

Potomac Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting .

September 18, 2008  
2:30pm – 4:00pm

Penn State Mont Alto Campus – Multi-Purpose Center  
One Campus Drive  
Mont Alto, PA 17237

**DRAFT Meeting Summary**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Phyllis Chant	Pat Naugle
Andy Fitz	Brent Ramsey
Joe Hoffman	Bob Reichart
Jeff Kloss	Bill Reichart
Fran Koch	James Richenderfer
Ricky Leese	Vy Trinh
Don MacAskill	
Mark Mathews	

**Committee Members Not in Attendance:**

Mark Bream	Robin Fitzpatrick
Charlie Bennett	Bill McLaughlin
Mike Christopher	Russell McLucas
George Fisanich	

**Others in Attendance:**

Jay Braund, DEP	Louanna Sturm, Washington Twp.
Curtis Dalpra, ICPRB	Robert Thaeles, Adams Co. Planning and Dvmt.
Dave Jostenski, DEP	Michael West, PGWA
David Kile, ACCD	
Leslie Sarvis, DEP	
Carroll Sturm, Washington Twp.	

**Introductions**

Charlie Bennett, Chair, was unable to attend the meeting. Phyllis Chant, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:40pm.

**Finalize Draft May Meeting Summary**

The Draft May 16 Meeting Summary was approved with one change, to add Andrew Fitz's name to the list of Attendees.

*Motion: Joe Hoffman*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Reichart*

**Review Agenda and Materials for the evening meeting**

Leslie Sarvis went through the agenda for the public meeting and hearing later in the evening. She welcomed new committee member Fran Koch (environmental category), and said that there are still two vacancies on the committee: one environmental and one water supply. Lori Mohr 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 ICPRB to perform verification of the watersheds in the Potomac 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 ICPRB 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**

Joe Hoffman reported that the Army Corps of Engineers is planning to cut funding for USGS stream gages, including eleven gages in the Potomac basin. This will result in a huge loss of information about drought and flood monitoring. Please be in touch with your Congressman to encourage continuing funding for the gages.

Joe also informed the committee that ICPRB is holding a workshop on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss water resources in the Monocacy basin to receive feedback from planners and municipal officials. The workshop is from 1pm – 5pm.

Bob Reichart, <sup>Exec. Dir.</sup> 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 elevate water well drilling standards and licensing proficiency as a fourth priority in the State Water Plan Principles document.

*Motion made by: Pat Naugle*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: James Richenderfer*

*Votes in favor: 13*

*Votes abstaining: 1*

Pat Naugle informed the committee that he will be testifying at the public hearing tonight about water withdrawals from Marsh Creek for the proposed Mason Dixon development. He believes that the area will need to be designated as a CWPA and a CARP will need to be developed because of the withdrawals that will be taken from Marsh Creek for this residential development.

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

The next meeting is Friday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Franklin County Administrative Annex in Chambersburg.