



State Water Plan Update
Delaware Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting
January 14, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kelly Anderson	James McCarthy
Ed Boscola	Susan Myerov
Mark Bowen	Mark Nemitz
Becky Bradley (phone)	Christopher Norris
Joseph Buczynski (phone)	Chad Pindar
Carol Collier	Bill Royer
Andrew Frankenfield	Peter Rykard (phone)
Kate Harper	Elaine Paul Schaefer
Irvil Kear	Eliza Walbridge
Gary Kribbs	Nathan Waller

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Patrice Dume
Jane Rowan
Christopher Uhland

Others in Attendance:

Kristina Peacock-Jones - DEP	Monica Gould - Strategic Consulting Partners
Mark Matlock - DEP	Bob Whitmore - Strategic Consulting Partners
Mike Hill - DEP	
James Horton - DEP	
Dave Jostenski - DEP	

Visitors:

Jack Byerly	Molly Hesson
Patty Elkis	Elaine Paul Schaefer
Joy Beyer	Linda Mackey
Xavier Riva	Sach Shaner
Michael Johnson	Geoff Reese Cobserner

Dave Jostenski opened the meeting welcomed everyone. The DEP staff and Strategic Consulting Partners (SCP) facilitators introduced themselves. All committee members and visitors in attendance introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of the interest in the work of the committee. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed by Monica Gould.

State Water Plan Update

Dave Jostenski provided an overview of what the State Water Plan update will include and what will not be included and how this plan update will be different than the plan developed between 2003 and 2012. This plan update has a shorter timeframe and it is anticipated it will be completed in two years. Quarterly regional planning committee meetings will be held in 2020. In the first two quarters of 2021 the Regional Committees will be drafting recommendations to present to the State Committee. During the second half of 2021 the State Committee will review the Regional Committees recommendations and develop a finalized plan to be presented to the Secretary of DEP.

The current plan update primary objectives will include:

- A review and update to the state water plan
- Review of the policies and requirements of Act 220
- Review and revisions to the goals of each planning region
- Development of strategies for implementation of the 2018 Climate Action Plan
- Development of strategies and model for long term work and funding of the planning process
- Recommendations for legislative, regulatory, policy and programmatic changes to Act 220.

Election of Regional Committee Officers and Statewide Committee Nominations

Chad Pindar was nominated to be the Chair of Delaware Regional Committee and James McCarthy was nominated to the Vice-Chair of the Committee. Irvil Kear made a motion to elect Chad Pindar as chair and was seconded by Gary Kribbs. The nominations were approved by a majority vote of the committee members.

Kate Harper and Kelly Anderson volunteered to be nominated to be appointed to the State Committee. Only one individual can be selected to represent the Region Committee, but other individuals can be appointed who represent the interests of a cross section of water users. A motion was approved to submit both names as recommendations for Statewide committee membership.

Delaware Regional Planning Committee Bylaws

Bob Whitmore reviewed the Delaware Region committee bylaws which were approved in 2004. A comparison of all regional committee bylaws was provided and variances in different committee articles related to meetings, voting, and executive sessions were reviewed. Article XII: Amendment of By-Laws provides that “the bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Regional Committee by two-thirds vote of the full Regional committee membership (15 voting members) provided that written notice of such change

has been sent via certified mail with a return receipt to each member at least two weeks prior to the meeting.”

A motion was approved to change this article to eliminate the certified mail requirement and change this section to include written notice be sent via email with a read receipt requirement. The motion included maintaining the two weeks notification prior to the meeting. This article will be revised by the Chair and the written notification by certified mail will be provided to all committee member prior to the next meeting. If committee members have additional suggestions for bylaws changes, they should be sent to the Chair prior to the next meeting.

Regional Priorities

Mark Matlock, DEP staff member, reviewed the regional priorities that have been identified in the current state water plan. A future document will be provided to Committee members on accomplishments since the State Water Plan was adopted. This includes:

- DEP regulation changes, new program, and studies;
- Accomplishments and changes at the federal, state and local levels
- Actions that have been proposed.

Committee members were provided a list of the current regional priorities and asked which are still relevant, which ones have changed, and what should be new priorities? Committee members were divided into small work groups to identify initial priorities they believe the Delaware Regional Committee should consider. Priorities identified by the workgroups include:

- Education and outreach
- Funding
- Climate change - who is the audience and what is DEP's role?
- Policy issues - both high level government policies and local issues
- Regional approaches to identifying and solving water issues
- Water availability and the quality of water
- Conservation
- Examine the boundaries of watersheds
- Creating synergy between different entities working to solve water issues
- Water diversion
- Land use and development - industrial development
- Water use and conservation audiences at the state level - Governor, legislature, DEP

CARPs

Mike Hill, DEP staff member, provided an overview of the two CARPs initiated since the State Water Plan was adopted. There are no current CARPs in progress in the Delaware Region, but two projects are on the watch list. The Committee feels the Upper Wissahickon Creek Pilot Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) should be reviewed and looked at for consideration as a CARP. David will provide Committee members with a link to this plan for their review.

Climate Change

Kristina Peacock-Jones, DEP staff member, provided a high-level review of the Pennsylvania Climate Action Plan. The Plan identifies 19 overall strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow climate change. Water resource strategies identified in the Plan include:

- Strategy 14 - Use stormwater best management practices, and
- Strategy 15 - Promote integrated water resources management and water conservation.

Future Meetings

A tentative schedule of the quarterly meetings for 2020 and the first half of 2021 was provided to Committee members. It was agreed meetings will be held at the current meeting location, DEP Southeast Regional office building.

Action Items

- Home addresses for mailings will be updated by DEP staff
- An email list of Committee members will be provided to the Committee
- Ideas for changes to the bylaws should be sent to the Chair
- Notification of the one agreed upon bylaws change, Article XII, Amendment of Bylaws, will be sent to Committee members prior to the next meeting

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.