

# Statewide Water Resources Committee

Mar. 20, 2008

9:30- 1:00

Room 105

400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

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Meeting Summary

## **Attendance**

### Committee members in attendance

Don Bluedorn, Chair

Janet Bowers, Critical Water Planning Area Subcommittee Chair

Carol R. Collier

Rob Davidson

Gerald Feldman

Rep. Bud George represented by Thomas Kuhn

Rep. Kate Harper

Mark Hartle

Joe Hoffman

Bob Long

Jim MacKenzie

Susan Fox Marquart

Gary Merritt

Bill Morris

Cathy Curran Myers

Howard Neukrug participated by speakerphone

Jay Parrish

Gary Petrewski

Robert Reichart

Paul Swartz

R. Timothy Weston

George Wolff participated by speakerphone

Matt Wolford participated by speakerphone

### Committee members not in attendance

Tom Crane

Nick DeBenedictis

Paul Diskin

Scott Dunkelberger

David Mandelbaum, Policy and Integration Subcommittee Chair

William Nichols

Sean Sanderson

Alan Vicory

### Others in attendance

Matt Genchur

David Piller

### DEP Representatives in attendance

Pam Bishop

Jineen Boyle  
Desiree Henning-Dudley  
John Hines  
Dave Jostenski  
Nicki Kasi  
Susan Weaver

### **Introductions**

Chairman Bluedorn introduced Jay Parrish, PA State Geologist, as the new representative from DCNR.

### **Administrative**

Voting on the meeting summary. Review of Sept. 20, 2007 Draft Meeting Summary.

Motion: Adopt as final

Made By: Bob Reichart

Seconded By: Tim Weston

Outcome: Passed

Voting on the meeting summary. Review of Dec. 20, 2007 Draft Meeting Summary.

Motion: Adopt as final

Made By: Tim Weston

Seconded By: Bob Reichart

Outcome: Passed

### **DEP Update**

John Hines provided an overview of the State Water Plan efforts. There were several handouts that documented the water plan efforts to date including the watersheds that have been selected by the Regional Committees for further data verification over the next six months.

An additional Statewide Committee meeting was added for 4/18/08 to present the final Chapter 110 regulations in order to prepare for a final rulemaking package to be submitted to the EQB later this summer.

### **Comments fro the public**

None.

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

**Delaware-** Carol Collier reported for Howard Neukrug that the Regional Committee prioritized the six watersheds for further analysis and reduced the Regional Priorities from three to two. Carol also stated that the Delaware Regional Committee had significant discussions and a strong recommendation to the Statewide Committee that the Delaware Regional Committee be afforded the opportunity of commenting one more time on the various papers being developed by the P and I Subcommittee prior to the Subcommittee sending the papers to the Statewide Committee.

Chairman Bluedorn commented that the Executive Steering Committee discussed this issue and it is the Executive Steering Committee recommendation that the Statewide Committee move the papers forward. The Regional Committees have already been given opportunity for input and that the Statewide Committee should not send the papers back to the P and I Subcommittee or Regional Committees for additional input prior to publication as part of the draft State Water Plan.

**Lower Susquehanna-** Bill Morris stated that the Committee discussed the Regional Priorities, the selected watersheds and chose 9/15/08 for the date for the Fall Public Meeting and Hearing.

**Upper Middle-** Gary Petrewski reported that the Committee discussed the Regional Priorities and the selected watersheds.

**Potomac-** Bob Reichart stated that they elected their Chair and Vice-Chair. They also discussed the Regional Priorities and the selected watersheds.

Bob, as a PGWA member, then invited the Statewide Committee members to attend the PA Ground Water Association Summer Field Conference on June 6, 2008.

**Great Lakes-** Matt Wolford reported that the Regional Committee had a similar meeting, although the Committee struggled with their Regional Priorities.

**Ohio-** Jerry Feldman that the Regional Committee had a similar meeting.

### **Regional Priorities**

John Hines reviewed the Regional Priorities.

Motion: Statewide Committee concurs with the Regional Priorities.

Made By: Mark Hartle

Seconded By: Jim MacKenzie

Outcome: Passed

### **P&I Subcommittee**

John Hines introduced the four papers that the P&I Subcommittee has been developing with DEP:

- **Integrated Water Resources Management**
- **Assessment of Navigation Needs and the Means for Restoration, Development and Improvement by Water**
- **An Assessment of Floodplain and Stormwater Management Problems**
- **Water Quality**

Chairman Bluedorn stated that he would like to recognize the efforts of both David Mandelbaum, Chair of the P and I Subcommittee and Stu Gansell, DEP annuitant and former Bureau Director of the Bureau of Watershed Management, for their efforts in the leadership and writing of the papers.

Motion: Statewide Committee concurs to move the four papers forward.

Made By: Tim Weston

Seconded By: Kate Harper

Outcome: Passed

### **Water Conservation Subcommittee**

Jerry Feldman and Dave Jostenski provided an update on the Subcommittee activities.

### **CWPA Subcommittee**

Jan Bowers, Chair of the CWPA Subcommittee, reported that the CWPA Subcommittee has been kept informed of the Regional Committee selection of watersheds for further verification work.

**Technical Update**

Dave Jostenski presented an update on the current technical work and the 32 watersheds selected for data verification.

Motion: Statewide Committee concurs with moving forward on the data verification of the 32 watersheds.

Made By: Bill Morris

Seconded By: Jerry Feldman

Outcome: Passed

**Wissahickon Special Area Management Plan**

Carol Collier provided a brief summary of the effort and some of the lessons learned.

**Sustainable Infrastructure Overview**

Nicki Kasi, DEP, provided an overview of the Sustainable Infrastructure initiative in the Commonwealth.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for Apr. 18, 2008, at 9:30 in room 105 of the RCSOB in Harrisburg.