitat impairments and stream instability. Adam Zakarian gave a presentation on the Mahoning Creek Watershed, highlighting similar impairments from acid precipitation, agriculture runoff and AMD.

## **Draft Regional Framework Review and Comment**

Sue Weaver briefly reviewed the Draft Regional Component Framework and asked that the regional Policy & Integration subcommittee formulate comments on this document and present them to the full committee at the February meeting. The subcommittee members are:

Bill Gerlach  
Jerry Walls  
Uwe Weindel  
Doug Manning

## **Announcements**

Todd Giddings announced that the Clearwater Conservancy received a Growing Greener grant, which will be used to fund a USGS ground water/surface water model to be used as a planning tool. The timeframe is three years.

Richard Wardrop announced a conference December 21-22 in State College to explore the effects and remediation of acid-producing rock from road construction. For more information visit the Clearwater Conservancy webpage.

## **Wrap-Up/Adjourn**

Next Meeting: February 17, 2004, NERO, Wilkes-Barre  
The meeting was adjourned.