

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA WATER RESOURCES
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 2007
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
Betty Conner
Felicia Dell
Ron Evanko
Matt Genchur
Chris Hoffman

Walter M. Leis, P.G.
Tom McCarty
Thomas Mealy
Earl Meyer
William T. Morris
Steven J. Seidl

Committee members not in attendance:

Jineen Boyle
Cynthia Hitz
James Hostetter
Judy Jordan

Michael Kyle
Craig G. Robertson, P.G
Gerrit Strathmeyer

Others in attendance:

John Seitz, York County Planning
Commission
Joel Caves, Spotts Stevens & McCoy
Bob Edwards, RETTEW
Curtis Schreffler, USGS
Marla Stuckey, USGS

Dave Jostenski, DEP
Stuart Gansell, DEP
Michael Hill, DEP
Lori Mohr, DEP
Rachel Delavan, DEP

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

Administrative Items

The Draft May, July, and November Meeting Summaries could not be approved and 2007 Chair and Vice Chair could not be elected because a quorum was not present.

DEP Summary of Activities- Rachel Delavan

Four new committee members (3 “environmental”, 1 “planning director”) have received their appointment letters from the Governor and five committee members were reappointed. Once the Oath of Office is received, signed and notarized, the new Committee members can officially perform their duties. DEP has recently received nomination letters for the 2 remaining vacancies (“professional” and “industrial”) and will move forward with the nomination process.

Rachel referred to the Statewide Committee update memo dated December 19, 2006. Updates to the memo included the following:

Paper Atlas and Marketing Document: The RFP was issued on January 25. A preproposal conference was held on February 6. Proposals are due February 27.

Action Agendas: The Policy & Integration subcommittee held a work group meeting on January 25 to begin outlining the Statewide Action Agenda. The Regional Committees continue work on their Regional Action Agendas at the February and May meetings. Public Hearings may be scheduled in October or November to present the Atlas and the Action Agendas.

Resources Inventory and Assessment: The pilot work on 2 watersheds (Wissahickon & Codorus) has been completed.

Supporting Resources

- The Chapter 110 Water Resources Planning Regulations public comment period closed on January 2. DEP is working on a Comment/Response document to finalize the regulations package later this year.
- The Guidelines for Development of a CARP are still under internal review. DEP will notify the Committee of the public comment period.

The 2007 Growing Greener Guidance and Application Package is available (closes April 13) and is posted on the web:

www.depweb.state.pa.us/growinggreener/site/default.asp

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the Public

Technical Analysis/ Pilot Project Update- USGS & DEP

A presentation was given to update the Committee on the pilot project work done by USGS and DEP. USGS staff presented the results of the water budget screening for the Codorus watershed.

The pilot watershed work was done primarily to test the water budget screening tool and Critical Water Planning Area identification process. This work is being used now to help develop a scope of work for statewide application and document technical work.

Discussion of Policy & Integration Subcommittee Request

The Committee discussed the P&I Subcommittee's request for comments from the Regional Committee on the development of the Statewide Action Agenda. The Committee reviewed Betty Conner's written comments provided before the meeting and discussed some additional comments for the P&I Subcommittee. DEP staff will present the comments expressed by the Regional Committee to the P&I Subcommittee at their February 26th meeting.

Regional Action Agenda Work Group Session

The Committee continued to define their Draft Regional Action Agenda in small working groups. Rachel Delavan will collect the notes from the working groups and the revised draft will be distributed to the Committee. We will work on completing the Action Agenda at the May meeting.

Follow-up/Next Steps - The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2007 at the DEP Southcentral Regional Office in Harrisburg.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.