

Upper/Middle Susquehanna Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

February 21, 2007

Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency
185 Water Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

Tom Beauduy
Ed Bellis
Mike Cavanaugh
Todd Giddings
Bill Manner

Doug Manning
Gary Petrewski
Jerry Walls
Harold Webster
John Yamona

Committee members not in attendance:

Karen Chapin
Drew Hadley
John Hood
Tim Horner
David Kaufman

Jennifer Means
David Snook
Richard Wardrop
Dorne White

Others in attendance:

Rachel Delavan - DEP
Bill Gast – DEP

Mark Stephens – DEP
Amy Jacoby- P&G

Chairman Doug Manning called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

Administrative Items

The Draft November Meeting Summary could not be approved and 2007 Chair and Vice Chair could not be elected because a quorum was not present.

DEP Summary of Activities- Rachel Delavan

Two new committee members (1 “professional”, 1 “horticulture”) have received their appointment letters from the Governor and four committee members were reappointed. Once the Oath of Office is received, signed and notarized, the new Committee members can officially perform their duties. There are currently five vacancies on the Committee in the following categories: 1 “wastewater”, 1 “County Conservation District/County Planner”, 1 “environmental”, 2 “local government”. DEP is expecting nomination letters for the “environmental”

opening and one “local government” opening. We will continue to seek qualified candidates for the remaining vacancies and we welcome suggestions from committee members.

Rachel referred to the Statewide Committee update memo dated December 19, 2006. Updates to the memo included the following:

Paper Atlas and Marketing Document: The RFP was issued on January 25. A preproposal conference was held on February 6. Proposals are due February 27.

Action Agendas: The Policy & Integration subcommittee held a work group meeting on January 25 to begin outlining the Statewide Action Agenda. The Regional Committees continue work on their Regional Action Agendas at the February and May meetings. Public Hearings may be scheduled in October or November to present the Atlas and the Action Agendas.

Supporting Resources

- The Chapter 110 Water Resources Planning Regulations public comment period closed on January 2. DEP is working on a Comment/Response document to finalize the regulations package later this year.
- The Guidelines for Development of a CARP are still under internal review. DEP will notify the Committee of the public comment period.

The 2007 Growing Greener Guidance and Application Package is available (closes April 13) and is posted on the web:

www.depweb.state.pa.us/growinggreener/site/default.asp

Resources Inventory and Assessment: Bill Gast (DEP) provided an update on pilot work completed by DEP and USGS on 2 watersheds (Wissahickon & Codorus).

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Discussion of Policy & Integration Subcommittee Request

The Committee discussed the P&I Subcommittee’s request for comments on the development of the Statewide Action Agenda. DEP staff will present the comments expressed by the Regional Committee to the P&I Subcommittee at their February 26th meeting.

Regional Action Agenda Discussion

The Committee continued to refine the Draft Regional Action Agenda. Rachel Delavan will work notes from the Committee's discussion into a revised draft that will be distributed to the Committee. We will work on completing the Action Agenda at the May meeting.

Follow-up/Next Steps - The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2007 at the DEP Northcentral Regional Office in Williamsport.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.