

Statewide Water Resources Committee

Sept. 27, 2004
Room 105
400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance

Don Bluedorn, Interim Chair
Janet Bowers, Critical Water Planning Area Subcommittee Chair
Rick Carlson
Carol R. Collier
Nick DeBenedictis
Gerald Feldman
Tom Ford
Rep. Bud George
Rep. Kate Harper
Joe Hoffman
Jim MacKenzie, Interim Vice Chair
David Mandelbaum, Policy and Integration Subcommittee Chair
Gary Merritt
Cathy Curran Myers
Howard Neukrug
William Nichols
Robert Reichart
Robert Rosenthal
Rich Subasic
Paul Swartz
Bill Wehry
George Wolff
Matt Wolford

Committee members not in attendance

Scott Dunkelberger
Michael Donohue
Bob Long
Susan Fox Marquart
John Mizerak
Bill Morris
Gary Petrewski
Alan Vicory

Others in attendance

Tom Beauduy
Betty Conner (for Bill Morris)
Melanie Cook
Ken Davis
Todd Giddings (for Gary Petrewski)

Joe Nardella
Curtis Schreffler
Dan Snowden
Danielle Spila
Marla Stuckey
R. Timothy Weston

DEP Representatives in attendance

Julia Anastasio
Pam Bishop
PJ Dhillon
Stu Gansell
Bill Gast
Jennifer Handke
John Hines
Nancy Imler
David Jostenski
Katie McGinty
Lori Mohr
Susan Weaver

Visit from DEP Secretary

Secretary McGinty addressed the Committee and expressed her gratitude to the Committee members for participating in this planning event. She stated that water resources is the engine for economic growth in the Commonwealth.

Administrative

Review of draft July 22, 2004 Meeting Summary. No revisions.
Motion: Adopt draft July 22, 2004 Meeting Summary.
Made By: Bill Nichols
Seconded by: Bob Reichart
Outcome: Passed

Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion: Nominate Don Bluedorn as Chair and Jim MacKenzie as Vice-Chair
Made by: George Wolff
Seconded by: Carol Collier
Outcome: Passed

PennDOT Participation

Danielle Spila of PennDOT was introduced and will be participating in the discussions at the request of the Committee.

Comments from the Public

Dennis Miner of GTS Technologies suggested to the Committee that there may be opportunities at academic institutions for water resources planning efforts to spin off into research topics.

Update from Regional Committee Representatives

- 1 Howard Neukrug (Delaware Regional Committee) mentioned that the Delaware Committee continued to hear from County Planning Directors to discuss their county water resource planning efforts.
- 2 Todd Giddings (for Gary Petrewski, Upper/Middle Susquehanna Regional Committee) stated that the Committee continued to focus on specific watersheds within their basin to gather more detailed information.
- 3 Betty Conner (for Bill Morris, Lower Susquehanna Regional Committee) said that they have been receiving presentations from the Watershed Specialists in the Lower Susquehanna Basin and that these have been very informative.
- 4 Don Bluedorn (Ohio Regional Committee) reported that the Committee was briefed on water quality law and would like to have a presentation on the USGS Budgeting Tool.
- 5 Matt Wolford (Great Lakes Regional Committee) said that the Committee met in Potter County, the headwaters to the Genesee River.
- 6 Bob Reichart (Potomac Regional Committee) stated that the Potomac Committee was briefed on water quality law.

Subcommittee Activities/Reports

- 1 CWPA Subcommittee- Jan Bowers, Chair

Jan Bowers summarized the activities of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has been meeting monthly. They have had significant discussion to determine what is a CWPA. With understanding the urgency for having criteria established, they agreed to develop CWPA Draft Criteria and a Draft Process documents for the November Statewide Committee meeting.

- 2 Policy and Integration Subcommittee- David Mandelbaum, Chair

David Mandelbaum summarized the activities of the Policy and Integration Subcommittee. The Subcommittee had numerous conf. calls and email exchanges regarding specific language for a Vision Statement.

Motion: Adopt the draft final Vision Document

Made by: Howard Neukrug

Seconded by: Jerry Feldman

Outcome: passed, one abstention

Data Integration/USGS

John Hines discussed the data management system that DEP is creating in which the USGS screening tool will be an integral part. Marla Stuckey of USGS then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the screening tool characteristics.

Registration Update

Sue Weaver distributed a summary on the status of registration. The current status of Public Water Supply (PWS) agency registration is less than DEP had anticipated. Cathy Myers discussed the need to collect the registration data and requested feedback from the Committee on the next steps DEP will be taking to increase compliance. The Committee directed DEP to make additional attempts to reach the PWS agencies prior to sending out Notice of Violations to those not complying with the Act's requirements.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2004 at 9:30 in room 105 of the RCSOB in Harrisburg.

Suggested Agenda Topics for November Meeting

Critical Water Planning Area Subcommittee activities
Update on registration activities