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Great Lakes Water Resources Regional Committee
February 10, 2003

PADEP Northwest Regional Office
Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

Nick Mobilia, Chair	Randy Meabon
Bill Gough, Vice-Chair	David Mulvihill
Lori Boughton	Jerry Rice
Richard Brine	Todd Sampsell
Scott Evans	Nancy Slater
Tom Fuhrman	Ken Stockert
George Greig	Matt Wolford
Brian J. Hill	David Wright
Craig Kern	Gary Young
Jesse R. Koon	

Committee members not present:

Janet Anderson	Edward Kosa
Michael Donahue	Donna Mindek

DEP Representatives:

Pam Bishop	Rich Neville
Stuart Gansell	Jennifer Hall
Bill Gast	Jennifer Hill
John Hines	Kelly Burch
Lori Mohr	Freda Tarbell
John Green	

Facilitators:

Jennifer Handke
Judy Taylor
Mark Gorman

Others in Attendance:

Dave Skellie
Autumn Plonski
Tom Rayburn (via conference call)

Administrative Items

Minutes: A motion was made by George Greig and seconded by Jesse Koon to accept the minutes from the December meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

DEP Staff Activities: John Hines summarized the DEP staff activities since the December meeting. Mr. Hines and Mr. Gansell explained about the funding

activities for Act 220 and also about the meeting held with USGS regarding the Texas state water plan.

The GIS Water Use Data (WUDs) maps displaying land use and limestone areas were provided to committee members for review and were explained by Mr. Gast. The DCNR Rivers Conservation Plans/maps and program were explained to committee members and several handouts were distributed.

Pennsylvania Water Law - Overview

Presentation by Pam Bishop: "A Short Review of Pennsylvania Water Law" Pennsylvania water law is based on the doctrine of reasonable use, which includes common law principles and statutory law. Statutory law is superimposed on the common law to regulate particular uses or users. Ms. Bishop described common law principles, she briefly described relevant Pennsylvania statutes regarding water rights, and she reviewed federal compacts (DRBC & SRBC) that allocate regulatory authority to River Basin Commissions.

Great Lakes Commission Overview

Tom Rayburn joined the committee discussion via conference call. Tom described the powers and duties of the Great Lakes Commission. In addition, Tom described several projects that the Great Lakes Commission is currently working on in the Lake Erie area.

Act 220 Overview

Mr. Hines explained Act 220 Regional Plan Components, Uses of State Water Plan and Act 220 Considerations. He also distributed a color-coded sheet for each of these subjects. Mr. Hines reviewed the regional issues that the committee discussed at the December meeting and he explained how the regional issues fit with the sixteen components of Act 220.

Regional Issues - Facilitated Discussion

Committee members worked with DEP facilitators to categorize the regional issues. The report of this activity is attached.

Wrap-Up/Next Steps

Tom Fuhrman volunteered to serve on an outreach committee to assist with outreach material and organizing public meetings.

Future agenda items suggested include presentations from Conservation District watershed specialists, presentation from CDM (the consultant used by Chester County to develop their "Watersheds" plan), and updates from the state of New York on planning activities in the Lake Erie basin.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2004, 10:00 AM at Headwaters Park, Erie Conservation District

