

Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Call to Order

The DRBC Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) was called to order by the Committee Vice Chair, Jordan Rajan (PWD), and was held via remote attendance capabilities using Zoom. Information pertaining to the WMAC, including member listing and past meeting materials, are available at http://www.nj.gov/drbc/about/advisory/WMAC_index.html.

Administration

- Roll Call:
 - Committee liaison Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) performed roll-call for reserved and non-reserved committee constituencies. A list of attendance is provided at the end of these meeting highlights. Quorum was established.
- Public Participation:
 - Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) inquired if there were any members of the public wishing to make comments, or if there were items to raise which may warrant additional time for public comment at the end of the meeting. No comments were received.
- Highlights:
 - The highlights of the October 15, 2025 meeting were noted. A motion was made to approve the highlights as distributed, the motion was seconded, no discussion and the vote passed.
- Administration:
 - **Membership:**
Committee liaison Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) provided the following updates regarding committee membership:

<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Status</u>
Environmental Organization	Vacant – 6/30/2026	Advertised, no applications to date
LWV/Civic Org	7/1/2022 – 6/30/2027	Advertised, no applications to date
Recreation	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2030	Advertised, no applications to date
Fisheries	7/1/2026 – 6/30/2031	Advertised, no applications to date
 - **Meeting dates 2026:**
The remaining meeting dates for 2026 were posted in error on the February 11 agenda, and are correctly listed as follows based on the vote at WMAC's October 2025 meeting:
 - Wednesday, Jun 3, 2026, 10:00AM-12:00PM EST
 - Wednesday, Oct 14, 2026, 10:00AM-12:00PM EST

Hydrologic Conditions Report

Sara Sayed (DRBC) provided a report on Basin-wide hydrologic conditions. Resources for weekly, monthly and annual hydrologic reports are archived at the following webpage. DRBC's interactive dashboard also displays a daily-updated snapshot for flow and drought management in the basin.

Presentation: https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021126/Hydrologic_Conditions_sayed.pdf

Report archives: <https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/programs/flow/hydrologic-reports.html>

Dashboard: <https://drbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/690464a9958b49e5b49550964641ffd7>

Committee Update Presentations

- **DRBC.** Amanda Khalil (DRBC) provided an update on DRBC activities, upcoming advisory committee meetings, Commission actions, and other items of interest. The presentation can be viewed at the following link.
https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021126/DRBC_Update_khalil.pdf
- **SSWP.** Amanda Khalil (DRBC) provided an update on the Subcommittee on Source Water Protection (SSWP). The presentation can be viewed at the following link.
https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021126/SSWP_Update_pindar.pdf
- **Storage Study Phase II.** Chad Pindar, P.E. (DRBC) provided an update on the Commissions ongoing study related to potential water storage options within the Basin. The presentation can be viewed at the following link.
https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021126/StorageStudy_Phase2_pindar.pdf
- **Drought Management / Contingency Planning.** Chad Pindar, P.E. (DRBC) discussed a proposed topic for the June WMAC meeting regarding state roles and responsibilities regarding drought management and planning. The presentation can be viewed at the following link.
https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021126/DRBC_DMCPs_pindar.pdf
- **DRBC Database Project.** Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) provided an update on DRBC's ongoing project to create an online application system which covers project review applications (for water withdrawals and discharges) as well as handling reporting requirements and surface water charge reporting. The presentation can be viewed at the following link.
https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021126/DRBC_Database_Update_thompson.pdf

Technical Presentations

None

State Updates

- **Delaware** – No update.
- **New Jersey** – Still in drought warning with the potential of going into a higher declaration in the spring if things don't turn around.
- **New York** – Statewide drought watch, but hopeful for the future.
- **Pennsylvania** – No update.

Other Member Updates

No update.

Public Comment

None received.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 pm.

Approved: June 3, 2026

WMAC Meeting Attendance				
CONSTITUENCY		LAST, FIRST	REPRESENTING	ATTENDANCE
State of DE		Murray, Patty	DE-DNREC	X
State of DE		A Rambo, Doug	DE-DNREC	X
State of NJ		Snook, Ian	NJ-DEP	X
State of NJ		A Maute, Donald	NJ-DEP	X
State of NY		Tarrier, Brenan	NYS-DEC	X
Commonwealth of PA		Liaghat, Hoss	PA-DEP	X
Commonwealth of PA		A Horton, James	PA-DEP	
USACE		Bittner, Laura	USACE	X
USACE		A Lewis-Coker, Christine	USACE	X
USACE		A Wacik, Gregory	USACE	
USEPA		Lynch, Katie	EPA	X
USGS		Fleming, Brandon	USGS	X
USGS		A Stuckey, Marla	USGS	
City of New York		Bucci, Dana	NYC	X
City of Philadelphia		C Anderson, Kelly	PWD	
City of Philadelphia		A Whalon, Will	PWD	
County Water Agency		Byun, Seung Ah	CCWRA	
County Water Agency		A Hutelmyer, Kate	CCWRA	X
Water Resource Agency		Luitweiler, Preston	WRA-DRB	
Industry		V Rajan, Jordan	Constellation Energy	X
Water Utility		Eisenbrey, Virginia	Artesian Water	
Agriculture		Howland, Sandra	NJ DeptAg	X
Agriculture		A Wenczel, Amanda	NJ DeptAg	
League of Women Voters/Civic Org.		VACANT	VACANT	
Environmental Organization		VACANT	VACANT	
Watershed Organization		Ramie, Laurie	UDC	X
Watershed Organization		A Engelhardt, Kerry	UDC	
Academia		Brandes, David	Lafayette College	X
Recreation		VACANT	VACANT	
Fisheries		Eyler, Sheila	USFWS	X
(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson				
Attendees	Cushman , Elizabeth	PA Geological Survey (DCNR)		X
	Dennehy, Sean	NYSDEC		X
	DiRenzo, Paul	n/a		X
	Ebert, August	City of Philadelphia		X
	Knezich, Melanie	City of Philadelphia		X
	Kolesar, Peter	Columbia University		X
	McCoy, Arlene	Merrill Creek Reservoir		X
	McHugh, Amy	USGS		X
	Salada, Zachary	PFBC		X
	Shourds, Jennifer	USGS		X
	Usechak, Louise	LWVNJ		X
DRBC	Beganskas, Sarah	DRBC		X
	Brown, Beth	DRBC		X
	Bush, Pam	DRBC		X
	Chen, Fanghui	DRBC		X
	Heller, Mike	DRBC		X
	Khalil, Amanda	DRBC		X
	Mendelsohn, Naomi	DRBC		X
	Pindar, Chad	DRBC		X
	Sayed, Sara	DRBC		X
	Schmidt, Kate	DRBC		X
	Thompson, Michael	DRBC		X