

FINAL
Delaware Water Resources Regional Committees
December 12, 2003
DEP Southeast Regional Office
Conshohocken, PA

Attendance

Carol R. Collier, Chair	Darryl A. Jenkins, P.E.
John J. Coscia	Leonard Johnson
Leonard E. Crooke, Vice-Chair	Gary M.B. Kribbs, P.G.
Jeffrey Featherstone, Ph.D.	Michael Meloy
Lisa Hamilton	Howard Neukrug
Hon. Kate Harper	Barbara L. Smith, Esq.
Helen B. Haun	Michael M. Stokes
Desiree Henning-Dudley	Maya K. van Rossum
David A. Hodge	Robert Wendelgass
John Hoekstra	

Committee members not in attendance:

Julie Lyn Gallisdorfer
Wayne “Ted” Reed

Others in attendance:

Mike Personett	Bill Gast, DEP
Matt Royer	Pam Bishop, DEP
George Kunkel	Sue Weaver, DEP
Eric Grindrod	Lori Mohr, DEP
John Hines, DEP	

Administrative Items:

Dr. Irvil Kear, Schuylkill County Conservation District and H. Clark Connor, Monroe County Conservation District were appointed to the committee.

Governor’s appointees to the statewide committee: George Wolfe, Susan Fox, Gerald Feldman, Gary Merrit, Nick DeBenedictis, Rich Subasic, Jan Bowers, David Mandelbaum, Representative George, Representative Harper, William Nichols, and Jim MacKenzie. Agency appointments have been made and have met. House and Senate leadership will appoint the last six members to the Statewide Committee from the regional committees. DEP legislative staff is in the process of transferring those names suggested by each regional committee.

Draft Minutes from October 27, 2003: Lisa Hamilton noted that she was present at the October meeting. The minutes were amended and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Draft By-Laws: In addition to the four recommended changes to all regional committee By-laws, three regional committees recommended changes to Articles VI, IX and X. Discussion on provision in the by-laws that would allow members to appoint alternates to sit in their stead at any meeting. Motion made by Jeff Featherstone and seconded by John Hoekstra to accept all of the by-laws revisions, removing the language “with voting privileges” from Article VI, C. Motion adopted by unanimous voice vote.

The committee tabled the decision on 2nd Vice Chair at the last meeting.

2004 Meeting Dates: The April 9, 2004 meeting was changed to April 2, 2004, and the committee agreed to add a February snow date of Feb. 18 if needed. The meeting dates are: February 13, April 2, June 11, August 13, October 8, and December 10. The 2004 meeting dates were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Scoping and Setting of Major Milestones

Four goals to pursue in 2004:

1. Defining Relevant Regional Issues
2. Criteria and Consideration for Critical Water Planning Areas
3. Regional Component Outline for the State Water Plan
4. Input and Recommendations for the regulations to be developed for the Water Registration Process.

An ad-hoc outreach committee was formed to develop an outreach plan for the committee. John Coscia, Howard Neukrug, Mike Stokes, Maya van Rossum, and Helen Haun volunteered to serve on this ad-hoc committee. John Hines will ask Dr. Kear and Mr. Clark if they would be interested.

Overview of the Existing State Water Plan

The elements used previously are still good but suggested that numbers will need updated. Two horizons could be developed, a short term 2020 and a longer term 2030 or beyond. Projections would have PA at 20 million from the 1960's population data. PA is currently stable at 12 million.

Water Budgeting Vision

DEP has contracted with the USGS for a water budgeting project. The system would allow for budgeting from the basin level to the watershed level. Watershed level would include 15 square mile areas or 3000 watersheds. Registration currently does not include groundwater clean up efforts, but would have to be considered. The budget is anticipated to be complete in two years.

Relevant Regional Issues

Six common issues: drinking water sources as well as other sources; high and low flow identification and instream uses; municipal planning, land use, sprawl,

and economic development; stormwater; public understanding and acceptance to water budgeting; and regulatory development and plan implementation.

Data gaps included: groundwater and surface water flows; land use and zoning gaps; and water quality and water quantity information gaps.

DEP Staff will summarize and pull out commonalities for both this and the other regional committees.

Agenda topics for next/future meetings

- Basin Map at future meetings.
- DRBC overview
- Existing State Water Law
- Regional Committee Members Issues (2 persons)
- Maps and Data on water uses jobs, floodplain maps etc.
- Status of Penn State Impervious Cover Report
- Critical Water Planning Area Criteria
- Economic development projection reports done for the state
- Rivers Conservation Plans
- Land Use/Planning Laws at local level
- Outreach to interest groups
- USGS water budget project

Public Comment

No comments were given.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM.