

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA WATER RESOURCES
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 15, 2006
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DEP Southcentral Regional Office
909 Elmerton Ave.
Harrisburg, PA 17110

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

Don Baldwin
Tom Beauduy
Jineen Boyle
Betty Conner
Ronald Evanko
Chris Hoffman
James Hostetter

Michael Kyle
Walter M. Leis, P.G.
Thomas Mealy
Earl Meyer
Jeffrey Osman
Steven J. Seidl

Committee members not in attendance:

William Achor
Ed Goodhart
Cynthia Hitz

William T. Morris
Craig G. Robertson, P.G.
Gerrit Strathmeyer

Others in attendance:

Kelly Balachandran, DEP
Bill Gast, DEP
Matt Genchur, PA Rural Water
Association
Tom McCarty, Penn State Cooperative
Extension

Yury Neboga, DEP
Leslie Sarvis, DEP
John Seitz, York County Planning
Commission
Sabrina Stanwood, DEP

Chairman Betty Conner called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions of committee members and DEP staff were made around the room.

Administrative Items

DEP Summary-Leslie Sarvis

Leslie discussed the Statewide Committee Memo dated March 10, 2006. The draft registration and reporting regulations are going through DEP's approval process and anticipated for presentation to the Environmental Quality Board in July. DEP has received nominations for all of the committee's vacancies. These nominations, along with nominations from the other regional committees, will be forwarded to the Governor's Office for determination of appointment.

The Water Planning Office received \$1.8 million from DEP's Environmental Stewardship Fund for fiscal year 2006 –07.

John Hines presented testimony to the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee on May 2, 2006. Copies of John's testimony were sent via email to all of the regional committee members and are available as handouts at the meetings. In addition, Carol Collier of DRBC and Tom Beauduy of SRBC presented testimony to the Committee.

The Statewide CWPA Subcommittee has completed Draft CARP Guidelines and has asked for comments on the document from Statewide and Regional Committee members. **Comments are due to Sue Weaver (suweaver@state.pa.us) by June 1, 2006.**

Leslie discussed how the final products of the 2008 State Water Plan will be formatted and presented and what resource materials will be available to the public. The end products will include a data and analysis portion, a Regional Atlas document, a marketing document, and a statewide action agenda.

Betty explained the need for two members of the Committee to be Bill Morris's representatives on the Statewide P&I and CWPA Subcommittees and requested volunteers. Walter Leis volunteered for the CWPA Subcommittee and Don Baldwin volunteered as Walter's backup. At the time, no one volunteered for the P&I Subcommittee.

The Draft November Meeting Summary was accepted as final. Motion to accept the November meeting summary was made by Tom Beauduy and seconded by Don Baldwin. Passed unanimously at this time because Quorum was present.

The other individuals present at the meeting introduced themselves.

Bill Gast provided a presentation on the USGS Screening Tool.

Bill Gast discussed the Draft Critical Area Resource Plan (CARP) guidelines.

"Penn's Waters" Binders were distributed to committee members. Leslie then discussed the information provided in the binders as well as the idea of presenting the regional component as a regional atlas. Additionally, Leslie suggested that the committee spend time at the August meeting refining their priorities.

Committee members provided feedback on the current state of the Binders:

- In Section 7, there are many other things that should be included in this section besides the DCNR stuff. Jineen will try to work on some of those.
- In Section 9, maps need to be a more appropriate size.
- Section 12 should include a review of all the statutes, policies and regulations that must be taken into account when working on the State Water Plan
- In regards to Section 14, a team has been working on an internal conservation web page and a technical assistance web page for water users.
- An Atlas is a super way of conveying the message.
- Landscaping Maps should be flipped around.
- Pie charts should be color-coded to match the colors used on the first map in the Binder.
- A summary of the data should be presented in the Binder somewhere because the recommendations offered are based on that data.
- There should be sections for assessments and a statewide overview.
- There should be a separate section for recommendations because we want to call attention to these. Right now, they are buried in the back after the glossary.
- Perhaps the pie charts can go before each regional chapter.
- Since the Susquehanna Basin is not going to be represented as one region, we need to make sure that the numbers make sense from a hydrogeological standpoint.
- It would be helpful if on the CD-Rom, you can focus on specific parts of the map and enlarge them.
- The information in Section 13 should be in the front because so much is built off of this information.
- Someone looking at the Atlas may not know what Act 220 is. Maybe put the act as an appendix?
- We have our sources, but where are our uses? The two should also be combined. Perhaps put this information in Section 13?
- A link should be made regarding how water quality affects water availability and use.

Betty asked again for volunteers to be a representative with the P&I Subcommittee.

Michael Kyle said he would do so if no one else would volunteer.

The next meeting is July 31, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.