

Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Meeting
Public Water System Technical Assistance Center (TAC) Board

A regular meeting of the TAC Board was called to order by Chairperson Serena DiMagno at 9:03 AM. This was the fourth regularly scheduled meeting of 2022.

The following Board members were present:

Amy Batdorf, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)
John Brady, Rural Utilities Service (RUS)
Doug Crawshaw, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter (AWWA)
Serena DiMagno, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)
JT Hand, National Association of Water Companies (NAWC)
Greg Herb, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR)
Christine Hoover, Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA)
Clint McKinley, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)
Sukhwinder Singh, RCAP Solutions, Inc. (RCAP)
James Steele, Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA)

The following Alternate members were present:

Jeff Bickel, State Board for Certification of Sewage Treatment Plant & Waterworks Operators (SBCSTPWWO)
Chip Bilger, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)
Jennifer Case, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)
Sharon Fillmann, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter (AWWA)
Mary Gaiski, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association (PMHA)
Joel Jordan, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA)
Matt Lamb, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)
David Martin, Center for Rural Pennsylvania (CRP)
Emme Reiser, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR)
Wanda Rios Martinez, RCAP Solutions, Inc. (RCAP)

The following Organizations were not represented:

County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)
Department Community and Economic Development (DCED)
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
League of Women Voters, Pennsylvania (LWVPa)
Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD)
Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PIIA)
Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS)

Members/alternates from 14 organizations were present; therefore, a quorum was achieved.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff attending the meeting:

Scott Alderfer, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Jeff Allgyer, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Angi Anderson, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Jill Anderson, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Kevin Anderson, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Mark Billus, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Ed Chescattie, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Melissa Crow, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Joy Groch, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Dave Grube, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Sabrina Haydt, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Dawn Hissner, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Joseph Martin, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water

Sheryl Martin, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Bill McNamara, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Matthew Menendez, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Jason Minnich, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
David Mittner, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Cathy Port, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Kim Snook, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Andrew Hall, Bureau of Clean Water
Victor Landis, Bureau of Clean Water
Brian Chalfant, Policy Office
Adam Duh, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel
Leda Lacomba, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel

Non-Members attending the meeting:

Matthew Miller, Aqua PA
Anita Martin, Chester Water Authority
Jennifer Milakeve, PA American Water Co.
Alison Aminto, Phila. Water Department (PWD)
Tyler Bradley, Phila. Water Department (PWD)
Dennis O'Connor, Phila. Water Department (PWD)
Marie Ott-Smith, Veolia
Christine Swailes, Veolia

Kodi Webb, Veolia
Matt Walborn, Western Berks Water Auth. (WBWA)
Alexandra Chiaruttini, The York Water Co.
Wendy Malehorn, PRWA
Derik Dressler, RCAP
Erik Ross, Milliron and Goodman
Patrick Fromm, USDA
Patrick Lambert

General Advisory Board business

Two items were discussed.

- The draft meeting minutes from July 14, 2022 TAC Board meeting were presented for discussion. No edits were noted. Greg Herb (PAR) made a motion to approve the July 14, 2022 minutes. Mary Gaiski (PMHA) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- Potential meeting dates for 2023 were selected.
 - Primary: February 9, April 13, July 13 and October 12
 - Backup: February 17, April 18, July 27 and October 26

DEP will confirm the availability of the meeting room for these dates. The final dates will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* in December.

PFAS Schedule Change Request

DEP presented information on the PFAS schedule change request form for UCMR 5. DEP discussed lab accreditation, approved labs and clarification of the methods for which each lab is approved. The TAC Board had the following comments.

- DEP should provide updates when new labs are added to lab accreditation either by creating a link/website within DEP website and update as needed or automatic email updates when new labs are added. The list should also specify the method for which each lab is accredited.
- DEP should clarify which method meets both DEP accreditation requirements and UCMR 5 approval.
- DEP should clarify whether 2023 data will be accepted retroactively if the PA rule is not final until later in 2023. DEP noted that currently there is no data grandfathering provision in the regulation, but any sampling conducted on/after the publication date may be accepted.

Business Plan Requirements & Instructions for New Community Water Systems

DEP presented information on the business plan requirements for new community water systems and the electronic version of the form. The TAC Board had the following comments.

- DEP should clarify when a water system sells would they need to update the business plan. DEP noted that an update business plan would not be required unless there is a special permit condition. Permit transfers are encouraged as a way to sustain longevity of the system.
- DEP should clarify whether the business plan requirements apply to satellite systems that are getting created with a new PWSID (are they required to submit a business plan?). DEP noted that the business plan doesn't apply to noncommunity water systems and is required for new community systems.

Lead Service Line Inventories

DEP presented information on (and a demonstration of) the service line inventory (SLI) form. The TAC Board had the following comments.

- DEP should clarify whether systems can upload a CSV file without using the DEP form. DEP noted that systems can upload a CSV file as long as all the required fields are included.
- DEP should clarify how to perform multiple entries verse single line entry.
- DEP should clarify where the form is more stringent then EPA. DEP noted that PA is not more stringent than EPA.
- DEP should clarify the process that will take place if systems fail to complete the inventory. DEP noted the regulation requires an annual notice to homeowners and unidentified service lines would be considered as lead service lines requiring replacement until clarification is determined. DEP encourages systems to maximize the chance of getting funding by completing the inventory early.

Spill Policy Follow-up – Presentation of Industry Ammonia Data

Matt Walborn (WBWA) presented information on data gathered by Western Berks Water Authority. The TAC Board requested clarification from Clean Water staff on when technical guidance will be released. DEP noted that there was no confirmed date at this time.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Chip Bigler (WWOAP) made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed by a unanimous vote, and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.