

# Statewide Water Resources Committee

Dec. 21, 2006

9:30- 12:45

Room 105

400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

**DRAFT**

Meeting Summary

## **Attendance**

### Committee members in attendance

Sam Berkheiser

Don Bluedorn, Chair

Carol R. Collier

Rob Davidson represented by Doug Wolfgang

Paul Diskin

Rep. Bud George represented by Thomas Kuhn

Rep. Kate Harper

Mark Hartle

Joe Hoffman

Jim MacKenzie, Vice Chair

David Mandelbaum, Policy and Integration Subcommittee Chair

Susan Fox Marquart

Gary Merritt

John Mizerak represented by Sean Sanderson

Bill Morris

Cathy Curran Myers represented by Marcus Kohl

Howard Neukrug participated by phone for part of the meeting

Gary Petrewski

Robert Reichart

Robert Rosenthal

Paul Swartz

George Wolff

### Committee members not in attendance

Janet Bowers, Critical Water Planning Area Subcommittee Chair

Tom Crane

Nick DeBenedictis

Scott Dunkelberger

Gerald Feldman

Bob Long

William Nichols

Alan Vicory

Matt Wolford

### Others in attendance

Eboni Braxton, PA Management Associate Program

Jennifer Engle, PA Management Associate Program

Matt Genchur

#### DEP Representatives in attendance

Pam Bishop

Michelle Clark, SERO

Tom Denslinger

Bill Gast, Chief Engineer, Water Planning Office

Dave Gordner

Kelly Heffner, Office of Policy

Lori Mohr

Dave Jostenski, Water Use Planning Division

Leslie Sarvis

Susan Weaver, Acting Division Chief, Water Use Planning

#### **Administrative**

Voting on the meeting summary was delayed until a quorum was reached, which was approximately halfway through the meeting.

Review of Sept. 21, 2006 Meeting Summary. One typo on page 2.

Motion: Adopt as final with correction

Made By: Bob Reichart

Seconded By: Bill Morris

Outcome: Passed

#### **Elections**

Elections were delayed until a quorum was reached, which was approximately halfway through the meeting.

Motion: Nominate Don Bluedorn for Chair and Jim MacKenzie for Vice-Chair.

Made By: Bob Reichart

Seconded By: Kate Harper

Outcome: Passed

#### **DEP Update**

Susan Weaver briefly reviewed the flow diagram and the components document that were distributed at the meeting. Both items list the major pieces of the State Water Plan, which are: Public Information Document, Pennsylvania Water Atlas, Action Agendas, Resources Inventory and Assessment, Issue Analysis and Supporting Resources. She then reviewed the 12/19/06 DEP Update Memo that was reorganized to follow the format of the flow diagram.

#### **CWPA Subcommittee**

Jim MacKenzie, representing Jan Bowers (Chair of the CWPA Subcommittee), reported that the CWPA Subcommittee has not met since the last Statewide Committee meeting.

#### **P&I Subcommittee**

David Mandelbaum, Chair of the P&I Subcommittee, stated that the language for the marketing document is relatively stable and that the Subcommittee would be beginning discussion on the action agendas.

### **Update from Regional Committee Representatives**

**Delaware**- Carol Collier reported for Howard Neukrug (unable to attend today's meeting) that the Regional Committee was working on their action agenda and also discussed land resources management and sustainability.

**Great Lakes**- Lori Mohr reported for Matt Wolford (unable to attend today's meeting) that the Regional Committee was working on their action agenda and that they did not have a quorum.

**Lower Susquehanna**- Bill Morris reported that the Committee spent most of the meeting working on their action agenda. He also reported that the delay in reappointments was impacting the committee's ability to reach a quorum.

**Ohio**- Lori Mohr and Don Bluedorn reported for Jerry Feldman (who was unable to attend today's meeting) that the committee worked on their action agenda and held a discussion of the Laurel Hill Creek watershed.

**Potomac**- Bob Reichart stated that they too had worked on their action agenda and that they were requesting DEP to develop a white paper on water quality and well construction standards for domestic supply. He also commented that they were having quorum difficulties.

**Upper Middle**- Gary Petrewski reported that they had a similar type of meeting as all of the other reports.

### **Pilot Analysis Update**

Dave Jostenski briefed the Statewide Committee on the progress of the pilot work and displayed initial data sets and output of model runs. Water withdrawals and discharge data was sent to the DEP Regional Drinking Water Program and Regional Watershed Program Managers as well as river basin commissions for evaluation and comment prior to final runs in the two pilot watersheds, Wissahickon and the Codorus, which is anticipated for early 2007.

### **SRBC Northern Lancaster County Groundwater Study**

Mike Brownell presented a summary of the results of the SRBC study on groundwater in northern Lancaster County that identified Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs). CARAs are areas that provide an exceptional amount of recharge per unit area to a local groundwater flow system.

### **DRBC Southeastern PA Groundwater Protected Area**

Carol Collier presented an overview of groundwater withdrawal regulations in the Southeastern PA Groundwater Protected Area.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for Mar. 15, 2007, at 9:30 in room 105 of the RCSOB in Harrisburg.