

Sustainable Water Task Force

Legislative/Regulatory Work Group

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2008

DEP Bureau of Laboratories

Attendees

Erin Gannon (Office of Consumer Advocate)
Brenda Reigle (PA Utility Contractors Association)
Elam Herr (PSATS)
Carol Kozloff (Public Utility Commission)
Jennifer Case (PA Municipal Authorities Association)
Grant Gulibon (PA Builders Association)
John Gigliotti (LTS Builders)
Annette Keener-Farley (Governor's Budget Office)
Jim Sanders (PA Association of Sewer Enforcement Officers)
Dan Hufton (PA American Water)
Susan Sims Marsh (PA American Water)
John Ashton (Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County)
Colleen Arnold (Aqua America)
John Klinedinst (C.S. Davidson, Inc.)
Rob Cavett (Merck & Co.)
Erik Ross (Delta Development), Chairman
Pam Bishop (Department of Environmental Protection), DEP Support Staff

Guest

Ty Gourley (Regional Water Management Task Force)

Overview

Erik Ross and Pam Bishop provided an overview of the task force and work group.

Erik Ross and Pam Bishop outlined the questions provided by the task force that the work group is to consider:

- What are the statutory and regulatory barriers to enhancing our infrastructure improvement efforts within the Commonwealth while still protecting public health and the environment?
- Through the legislative or regulatory process, what can be done to encourage greater local investment in infrastructure and eliminate or lessen the cost of providing infrastructure improvements?

Goals

Erik Ross reiterated his commitment to the chairman of the standing committees of jurisdiction of the General Assembly that the work group would concentrate on issues that were not too controversial and consensus related.

Summary of Public Hearings

Erik Ross and Pam Bishop reviewed and discussed with the group recommendations, summarized in documents provided by the DEP, from the nine public hearings held in May by the Sustainable Water Task Force. For a copy of those documents, please see the Sustainable Water Task Force web page at <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/watersupply/cwp/view.asp?a=1263&Q=536847> .

Presentation by Ty Gourley, Regional Water Management Task Force

Ty Gourley, project manager of the Regional Water Management Task Force, discussed recommendations made by that group for the 11 counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Work Agenda

Erik Ross and Pam Bishop identified issue areas and solicited volunteers to work on subgroups to review recommendations and report back to the full work group at our next meeting. The following subgroups were formed:

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If you are interested in volunteering for a subgroup, please contact Erik Ross or Pam Bishop.

Next Meeting

The Sustainable Water Infrastructure Task Force's Legislative/Regulatory Needs Work Group will meet from 1 pm to 4 pm on Monday, July 21, 2008 at the DEP Bureau of Laboratories -- 2575 Interstate Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110. A limited number of telephone lines will be available for those who cannot attend the meeting in person. For more information if you need to participate by phone, please contact Pam Bishop at DEP.

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