Upper Middle Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

May 21, 2008 10:00am – 12:15pm

DEP NCRO 208 West Third Street, Suite 101 Williamsport, PA 17701-6448

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mike Cavanaugh
Karen Chapin
Jennifer Means
Todd Giddings
Gary Petrewski
Dennis Hameister
David Snook
Tim Horner
Amy Jacoby
Bill Manner
Jennifer Means
Gary Petrewski
David Snook
Richard Wardrop
Hank Webster

David Kauffman

Others in Attendance:

Debbie Petrewski, PPL Generation Perry Oddo, DEP Andy Zemba, DEP Lori Mohr, DEP

Hank Webster called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Finalize Draft February Meeting Summary

Dennis Hameister made a motion to approve the February meeting summary. David Snook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Reappointments and Vacancies

The 2007 reappointments were approved by the Governor's Office, and the respective committee members should have received their reappointment letters. Please let Lori Mohr know if you did not receive your reappointment letter.

Statewide Committee Meeting Updates

At its March 20th meeting, the Statewide Committee approved four white papers to be included in the draft State Water Plan (Navigation, Integrated Water Resources Management, Stormwater/Flooding and Water Quality). There was also a presentation about the newly created Sustainable Infrastructure Task Force, which will explore resources for upgrading aging drinking water and wastewater facilities and present a report to the Governor in the fall.

At its April 18th meeting, the Statewide Committee approved the Chapter 110 regulations (registration and reporting). The Committee also discussed the Water Conservation Technical Assistance Paper and asked that it be sent to the Regional Committees for comments. Comments should be submitted by May 15th to Gary Obleski and Jerry Feldman.

Public Comments

Todd Giddings invited committee members to the Pa Groundwater Association annual field conference in State College. This event is free to regional committee members

Watershed Verification Update

Lori Mohr updated the committee on the watersheds that were chosen by the committee to undergo further screening for potential water quantity problems. DEP will perform verification of the watersheds by contacting owners of Public Water Supplies to obtain information on reservoirs, including conservation releases and flow-by. DEP will send summarized reports, when available, to committee members via email and staff will report on the results of the verification at the November round of committee meetings.

Fall Public Meeting and Hearing

Lori Mohr confirmed that the date of the committee's public meeting and hearing will be Monday, September 8 at the Seven Fields Borough Community Center.

Lori said the agenda will be similar to the public meeting/hearing held in 2005. There will be a regular committee business meeting in the afternoon. The evening will begin with an open house for the public to view displays and maps. Following the open house, the public meeting will include a presentation and an informal discussion period. Then the public hearing portion of the evening will begin. Lori said the August meeting will be canceled because there will be a regular committee business meeting before the public meeting/hearing on September 8th.

Draft Regional Atlas

Lori Mohr reviewed the second draft of the Ohio regional water atlas. Lori covered important changes from the previous draft and noted that the draft atlas is available on the DEP website. Additional comments will be accepted on the atlas during the public comment period in September.

The next meeting of the full committee is September 17 at the Holiday Inn, Williamsport at 2:30pm. The public meeting and hearing will follow that evening.