



State Water Plan Update Lower Susquehanna Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

October 11, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Committee Members in Attendance:

Andrew Gavin	Mark Snyder
Lincoln Kauffman	Justin Spangler
Mike Kyle	Warren Weaver
Joe McNally	Jenni Woodworth
George Pomeroy	

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Andrea Blosser	Sean Kenny
Andrea Danucalov	Craig Robertson
Felicia Dell	Byron Ross
Tyler Erb	Thomas Wilson
Jennifer Fetter	

Others in Attendance:

James Horton – DEP
Susan Weaver – DEP
Elizabeth Cushman - DEP

Visitors:

None

Welcome

James Horton, DEP, welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained the meeting was being recorded, and provided helpful hints on the use of technology. The Committee did not have a quorum to conduct business. George Pomeroy agreed to serve as acting Chair for the meeting.

Meeting Summary

The April 12, 2023, meeting summary was reviewed. It was noted that the date at the beginning of the meeting summary was incorrect and needs to be corrected. The meeting summary with the corrected date was approved on an Andy Gavin / Lincoln Kauffman motion.

Public Comment

The meeting was opened for public comment. No public comments were offered.

DEP Update

James Horton presented an update of DEP activities to support the current State Water Plan and reviewed status of Committees membership. For the next update of the State Water Plan, DEP plans to develop draft content for the plan during 2025, hold public hearings and meetings in the first quarter of 2026, and have a draft updated plan for the Statewide Committee to approve in the third quarter of 2026. DEP hopes to have the finalized plan completed by the end of 2027.

The five-year plan for implementation of the current plan is outlined in the following chart.



James described DEP's current outreach initiatives for the current State Water Plan. These initiatives include:

- Planned presentations to Pennsylvania Environmental Council on October 30 and a presentation at the PSATS convention in April of 2024.
- Presentations that have been provided include a presentation to the Western PA Water Symposium and a presentation to the Citizen's Advisory Council.
- Development of presentation tools – James is developing a modular presentation for speaking to different groups and the presentation will be tailored to address individual interests of the group. A one-page fact sheet is also being developed as a handout at presentations.

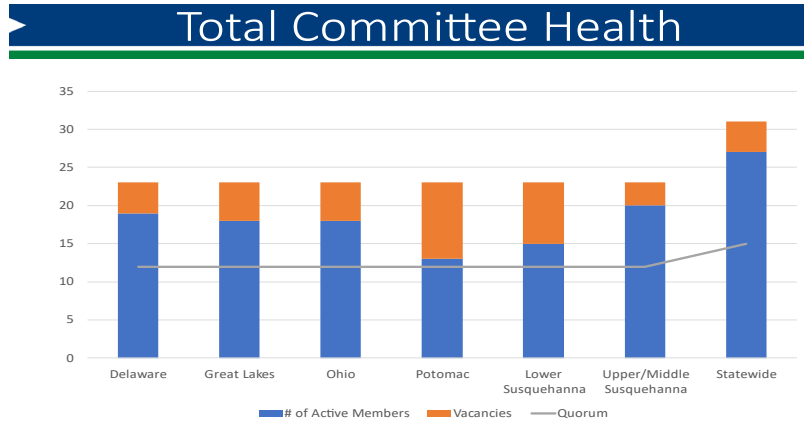
Currently DEP staff are reviewing and organizing feedback provided by the public during the development of the 2022 State Water Plan update to determine what information will be useful for additional planning efforts. This synopsis of information will be brought to the Committee at future meetings.

The three CARPs are in development and under review with DEP. James hopes to have the CARPs completed during this cycle of planning. The three CARPs are:

- Back Creek CARP in the Ohio region
- Laurel Hill Creek CARP in the Ohio region

- Marsh and Rock Creeks CARP in the Potomac region

James reviewed the status of membership on the six regional committees. The following graph shows active members available for each committee. Potomac Regional Committee is most in need of additional members. James stated he has several applications for membership on the various committees and these applications are being prepared to be sent to the Governor for appointment.



Act 220 is very specific on the professional roles of regional committee members. The Lower Susquehanna Committee currently has openings in the following professional categories. There are no current applicants for these positions and recommendations from Committee members are welcome.

- County Conversation District Director
- Horticulture
- Ag Production
- Industrial & Commercial, Energy Development, and Production
- Local Government (2 positions)

James provided the following flow chart of the process for recruiting new members to regional committees.



Next Steps

2024 meeting dates for the Committee are scheduled for April and October.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am on a Mike Kyle / Lincoln Kauffman motion.