

Delaware Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

November 14, 2008
9:30am – 1:00pm

PA DEP Southeast Regional Office
2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Committee Members in Attendance:

Carol R. Collier	Gary M.B. Kribbs
Jeff Featherstone	Preston Luitweiler
Allen Fidler	Tracey Maloney
Hon. Kate Harper	Michael Meloy
Helen Haun	Barbara Smith
John Hoekstra	Pete Snyder
M. Irvil Kear	Michael Stokes
	Robert Wendelgass

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Julie Lyn Gallisdorfer
Desiree Henning-Dudley
Darryl Jenkins
Howard Neukrug
Maya van Rossum

Others in Attendance:

Maggie Allio, DRBC	George Kunkel, Philadelphia Water Dept
Eric Andrews, Nestle Waters North America	Bill Manner, DEP NERO
Kent Barr, DRBC	Lori Mohr, DEP
Bharat Bham, DEP NERO	Rea Monaghan, BCPC
Jan Bowers, Chester Co. Water Res. Auth.	Ken Najjar, DRBC
Winnie Branton, Drinker Biddle & Reath	Leslie Sarvis, DEP
Jay Braund, DEP	David Sayers, DRBC
Michelle Clark, DEP SERO	Emily Smith, Lehigh County Authority
John Fabian, DEP SERO	Andy Zemba, DEP
Dave Jostenski, DEP	

Carol Collier called the meeting to order at 9:40a.m. Tracey Maloney, new committee member from Rohm and Haas, introduced herself.

Finalize Draft February and May Meeting Summaries

The Draft September 11, 2008 Meeting Summary was approved with one amendment. Mike Meloy was not in attendance at the September meeting.

Motion to approve: Gary Kribbs

2nd: Allen Fidler

Reappointments/Vacancies

Leslie Sarvis reviewed the vacancies with the committee. Tracey Maloney has filled one of the industrial vacancies. DEP is contacting the committee members whose terms expired in September, and three committee members have declined to be reappointed:

Darryl Jenkins, Maya van Rossum and Bob Wendelgass. Including these three positions, there are currently five vacancies on the committee: two industrial, two environmental and one production agriculture. Leslie said she has leads on people to fill most of the vacancies, but please let her know if you have any suggestions.

Meeting Dates for 2009

Jay Braund discussed the meeting schedule for 2009. DEP staff proposed cutting back to two meeting dates for the year, but the committee would like to continue meeting quarterly. The four meeting dates are: *Feb. 13, May 8, August 14 and November 13*. The committee agreed that some of the meetings could be held as conference calls. A hold was put on Sept. 11 in case an additional meeting or conference call needs to be scheduled.

Dave Jostenski and Jeff Featherstone gave an update on the development of a Water Conservation Technical Assistance Center. SRBC is finalizing the formation of the Center. DEP is exploring ways to bring a contractor on board to house the Center, which will be modeled in part after a consortium that is established in Arizona. Dave will email the committee a link to the Arizona website.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Watershed Verification Update

Dave and staff from DRBC discussed the verification results of the six watersheds that have undergone screening for potential water quantity problems. The committee had significant discussion about the results. Dave also said that he would like to re-convene the technical subcommittee that will help evaluate in greater detail the verification results. The volunteers for the technical subcommittee are: Desiree Henning-Dudley, Irvil Kear, Jeff Featherstone, John Hoekstra, Gary Kribbs, Barbara Smith, Preston Luitweiler, Bill Manner, and Bharat Bham. Dave will be in touch soon with a meeting date and location. Committee members and guests in the audience encouraged DEP to first reach out to water operators and stakeholders within each watershed to get feedback on the results before posting them on the web and moving ahead with the technical subcommittee meetings. **NOTE* Subsequent to the November Regional Committee meetings, DEP sent an email confirming that it will begin contacting water operators and stakeholders in January to discuss the verification results. This will delay scheduling the technical subcommittee meetings. Further information will be provided during the February Regional Committee conference calls.*

Public Comments and Review of Regional Plan

Jay Braund reviewed the public comments received on the Draft State Water Plan. He said that DEP will write a Comment/Response document. Lori read a Legislative Initiatives List that was drafted by the P&I Subcommittee as a result of the comments received.

The committee voted to approve the Regional Priorities and Atlas, and to move them forward for consideration by the Statewide Committee.

Motion to approve: Jeff Featherstone

2nd: Irvil Kear

Wissahickon SAMP Critique

Ken Najjar and Maggie Allio discussed the Wissahickon SAMP Critique, which includes recommendations for the Critical Area Resource Plan Guidance Document. They expect to complete the Critique in December.

Follow-up/Next Steps

- Next meeting is Feb. 13, 2009. **NOTE* It was subsequently decided that all of the February Regional Committee meetings will be held as conference calls.*