



State Water Plan Update
Potomac Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting
January 16, 2020
1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Adams County Ag Center
670 Old Harrisburg Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Committee Members in Attendance:

Charles Bennett	Kevin Moore
Barry Best	Pat Naugle
Andrea Blosser	Sarah Principato
Phyllis Chant	Brent Ramsey
Adam McClain	Donald Schwartz
Heidi Moltz	Ronald Stanley

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Mark Guise
Fran Koch
Russell McLucas
Coleen Reamer

Others in Attendance:

Kristina Peacock-Jones - DEP	Monica Gould - Strategic Consulting Partners
Mark Matlock - DEP	Bob Whitmore - Strategic Consulting Partners
Mike Hill - DEP	
James Horton - DEP	
Dave Jostenski - DEP	

Visitors:

Patrick Bowling
Josie Gaskay
Tony Brefoman
Ben Thomas
Joe Hallinan
Sherry Clayton

Dave Jostenski opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The DEP staff and Strategic Consulting Partners (SCP) facilitators introduced themselves. All committee members and visitors in attendance introduced themselves and provided a brief overview

of their interest in the work of the committee. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed by Monica Gould.

State Water Plan Update

Dave Jostenski provided an overview of what the State Water Plan update will include and what will not be included and how this plan update will be different than the plan developed between 2003 and 2012. This plan update has a shorter timeframe and it is anticipated it will be completed in two years. Quarterly regional planning committee meetings will be held in 2020. In the first two quarters of 2021 the Regional Committees will be drafting recommendations to present to the State Committee. During the second half of 2021 the State Committee will review the Regional Committees recommendations and develop a finalized plan to be presented to the Secretary of DEP. David reviewed the background materials available on the Clean Water Academy website and encouraged everyone to review this material.

The current plan update primary objectives will include:

- A review and update to the state water plan
- Review of the policies and requirements of Act 220
- Review and revisions to the goals of each planning region
- Development of strategies for implementation of the 2018 Climate Action Plan
- Development of strategies and a model for long term planning and funding of the planning process
- Recommendations for legislative, regulatory, policy and programmatic changes to Act 220.
- Review, complete, approve and adopt the Critical Area Resource Plans (CARPs) in the Potomac and Ohio Regions.
- Complete additional web-based applications and tools to convey water resources information to the public.

Officer Elections

Charles Bennett was nominated to be Chair of the Potomac Regional Committee on a Pat Naugle/Ronald Stanley motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Adam McClain was nominated to be Vice Chair on a Charles Bennett/Ronald Stanley motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kevin Moore volunteered to be nominated to serve on the State Committee. A Charles Bennett/Ronald Stanley motion to nominate Kevin for the State Committee was unanimously approved.

Potomac Regional Planning Committee Bylaws

Bob Whitmore reviewed the Potomac Region committee bylaws which were approved in 2004. A comparison of all regional committee bylaws was provided and variances in different committee articles related to meetings, voting, and executive sessions were reviewed. Article XII: Amendment of By-Laws provides that “the bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Regional Committee by two-thirds vote of the full Regional committee membership (15 voting members) provided that written notice of such change

has been sent via certified mail with a return receipt to each member at least two weeks prior to the meeting.”

No suggestions were made to change the bylaws. If committee members have additional suggestions for bylaws changes, they should be sent to the Chair prior to the next meeting.

Regional Priorities

Mark Matlock, DEP staff member, reviewed the regional priorities that have been identified in the current state water plan. A future document will be provided to Committee members on accomplishments since the State Water Plan was adopted. This includes:

- DEP regulation changes, new program, and studies
- Accomplishments and changes at the federal, state and local levels
- Actions that have been proposed.

Committee members were provided a list of the current regional priorities and asked which are still relevant, which ones have changed, and what should be new priorities? Committee members were divided into small work groups to identify initial priorities they believe the Potomac Regional Committee should consider. Priorities identified by the workgroups include:

- Address land use planning and growth
- Climate change
- Water quality
- Phase three Water Improvement Plan
- Geographic areas experiencing growth vs. areas with population decline
- Regional comprehensive planning
- Federal regulations
- Local development and improvement policies
- MS4
- Stormwater impact / flooding

Critical Area Resource Plans (CARPs)

Mike Hill, DEP staff member, provided an overview of the identification of Critical Water Planning Areas (CWPA) and the development of Critical Area Resource Plans to address these CWPA's. To have a CARP fully approved, the CARP must be nominated by the Regional Committee to the State Committee, approved by the State Committee, and then approved by the Secretary of the DEP. Three CARPs have been initiated since the State Water Plan was adopted. One of these CARPs is the Marsh Creek/Rock Creek area in the Potomac Region. A draft CARP on the Marsh Creek/Rock Creek area in 2011 and a public hearing was held in 2012, but the CARP plan stopped there and was never recommended to the State Committee.

Heidi Moltz reviewed data elements that could be updated and included in a revision to the existing CARP for the Marsh Creek/Rock Creek area. The Regional Committee must decide if they want to submit the existing plan as is, update the data for the plan and

submit with the revised data, or not recommend the plan to the State Committee for approval

Climate Change

Kristina Peacock-Jones, DEP staff member, provided a high-level review of the Pennsylvania Climate Action Plan. The Plan identifies 19 overall strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow climate change. Water resource strategies identified in the Plan include:

- Strategy 14 - Use stormwater best management practices, and
- Strategy 15 - Promote integrated water resources management and water conservation.

Future Meetings

A tentative schedule of the quarterly meetings for 2020 and the first half of 2021 was provided to Committee members. The tentative schedule was accepted. It was agreed meetings will be held at the current meeting location, Adams County Ag Center, if it is available.

Action Items

- Home addresses for mailings will be updated by DEP staff
- An email list of Committee members will be provided to the Committee
- Ideas for changes to the bylaws should be sent to the Chair

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.