

Lower Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

March 08, 2010
9:30 am – 12:00 pm

DEP Southcentral Regional Office
909 Elmerton Ave.
Harrisburg, PA

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Committee Members in Attendance:

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| Don Baldwin | James Hostetter |
| Tom Beauduy | Michael Kyle |
| Jineen Boyle | Walter Leis |
| Felicia Dell | Tom McCarty |
| William Fink | Tom Mealy |
| Matt Genchur | Craig Robertson |
| Jeffery Hines | Steve Seidl |

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Betty Conner
Don Baldwin
Terry Esbenshade
Robert Edward
Cynthia Hitz
Herbert Mattern
Ron Evanko
Chris Hoffman

Others in Attendance:

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| Curtis Schreffler, USGS | Ron Orndorff |
| Marla Stuckey, USGS | Bruce Rebert |
| Lee Eicholtz, USGS | Gary Haiud |
| Mary Gattis-Schell | Paul Wojciechowski |
| Mike Hill, DEP | Henry McLin |
| Dave Jostenski, DEP | Richard Rorrer |
| Jay Braund, DEP | John Huston |
| Andy Weaver | Heidi Hormel |
| Michael Haufler | Anthony Delzingaro |
| Paul Bruder | |
| Will Tallman | |

Matt Genchur opened the meeting with introductions at 9:35 am.

Administrative Items

- **Officer elections**

Walter Leis made a motion that the current officers be re-elected. Felicia Dell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Comments from the Public**

Representative Will Tallman commented on the importance of Hanover Borough's perspective and the abundance of water in the region.

DEP Summary of Activities

Jay Braund gave an update on the efforts to establish a Water Conservation Technical Assistance Center. SRBC has contracted with PA Environmental Council to form the Center. The contract involves the development of a website, the development of business plan and budget, and steps to legally incorporate and establish a board for the Center.

Review of CWPA Comments and decisions on CWPA Status.

Dave Jostenski provided a summary of comments received on all watersheds including testimony received at public hearings and written comments coming into the Department. Dave indicated that comments were considered but that with the exception of South Branch of the Conewago all the watersheds continue to meet the Department's criteria for designation.

South Branch of the Conewago

Several members of the committee expressed concern that while the DEP contends the watershed does not meet its criteria for designation that many water supply issues remain unresolved. A motion was made by Matt Genchur and seconded by Steve Seidl to refer the South Branch of the Conewago Creek back to the nominator (York and Adams County Counties) for further technical evaluation. The motion passed unanimously.

Consensus of the group was to have the nominator meet Hanover to resolve their concerns and report results and recommendations back to the Regional Committee technical subcommittee.

For the additional watersheds, Jeff Hines made a motion to refer the remaining watershed to the Statewide Committee for potential CWPA designation. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee also agreed to rank the watershed into two tiers. The A list would be high priority and the B list would be of lesser priority.

A List

Little Conewago Creek

Little Conestoga Creek

Mill Creek

B List

Spring Creek

Lower Little Swatara Creek

Mill Creek

Several members of the committee expressed concern that adequate outreach was done to the municipalities and water systems in these watersheds. Even if these do not reach CWPA status, the Department and other partners share technical data and results with them.

Follow-up/Next Steps

Statewide Water Resources Meeting will be held on April 28 at the PFBC. The Technical Subcommittee of the Statewide Water Resource Committee will be meeting on March 26, 2010 at the Rachel Carson State Office Building.

No additional Regional meetings have been scheduled for 2010.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45