

**Minutes of the
March 17, 2010 Meeting of the
Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)**

The regular meeting of the WRAC was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chairperson Stephen Rhoads on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA.

The following committee members were present:

David Anderson, P.G., Moody & Associates, Inc.
Rob Cavett, Merck & Co., Inc.
Carol Collier, Delaware River Basin Commission
Matt Ehrhart, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Jeff Hines, P.E., The York Water Company
John K. Jackson, Ph.D., Stroud Water Research Center (via phone)
Gary Merritt, P.G., North Star Generation Inc.
Nick Pinizzotto, Western PA Conservancy
Stephen Rhoads, East Resources, Inc. (Chair)
Edith Stevens, League of Women Voters of PA
Robert Traver, Ph.D., P.E., Villanova Urban Stormwater Partnership
Bob Wendelgass, Clean Water Action (Vice Chair)
E. Charles Wunz, P.E., Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.

The following committee members were not present:

Buddy, Beach, P.E., Consol Energy (Retired)
Donald C. Bluedorn, II, Esq., Babst, Calland, Clements, Zomnir
Arthur Gazkik, P.E., Ross Township
D. Tyler Gourley, University of Pittsburgh
Cory Miller, University Area Joint Authority
Jennifer Reed-Harry, PennAg Industries Association

The following DEP staff members were present:

Duke Adams, Policy Office
Dana Aunkst, Bureau of Water Standards & Facility Regulation
Pam Bishop, Office of Chief Counsel
Marge Hughes, Bureau of Watershed Management
Marcus Kohl, Office of Water Management
Richard Morrison, Office of Chief Counsel
Ken Murin, Bureau of Watershed Management
Meg Murphy, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel
Glenn Rider, Bureau of Watershed Management
Sabrina Stanwood, Bureau of Watershed Management
Diane Wilson, Bureau of Watershed Management
Susan Wilson, Citizens Advisory Council

The following guests were also present:

Andrew Bockis, Saul Ewing
Phillip Brath, ARRO
Teresa Copenhaver, Triad Strategies
Jim Erb, API
Josie Gaskey, PCA
John Jewett, IRRC
Julie Kollar, WREN
Kathy Kunkel, EPGA
Kimberly Long, Exelon Corp
Paul Lyskava, PA Forest Products Association
Jim Smith, IRRC
Dan Snowden, PennDOT
Carla Suszkowski, Range Resources
Tim Weston, K&L Gates
Stephanie Wissman, PA Chamber

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the February 19, 2010 meeting were approved on motion as final.

New Business:

Chapter 95 Subcommittee Report and Status of Chapter 95

David Anderson (danderson@moody-s.com) provided a report to WRAC on the findings of the Ch. 95 subcommittee. The subcommittee was not able to arrive at any consensus options or recommendations. A letter dated March 12, 2010 was presented to WRAC Chairman Stephen Rhoads from Mr. Anderson, Chair of the Chapter 95 subcommittee summarizing the various comments and suggestions by members of the subcommittee.

Dana Aunkst provided a summary of the 4,221 comments received on the draft rulemaking. DEP is continuing to move forward and WRAC can expect to see something at the next meeting.

Chapter 102, Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management

Ken Murin (kmurin@state.pa.us), Division of Waterways, Wetlands and Stormwater Management, Bureau of Watershed Management, and Meg Murphy (mamurphy@state.pa.us), Bureau of Regulatory Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, presented an overview of the changes to Chapter 102. Extensive discussion was held on sections 102.5 – Permit requirements, 102.6 – Permit applications and fees, 102.7 – Permit termination and 102.14 Riparian forest buffer requirements. On motion it was agreed that WRAC would approve the proposed changes to Chapter 102 with the expectation that changes will also be made to address the concerns of WRAC discussed at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of WRAC is April 14, 2010 beginning at 9:30 am in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building.