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# Upper/Middle Susquehanna Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

Dec. 16, 2003

Centre County Solid Waste Authority Interpretive Center, Bellefonte, PA

## Meeting Summary

### Attendance

#### Committee members in attendance

Ed Bellis	Jennifer Means
Robert Bergenstock	Gary Petrewski, P.E.
Mike Cavanaugh, Ph.D.	David L. Snook
Glen R. DeWillie	Jerry S. Walls, AICP
William Gerlach, Esq.	Richard T. Wardrop, P.G.
Todd Giddings, P.G.	Brooks Way
John "Drew" Hadley	Harold Webster
Roy Herlocher	Uwe E. Weindel, Vice-Chair
Tim Horner	Dorne White
David R. Kaufman	John J. Yamona
Bill Manner	Adam Zakarian
Douglas P. Manning, Chair	

#### Committee members not in attendance

Frank Halderman

#### Others in attendance

Matt Genchur, ClearWater Conservancy	Stu Gansell, DEP
Pam Bishop, DEP	Sue Weaver, DEP
Bill Gast, DEP	Lori Mohr, DEP
	Tom Yeager, DEP

### Administrative Items

1. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the October 27, 2003 meeting. Motion was made by Jerry Walls and seconded by Mike Cavanaugh to approve Oct. minutes as written. Motion was approved by the committee.
2. A motion was made to revise the by-laws to include the DEP recommended revisions to Articles IX, XII and XIII and to include the Regional Committee addition of Article IX B.

Motion made by: David Kauffman  
Motion seconded by: Dorne White  
Motion was carried

A second motion was made regarding the bylaws to exclude the Delaware Committee Article X provision regarding alternates.

Motion made by: Dave Kauffman  
Motion seconded by: Dorne White  
Motion was carried

3. Meeting dates and locations were established for 2004:

February 24, 2004	Wilkes-Barre, DEP Northeast Regional Office
April 29, 2004	State College, Centre Co. Solid Waste Mgmt Center
June 17, 2004	Williamsport, DEP Northcentral Regional Office
August 19, 2004	Wilkes-Barre, DEP Northeast Regional Office
October 21, 2004	State College, Centre Co. Solid Waste Mgmt. Center
December 16, 2004	Williamsport, DEP Northcentral Regional Office

Motion was made by Mike Cavanaugh and seconded by David Kaufman to approve meeting dates. Motion was carried by the committee.

4. Sunshine Act and the Right to Know Law. All meetings will be advertised in advance and open to the public. The public will be given the opportunity to comment at all meetings.

5. Committee members were asked to review their term expiration dates and report any corrections to Sue Weaver.

**Scoping and Setting of Major Milestones**

An outline of responsibilities and timeline for various Act 220 players for the 2003-2008 time frame. The deadline for adoption of new State Water Plan is March 16, 2008, not March 16, 2003. A major purpose of Act 220 is to identify critical water planning areas. This will be accomplished by the general development of an overall SWP and the specific designations by regions of known local critical water areas.

Four main areas of responsibility over the next 3-4 years for the Committee:

1. Need to define regional issues
2. Must establish process for determining Critical Water Planning Areas
3. Outline for regional plan components of the State Water Plan must be developed when statewide policies are adopted
4. Continue to engage in critical, ongoing review of drafts of regulations developed by the Statewide Committee

**Overview of the existing State Water Plan/Water Budgeting Vision Setting of Major Milestones**

The presentations provided an overview of the existing State Water Plan and described the procedures that will be used to perform the water budgeting analysis to update the State Water Plan.

### **Relevant Regional Issues**

Committee members expressed the need for accurate and reliable water use data. A significant amount of water use and hydrologic data is available in hard copy form and needs to be digital.

Todd Giddings provided an overview of the Spring Creek Watershed Community. Several projects involving water use have been completed in the watershed and can assist the Upper/Middle Susquehanna Water Resources Committee in identifying critical water planning areas.

Motion was made by Todd Giddings and seconded by Mike Cavanaugh to form an Ad Hoc work group to address and develop outreach activities for the committee. Motion was approved by the committee. Todd Giddings volunteered to chair this work group.

### **Comments from the Public**

Matt Genchur, Watershed Planner with the ClearWater Conservancy commented on the outreach activities provided to local municipal officials on the Spring Creek Watershed Plan project. Mr. Genchur stressed the importance of watershed planning in the Spring Creek Basin, as it faces rapid population growth and numerous environmental issues.

### **Agenda topics for next/future meetings**

1. Ground-water issues
2. Existing water law
3. Mission of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission
4. Chesapeake Bay Foundation overview
5. DCNR's Greenways Projects
6. Drought Issues from 1999
7. Withdrawal vs. non-withdrawal uses as they relate to critical planning areas
8. DCNR's Rivers Conservation Program Plans and studies that have been completed
9. Outreach of regional committee
10. Summary of regional issues
11. Demographics of water basin: EV / HQ / State list of impaired waters
12. Overall map of basin

Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 PM.

Motion made by: Drew Hadley

Motion Seconded by: Dave Kaufman

Motion was carried