

**Minutes of the
April 13, 2011 Meeting of the
Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)**

The regular meeting of the WRAC was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Stephen Rhoads on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA.

The following committee members were present:

David Anderson, P.G., Moody & Associates, Inc
Myron Arnowitt, Clean Water Action
Buddy Beach, P.E. (retired)
Rob Cavett, Merck & Co., Inc.
Art Gazdik, P.E., Ross Township
Jeffery Hines, P.E., York Water Company
John Jackson, Ph.D., Stroud Water Research Center
Gary Merritt, P.G., North Star Generation, Inc.
Cory Miller, University Area Joint Authority
Nick Pinizzotto, Western PA Conservancy
Jennifer Reed-Harry, Penn Ag Industries
Stephen Rhoades, East Resources, Inc.
Edith Stevens, League of Women Voters of PA
Robert Traver, Ph.D., P.E., Villanova Urban Stormwater Partnership

The following committee members were not present:

Donald Bluedorn, Esq., Babst, Calland, Clements, Zomnir
Carol Collier, DRBC
Matthew Ehrhart, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
D. Tyler Gourley, University of Pittsburgh
E. Charles Wunz, P.E.

The following DEP staff members were present:

Duke Adams, Policy Office
Tom Barron, Bureau of Water Standards & Facility Regulation
Heidi Biggs, Bureau of Water Standards & Facility Regulation
Marcus Kohl, Executive Deputy Secretary for Programs' Office.
Rod McAllister, Bureau of Water Standards & Facility Regulation
Bonita Moore, Bureau of Water Standards & Facility Regulation
Ken Murin, Bureau of Watershed Management
Glenn Rider, Bureau of Watershed Management
Kristen Schlauderaff, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation

The following guests were also present:

Jamal Abodilu, Muhelnberg Township

Beth Auman, Solicitor, Berks Co. Municipalities
Sarah Battisti, Exco Resources
Katie Blansett, PHRC Penn State
Doug Blazey, PA Stormwater Coalition
Scott Brossman, Borough of Shillington
Liz Deardorff, AM Rivers
Jim Erb, API
Kendra Gardner, PennDOT
Josie Gaskey, PA Coal Assoc.
Mary Gattis, LCPC
Steven Hann, HRMML/Lansdale
Jeff McNelly, ARIPPA
Sarah Miller, IRRC
LeeAnn Murray, CBF
Bill Neilson, PA Farm Bureau
Dan Snowden, PennDOT
Ken Varitola, Genon Energy
Barry Wert, P.E., PA Stormwater Coalition

Nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair:

Due to the departure of Bob Wendelgass, who was to be formally elected as Chair of WRAC at this meeting, nominations were taken and a vote for Chair and Vice-Chair was held. Robert Traver was elected Chair of WRAC, with Robert Cavett elected as Vice-Chair. Dr. Traver assumed the role of Chair at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting were approved on motion as final.

New Business:

Chapter 93, Water Quality Standards Triennial Review (25 Pa. Code, Chapter 93) – Tom Barron, (tbarron@state.pa.us), Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation, discussed the proposed Triennial Review of Chapter 93. Pennsylvania is legally required to review and revise water quality standards as needed every three years. Tom presented the projected scope, purpose and timeline of the review. WRAC members were advised to inform Tom or Marcus Kohl (mkohl@state.pa.us) of any issues that they would like addressed. While it cannot be guaranteed that a concern would be addressed in this review, there is the potential it could be addressed for the next review. At the next scheduled meeting, DEP will be asking WRAC for a formal recommendation to move the review before the EQB. *(Note: After this meeting, additional meetings for June 15 and August 25 were added to the schedule. The formal recommendation will be requested at the August meeting.)*

The powerpoint of this presentation is available on DEP's Advisory Committee WRAC webpage.

PAG-13, MS4 General Permit –

Ken Murin (kmurin@state.pa.us), and Barry Newman (bnewman@state.pa.us), Bureau of Watershed Management, presented information on the latest version of the MS4 Stormwater Permit - PA General Permit 13. Barry gave an overview of an MS4, reviewing the changes to the Permit, TMDLs and other permit package information. It requested that DEP share an example plan to share with WRAC either once DEP begins to implement or from a training session.

The powerpoint of this presentation is available on DEP's Advisory Committee WRAC webpage.

Public Comment

The public asked questions on the PAG-13 MS4 General Permit presentation. No other public comments were received.

Marcus Kohl will examine the potential of holding other WRAC meetings in addition to the July 13 meeting to further examine the Triennial Review and the TDS issue.

Robert Travor suggested that, in future meetings, 15 minutes was allotted for WRAC members to bring up additional items that were not placed on the agenda.

Marcus Kohl was going to find out further information on non Potable water well regulations per a request from David Anderson and share that information with all WRAC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of WRAC is scheduled for July 13 beginning at 9:30 am in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building. Additional meetings may be scheduled. *(Note: After this meeting, additional meetings were added to the schedule. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15.)*