

Lower Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

September 15, 2008

2:30am – 4:00am

Radisson Penn Harris Hotel

Camp Hill Bypass

Camp Hill, PA 17011

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Committee Members in Attendance:

Don Baldwin

Tom Beauduy

Jineen Boyle

Betty Conner

Felicia Dell

Robert Edwards

Terry Esbenshade

Ron Evanko

Matt Genchur

Jeffery Hines

Cynthia Hitz

James Hostetter

Michael Kyle

Walter Leis

Tom McCarty

Tom Mealy

Earl Meyer

Bill Morris

Steve Seidl

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

William Fink

Chris Hoffman

Herbert Mattern

Craig Robertson

Others in Attendance:

Jay Braund, DEP

Joel Caves - Spott, Stevens and McCoy,
Inc.

Stu Gansell, DEP

Mary Gattis-Schell, Lancaster Co.

Planning Commission

Dale Glatfelter, Gannett Fleming

Dave Jostenski, DEP

Bob Marbeck, United Water PA

Lori Mohr, DEP

Bob Reichart, PA Groundwater
Association

Leslie Sarvis, DEP

John Seitz, York Co. Planning

Pat Stabler, Chester Co. Water
Authority

Shannon Williams, The Harrisburg
Authority

Elijah Yearick

Betty Conner called the meeting to order at 2:45p.m.

Finalize Draft May Meeting Summary

The Draft May 12 Meeting Summary was approved with one change to move James Hostetter's name to the "in Attendance" list.

Motion: Bill Morris

2nd: Bob Edwards

Review Agenda and Materials for the evening meeting

Lori Mohr went through the agenda for the public meeting and hearing later in the evening. She also ran through the presentation that would be given during the public meeting portion.

Watershed Verification Update

Dave Jostenski updated the committee on the watersheds that were chosen by the committee to undergo further screening for potential water quantity problems. DEP has contracted with USGS to perform verification of the watersheds in the Lower Susquehanna basin to determine which ones could potentially be nominated by the regional committee as a Critical Water Planning Area. Dave expects to have executive summaries from USGS in October, and he will report on the results of the verification at the November meeting.

Dave also told the committee about three data applications that are being developed for the State Water Plan website. The three applications are:

1. A general viewer that's based on the Atlas and will be interactive for the user
2. A download tool
3. A GIS viewer that will be a professional viewer similar to eMapPA

DEP hopes to have these tools on the web in May 2009.

Comments from the Public

Bob Reichart, President of the PA Groundwater Association, spoke to the committee about the concerns of PGWA regarding the lack of legislation of water well drilling standards and licensing proficiency in the state. Specifically, PGWA would like to see water well drilling standards and licensing proficiency as a fourth priority in the State Water Plan Principles document. The committee discussed this topic and passed a motion recommending that the Statewide Committee form a "legislative action sheet" (similar to the Delaware's motion) to be added to the Principles document.

Motion made by: Ron Evanko

2nd: Mike Kyle

The committee passed a subsequent motion recommending that water well drilling standards and licensing proficiency be a high priority on the legislative action sheet.

Motion made by: Tom McCarty

2nd: Ron Evanko

The committee discussed water quality, and a motion was passed to recommend that the Statewide Committee amend the second Statewide Priority to say, "Promote IWRM that considers both water quantity and water quality."

Motion made by: Felicia Dell

2nd: Ron Evanko

Mary Gattis-Shell from the Lancaster County Planning Commission made a comment about protecting private water supply wells. She encouraged the committee to consider making this issue a regional priority and possibly recommend as a fourth Statewide Priority.

Follow-up/Next Steps

The next committee meeting is Monday, November 10 at the DEP Southcentral Regional Office in Harrisburg.