

# Sustainable Water Task Force

## Legislative and Regulatory Needs Work Group

### Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2008

DEP Bureau of Laboratories

### Attendees

Erik Ross (Delta Development), Chairman  
Pam Bishop (Department of Environmental Protection), DEP Support Staff  
Erin Gannon (Office of Consumer Advocate)  
Elam Herr (PSATS)  
Jennifer Case (PA Municipal Authorities Association)  
Grant Gulibon (PA Builders Association)  
Dan Hufton (PA American Water) **Phone**  
Patrick Henderson (Senate Environmental Resources & Energy)  
Ty Gourley (RWMTF) **Phone**  
Shawn Weis (PENNVEST)  
John Klinedinst (C.S. Davidson Inc.)  
Paul Diskin (Public Utility Commission)

### Overview

Erik Ross and Pam Bishop provided an overview of the July 22, 2008 Task Force meeting.

### Report of Subgroups

- Erik Ross and Pam Bishop outlined the recommend revisions of the “Work Group Integration” subgroup.

### Work Agenda

Erik Ross indicated that he would make the following revisions to the final draft work group report:

- Indicate that the EQB shall promulgate regulations to implement the asset management requirement.
- Provide industry overview as a lead in to the “Financial Oversight/Business Planning” section.
- Revise “Regionalization/Consolidation” section to indicate that the group recommends that the definition of “small water or sewer utility” in Section 529 of Title 66 be amended to include municipal corporations.
- Provide general statement supporting source water protection.
- Indicate support for voluntary integration of planning within the water, wastewater and stormwater communities.
- Make minor editorial revisions suggested by the work group.
- Jennifer Case of PMAA will provide the chair with revisions to the “Board Reform” section before Thursday’s deadline.
- Jennifer Case of PMAA requested the opportunity to submit a second set of options regarding asset management/financial planning, which the chair agreed to include in the final draft report.

Erik Ross indicated that he would contact Fred Reddig, Executive Director of Governor's Center for Local Government Services, regarding "Financial Oversight/Business Planning."

Erik Ross indicated that he would check with PUC to see if asset management requirement belongs at PUC instead of DEP, per Pam Bishop's suggestion.

### **Discussion Issues**

- The work group discussed the following issues: asset management requirement, financial oversight/business planning, customer assistance programs, regionalization/consolidation, source water protection, and water quality trading and stormwater management.

### **Upcoming Deadlines**

- A revised draft final work group report must be submitted to Marcus Kohl on July 31.
- The five work group chairs and DEP staff will meet on August 1 and 4, 2008 to integrate findings into a single draft report.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The Sustainable Water Infrastructure Task Force's Legislative and Regulatory Needs Work Group will probably not meet again, but the chair will provide updates regarding integration meetings with five work group chairs electronically. Should there be a need to meet again; the chair will notify the work group.

Erik Ross and Pam Bishop thank all of the members of the work group for your participation, cooperation and thoughtful comments.

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