



WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WMAC) MEETING
JULY 18, 2002

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janet Bowers	Chester County Water Resource Authority
William Gast	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Debbie Lord	Pompeston Creek Watershed Association
Dr. Bruno Mercuri	Mercuri & Associates, Inc.
David Milan	Superior Water Company
Joseph Miri	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Bob Molzahn	Water Resources Association
Mary Ellen Noble	Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Frank Schaefer	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Ronald Sloto	U.S. Geological Survey
Ferdows Ali (for Sam Race)	New Jersey Department of Agriculture
Leroy Young	Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

DRBC STAFF PRESENT

David Sayers	Planning and Implementation Branch
Jon Zangwill	Planning and Implementation Branch
Anthony Bonasera	Hydrologist, Project Review
Jessica Sanchez	Basin Planner

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mercuri at 9:45 a.m.

1. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings

WMAC -- 02/01/02

Sustainable Use Subcommittee -- 6/26/02

The meeting minutes from February 1, 2002, were reviewed. Mr. Gast made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Discussion of IRP Issues and Update on Comments Received (Zangwill)

Mr. Zangwill noted to the group that comments were received from Bucks County Department of Health regarding the IRP Guidelines. The discussion item aimed to determine if this committee feels that further investigation is warranted and if a response is needed to address these comments.

Discussion involved the previously received Green Valleys Association comments and the recently received comments from Bucks County Department of Health. Jan Bowers noted that a further set of comments had been received from the Pennsylvania section of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC). Mr. Sayers noted that staff involved in IRP issues has not seen the NAWC comments. Mr. Gast was able to find a copy of the comments and these were copied and circulated to the group.

Ms. Bowers suggested asking the IRP subcommittee to reform and work with DRBC staff in reviewing these documents in detail and developing a response document. Dr. Mercuri noted the need for the entire committee to authorize this process. Ms. Noble made the motion to have the subcommittee review these comments and develop a response document. Ms. Bower seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ms. Bowers stated that any recommended changes made by the subcommittee should be brought back to the full committee for any action. The previous motion therefore was amended to the following: Upon completion by the DRBC staff and IRP subcommittee, the guidance document will then be presented to the full committee for approval. Ms. Noble motion to accept the amendment. Mr. Milan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A meeting date for the IRP Subcommittee Meeting was set for August 21, 2002 at Malvern. Any comments on the IRP issue can be e-mailed to Jonathan Zangwill (zangwill@drbc.state.nj.us).

3. Procedural Issues – Election of New Vice Chair

Ms. Noble made a motion to elect Mr. Milan as Vice Chairmen of the Water Management Advisory Committee. Dr. Mercuri seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Comprehensive Plan Update. Report on Progress of the Sustainable Use Subcommittee and Other Comp Plan Developments. (Sanchez/Sayers/All)

Ms. Sanchez stated there are two more ad hoc subcommittees that need to be formed which are the Education and Participation for Stewardship (new name of KRA). These committees will be looking for additional input, as well as asking some of the industry representatives from the Water Management Advisory Committee to participate and offer their comments on Management Strategies for outreach on water resources issues for their specific sectors. The Funding Committee still needs to be established.

Ms. Sanchez brought attention to the fact that the committee addressing KRA 3 has suffered an identity crisis in recent weeks; reflecting name changes to the KRA. Originally starting life as "Land Management for Water Resources Protection" it was renamed, for a short while, "Watershed Management" before changing again to "Integrating Land & Water Resources Management." During its first few months of existence the committee has not only endured corresponding name changes but has been taken from its original parent (the Water Management Advisory committee) and adopted, as a direct subcommittee, by the Watershed Advisory

Council. Ms. Sanchez encouraged members of the WMAC to participate in the Integrating Land & Water Resources Management committee, which last met on July 23, 2002.

Discussion moved to addressing specific objectives of the Sustainable Use Subcommittee, namely instream flow objectives. Mr. Leroy Young has the necessary experience in this area and the committee asked that he prepare a scope of work to determine instream flow needs (for cold-water and warm-water streams) throughout the Delaware River Basin. Mr. Young proposed to contact staff at Cornell University to assist in development of the scope of work. Jessica Sanchez recommended that the scope of work be discussed and developed with input from both the Flow Management and Waterway Corridors Committee. This approach became a management strategy for Comprehensive Plan Objective 1.2.A. If necessary, funding for the participation of consultants (e.g., researchers from Cornell University) should be available through Comprehensive Plan funds.

Ms. Bowers suggested a recommendation from this committee to the Commission to task the WMAC (and DRBC) to take the lead in coordinating the member states to discuss the issue of whether instream flow model development is a priority, and how to go about getting it accomplished.


6. Other Business and Next Meeting (All)

The next meetings of the Water Management Advisory Committee are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. September 25, 2002 and October 17, 2002 (provisional).

The WMAC meeting adjourned. However, participants of the Sustainable Use Subcommittee continued to discuss Comprehensive Plan issues. The subcommittee members reviewed the objectives assigned to the Sustainable Use Subcommittee. Progress made in developing management strategies is documented in the matrix-format spreadsheets (attached to 09/20/02 email from David Sayers).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Questions?

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