
Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights

Thursday, February 17, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The DRBC Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) was called to order by SeungAh Byun, Committee Vice Chair, and was held with remote attendance only using Zoom and its call-in capabilities. 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:**
 - Roll call was performed by Committee Liaison Michael Thompson (DRBC).
- **Public Participation:**
 - SeungAh Byun (CCWRA) inquired if there were any members of the public wishing to make comments, or if there were items to raise which may warrant addition time for public comment at the end of the meeting. No comments or items were offered.
- **Highlights:**
 - The highlights of the October 21, 2021, meeting were approved and will be posted on the WMAC webpage. A motion for approval was made by Preston Luitweiler (WRA-DRB) and seconded by Brenan Tarrier (NYS-DEC). There was no discussion and were no abstentions; the motion passed unanimously.
<https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/102121/mtg-highlights.pdf>
- **Membership:**
 - Michael Thompson (DRBC) reported the WMAC positions for the Agriculture constituency and the League of Women Voters/Civic Organization constituency will be expiring on 6/30/2022. DRBC has advertised for the positions since January 2022 and there have been no applications to date. The advertisements were posted at the following address:
<https://www.nj.gov/drbc/about/advisory/committee-openings.html>
 - Michael Thompson (DRBC) reported that the current Chair & Vice Chair elections expire 6/30/2022. Per the WMAC rules of Practices and Procedures, the current Vice Chair becomes the new Chair. Therefore, a new Vice Chair needs to be elected at the coming June meeting.

Hydrologic Conditions Report

Anthony Preucil, DRBC Water Resource Scientist, provided a report on basin-wide hydrologic conditions. The presentation is available on the following WMAC webpage:

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021722/preucil_hydro-conditions.pdf

- Resources for weekly, monthly and annual hydrologic reports are archived at the following webpage: <https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/programs/flow/hydrologic-reports.html>

- DRBC's interactive dashboard also displays a daily-updated snapshot for flow and drought management in the basin:
<https://drbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/690464a9958b49e5b49550964641ffd7>

DRBC Updates

Chad Pindar (DRBC) provided an update on DRBC activities, upcoming advisory committee meetings, Commission actions, and other items of interest:

- The DRBC Business Meeting on December 8, 2021 was held remotely, highlights and other Commission Meeting materials can be found at the following link.
(<https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/meetings/archive/recent-drbc-mtg.html>)
- Written comments on DRBC's rulemaking on importations of water into and expositions of water from the Delaware River Basin regarding discharges of wastewater from high volume hydraulic fracturing and related activities are due February 28, 2022. There were five public hearings held on the below dates, and information can be found at the following link:
 - (2) on December 8, 2021; (2) on December 15, 2021; (1) on February 3, 2022
 - https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/meetings/proposed/notice_import-export-rules.html
- The next DRBC Business Meeting is scheduled to be held on March 9, 2022

Mr. Pindar's presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/102121/Pindar_DRBCupdates.pdf

Presentations

DRBC Storage Study Update

Chad Pindar (DRBC) provided an update on the Storage Study currently being performed by Mott McDonald, in cooperation with the DRBC. The presentation provided information on the following topics, and is available for reference at the following link:

- A recap of the study's goals and objectives, as well as projects not to be considered.
- A project timeline of what has occurred thus far.
- An overview of the types of projects being considered, and the initial screening workshop results.
- A project timeline of what is expected to occur moving forward.

Mr. Pindar's presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021722/pindar_storage-study-update.pdf

Estimated Groundwater Availability in the Delaware River Basin

Sara Sayed (DRBC) gave a presentation on a project currently underway by the DRBC Water Resource Planning Section which assesses groundwater withdrawals in the Delaware River Basin on the basis of calculated availability. Some of the main aspects the presentation focused on:

- The context of this study as part of a broader project titled "*Water Supply Planning for a Sustainable Water Future 2060*".
- A background summary of groundwater availability estimation methods used by DRBC.
- A discussion of the methods used in this study, as well as the results of calculated availability.
- A discussion on limitations specifically related to the Coastal Plain.

Ms. Sayed's presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021722/sayed_DRB-gw-availability.pdf

State Updates

- **Pennsylvania** – No Updates
- **New Jersey** – No Updates
- **Delaware** – No Updates
- **New York** – No Updates

Other Member Updates

No Updates

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 pm.

Approved: June 16, 2022

WMAC Meeting Attendance			
SECTOR	WMAC MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING	ATTENDANCE
State of DE	Murray, Patty	DE-DNREC	X
State of DE (A)	Smaier, Steve	DE-DNREC	
State of NJ	MacDonald, James (Andy)	NJ-DEP	
State of NJ (A)	Miri, Joe	NJ-DEP	X
State of NY	Tarrier, Brenan	NYS-DEC	X
Commonwealth of PA	Liaghat, Hoss	PA-DEP	X
Commonwealth of PA (A)	Matlock, Mark	PA-DEP	
USACE	Bittner, Laura	USACE	X
USACE (A)	Wacik, Gregory	USACE	X
USEPA	Lynch, Katie	EPA	X
USGS	Fleming, Brandon	USGS	X
USGS (A)	Scheffler, Curtis	USGS	
City of New York	Olivio, Dana	NYC	X
City of Philadelphia	Anderson, Kelly	PWD	
City of Philadelphia (A)	Hesson, Molly	PWD	
County Water Agency (V)	Bowers, Janet	CCWRA	
County Water Agency (A)	Byun, Seung Ah	CCWRA	X
Water Resource Agency	Luitweiler, Preston	WRA-DRB	X
Industry	Rajan, Jordan	Exelon Limerick	X
Water Utility (C)	Thaeder, Kathy	Artesian Water	
Water Utility (A)	Eisenbrey, Virginia	Artesian Water	
Agriculture	Howland, Sandra	NJ DeptAg	X
League of Women Voters/Civic Org.	Cook, Kathy	LWV	X
Environmental Organization	Knutson , Kelly	Coalition for the DRW	X
Environmental Organization (A)	Murphy, Eileen	Coalition for the DRW	
Watershed Organization	Ramie, Laurie	UDC	X
Academia	Van Abs, Dan	Rutgers University	X
Recreation	Baldauff, Emily	Trout Unlimited	X
Fisheries	Eyler, Sheila	USFWS	
<i>(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson</i>			
Guests	McGuire, Meg	Delaware Currents	X
	Baxter, Stephanie	DE Geological Survey	X
	Snook, Ian	NJDEP	X
	Stern, Ira	NYC DEP	X
	Garigliano, Jennifer	NYC DEP	X
	Matonse, Adao	NYCDEP	X
	McHugh, Amy	Office of Del. Riv. Master	X
	Peacock-Jones, Kristina	PADEP	X
	Murdock, Melissa	PWD	X
	Senker, Paul		X
Lorson, Ben		X	
DRBC Staff	Beganskas, Sarah	DRBC	X
	Brown, Beth	DRBC	X
	Bush, Pam	DRBC	X
	Kavanagh, Kristen	DRBC	X
	Pindar, Chad	DRBC	X
	Pregent, Kevin	DRBC	X
	Preucil, Anthony	DRBC	X
	Rago, Pat	DRBC	X
	Sayed, Sara	DRBC	X
	Tambini, Steve	DRBC	X
	Thompson, Michael	DRBC	X
	Yagecic, John	DRBC	X

* 3 other participants were identified by phone number only.