

# Lower Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

November 10, 2008  
9:30 am – 12:00 pm

DEP Southcentral Regional Office  
909 Elmerton Ave.  
Harrisburg, PA

## **DRAFT** Meeting Summary

### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

Tom Beauduy	James Hostetter
Jineen Boyle	Michael Kyle
Betty Conner	Walter Leis
Felicia Dell	Herbert Mattern
Robert Edwards	Tom McCarty
Ron Evanko	Tom Mealy
William Fink	Earl Meyer
Matt Genchur	Bill Morris
Jeffery Hines	Craig Robertson
Cynthia Hitz	Steve Seidl
Chris Hoffman	

### **Committee Members Not in Attendance:**

Don Baldwin	Terry Esbenshade
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### **Others in Attendance:**

Curtis Schreffler, USGS	Mike Hill, DEP
Russ Ludlow, USGS	Mark Mathews, DEP
Lee Eicholtz, USGS	Hoss Liaghat, DEP
Dennis Low, USGS	Dave Jostenski, DEP
Sarah Whitney, PA Sea Grant	Andy Zemba, DEP
Mary Gattis-Schell, Lancaster County	Jay Braund, DEP
Andrew Dehoff, SRBC	Lori Mohr, DEP

Betty Conner opened the meeting with introductions at 9:32 am.

### **September Meeting Summary**

Bill Morris made a motion to accept the September meeting notes with a correction noting that William Fink attended the September meeting. In addition, Ron Evanko sent a clarification that the public hearing transcripts incorrectly report that he represents the "waters" of Pennsylvania. Ron would like to clarify that he represents the "Boroughs" of Pennsylvania. Tom Beauduy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reappointments and Vacancies**

Lori Mohr reported that committee member reappointments are underway. Bill Morris will be departing from the committee and we will be seeking nominations to fill his position with an Industrial representative. Bill is the committee's representative serving on the Statewide committee and DEP staff will work with local legislators to appoint another representative to the Statewide committee.

### **2009 Meeting Dates**

The committee selected two meeting dates for 2009: February 9th and September 14th. Additional meetings or conference calls will be scheduled, if necessary.

### **Water Conservation Technical Assistance Center Update**

Dave Jostenski gave an update on the development of a Water Conservation Technical Assistance Center. SRBC is finalizing the formation of the Center and exploring ways to bring a contractor on board to house it. The Center will be modeled, in part, after a consortium that is established in Arizona. Dave will email the committee a link to the Arizona website.

### **Watershed Verification Update**

Dave Jostenski discussed the verification results of the watersheds that have undergone screening for potential water quantity problems. Dave also said that he would like to re-convene the technical subcommittee that will help evaluate in greater detail the verification results. Dave will be in touch with the technical subcommittee soon with a meeting date and location. Technical subcommittee volunteers include Betty Conner, Walt Leis, Matt Genchur, Craig Robertson, Cindy Hitz, Felicia Dell, Don Baldwin, Jineen Boyle, SRBC, USGS, and DEP Watershed Management and DEP regional staff.

*\*NOTE\* Subsequent to the November Regional Committee meetings, DEP sent an email notifying committee members that it will begin contacting water operators and stakeholders in January to discuss the verification results. This will delay scheduling the technical subcommittee meetings.*

### **Public Comments and Review of Regional Plan**

Lori Mohr reviewed the public comments received on the Draft State Water Plan. She said that DEP will write a Comment/Response document. Lori read a Legislative Initiatives List that was drafted by the P&I Subcommittee as a result of the comments received.

**The committee voted to approve the Regional Priorities and Atlas, and to move them forward for consideration by the Statewide Committee.**

***Motion to approve was made by Craig Robertson and seconded by Walt Leis. The motion passed unanimously.***

### **Follow-up/Next Steps**

The committee will hold a conference call on February 9, 2009.