



## **State Water Plan Update Statewide Committee Meeting**

October 18, 2023  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

Len Bradley	Kevin Moore
Carol Collier	Shannon Rossman
Andrew Dehoff	Trish Salvia
Sean Donnelly	Deb Simko
Jennifer Fetter	Steve Tambini
Matthew Genchur	Susan Weaver
Catherine Harper	Tim Weston
Richard Harrison	Matthew Wolford
Jeff Jumper	
Heidi Moltz	

### **Committee Members Not in Attendance:**

Kelly Anderson	Daniel Gold
Theresa Eberly	Gary Merritt
Patty Elkis	Michael Roth
Brian Eckert	Simeon Suter
Andrew Gutshall	Jessica Trimble
Heather Smiles	

### **Others in Attendance:**

James Horton – DEP  
Elizabeth Cushman – DEP

### **Visitors:**

Harry Wise  
Tree Layton Zuzzio  
Garret Kratina  
Theodore Tesler

### **Welcome:**

James Horton, DEP, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the meeting was being recorded and provided helpful hints on the use of technology. Attendance was recorded in the Microsoft Teams participant's log.

### **Meeting Summary**

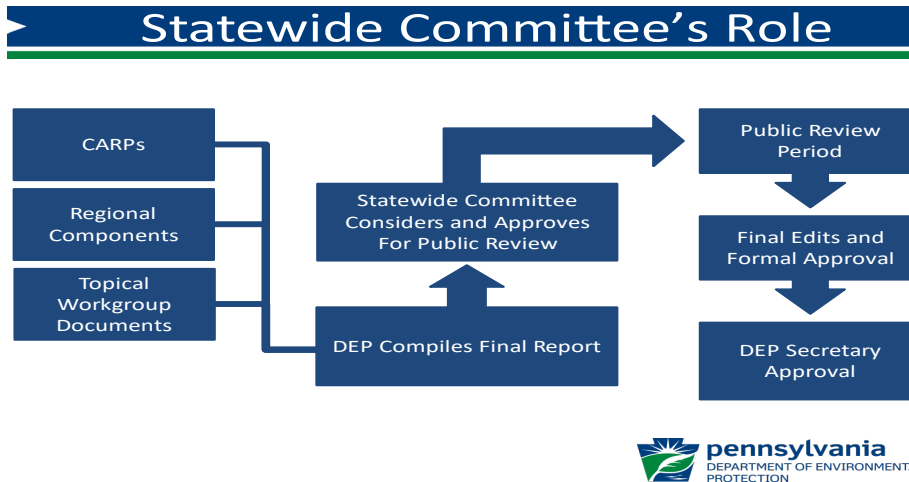
The meeting summary of April 19, 2023, was reviewed and approved on a Kevin Moore / Matt Wolford motion.

### **Public Comment**

Chair Weston opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was offered.

### **DEP Summary of Activities:**

James Horton provided a summary of DEP activities through a power point presentation.



The Statewide Committee is focused on statewide concerns and legislative and policy objectives of the plan. The Statewide Committee reviews regional components to ensure no parts of the plan conflict with other parts of the plan or existing law or regulatory practice. In previous plans the Statewide Committee commissioned workgroups that focused on specific areas of concern identified by the Committee and provided a narrative and recommendations. CARPs, regional components, and the entirety of the plan are brought before the Statewide Committee for approval before being shared with the Secretary of DEP for approval. Each Regional Committee nominates a representative to serve on the Statewide Committee to represent regional interests and relay information between the committees.

The five-year plan for implementation of the current plan is outlined in the following chart.

## Five Year Plan

▶ 2023 – Outreach/Recruitment/Review

2024 – Implementation/Analysis

2025 – Workgroups/Drafting

2026 – Editing/Compiling/Public Review

2027 – Responding/Final Edits/Delivery

James described DEP's current outreach initiatives for the current State Water Plan. These initiatives include:

- Planned presentations to Pennsylvania Environmental Council on October 30 and a presentation at the PSATS convention in April of 2024.
- Presentations that have been provided include a presentation to the Western PA Water Symposium and a presentation to the Citizen's Advisory Council.
- Develop presentation tools – James is developing a modular presentation for speaking to different groups and the presentation will be tailored to address individual interests of the group. One-page fact sheets are planned as a handout at presentations on specific topics or tailored to a specific group.

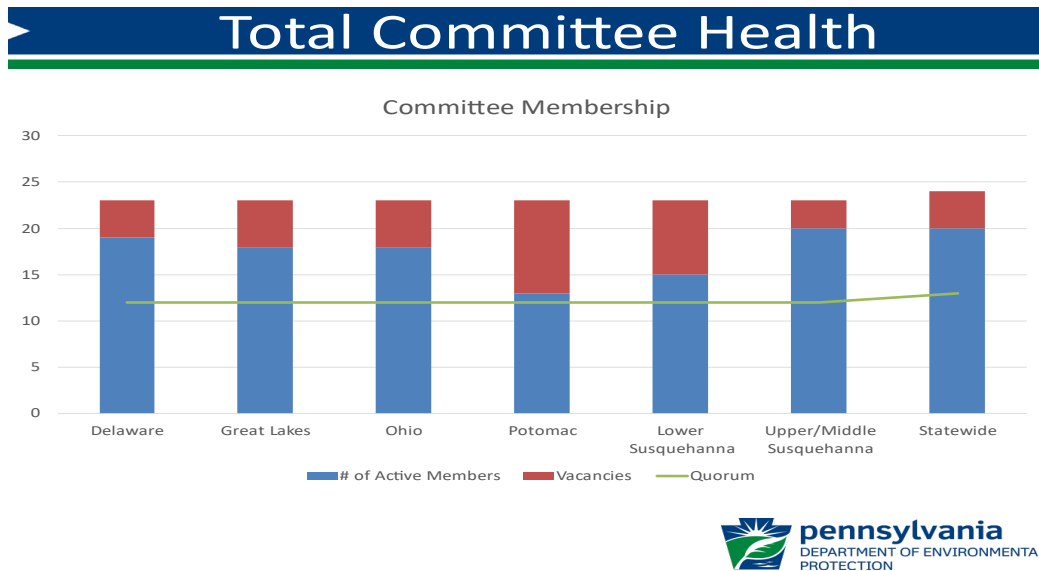
Currently DEP staff are reviewing and organizing feedback provided by the public during the development of the 2022 State Water Plan update to determine what information will be useful for additional planning efforts. The synopsis of information will be brought to the Committee at future meetings.

The three CARPs are in development and under review with DEP. James hopes to have the CARPs completed during this cycle of planning. The current language written in the CARPs is not completely aligned with DEP policy on water quality. The three CARPs are:

- Back Creek CARP in the Ohio region
- Laurel Hill Creek CARP in the Ohio region
- Marsh and Rock Creeks CARP in the Potomac region

Deb Simko, representing the Ohio region stated the Back Creek steering committee is nervous the CARP has not been approved. She also asked if there are changes to the CARP, will it have to go back through the public hearing process. Sue Weaver stated that DEP staff are working through the process as quickly as possible.

The status of membership of the six regional committees and the Statewide Committee is depicted in the following graph and shows the number of active members available for each committee. Several applications for membership on the various committees have been received and these applications are being prepared to be sent to the Governor for appointment.

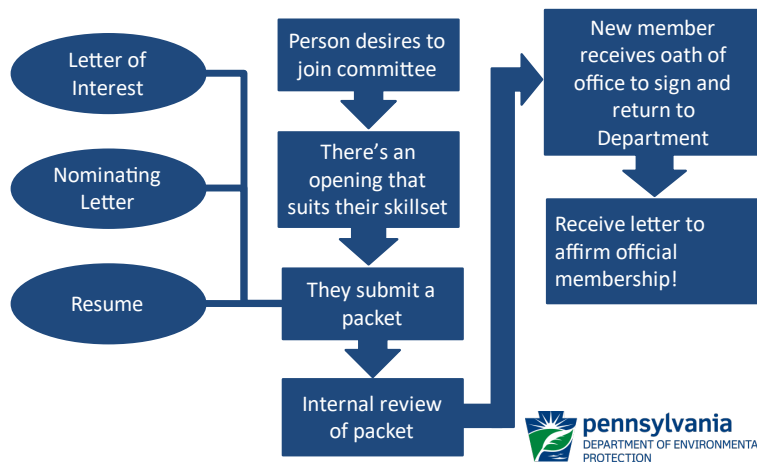


The roles that need to be filled on the Statewide Committee are:

- Mining
- Energy
- Environment/Conservation

The following flow chart presents the process for recruiting new members to committees. Regional Committee members serve for three-year terms and must live or work within the region. Statewide Committee members serve four-year terms. When a term concludes members hold their spot until a replacement is found meaning there is no need to formally reapply for membership.

## Recruiting New Members



### Next Steps

Chair Weston and Committee members expressed it is time to begin addressing several priority items in the current state water plan. Several initial topics were identified for workgroups to begin focusing on.

- How can the Committees members of both the Regional Committees and Statewide Committee support the work outlined for implementation in the State Water Plan.
- There was a recommendation that the water law be reviewed. How would this proceed?
- Outreach to Governor's office on the affordability of water systems and wastewater systems.
- Integrated water resources planning discussion.
- Emerging contaminants and PFASs in water supply systems.
- A debrief with DEP leaders and members of the Legislature on their views of the State Water Plan and the implementation of ideas developed.

### 2024 Meeting Dates

- April 16, 2024 – 9:00 am to noon
- October 29, 2024 – 9:00 am to noon

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 on a motion.