

Water Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Highlights

Thursday, June 17, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The DRBC Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) was called to order by Kathy Thaefer, Committee 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

- **Highlights:**
 - The highlights of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved and will be posted on the following WMAC webpage. The motion was made by Mark Matlock and seconded by Preston Luitweiler. There was no discussion and were no abstentions; the motion passed unanimously. (<https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/031621/mtg-highlights.pdf>)
- **Membership:**
 - Kathy Thaefer welcomed a renewed representative for the Fisheries constituency, Sheila Eyler acting on behalf of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Delaware River Basin Fish and Wildlife Cooperative.
 - Michael Thompson reported the WMAC position for the Environmental Organization will be expiring on 6/30/2021, and that no applications have been received to date. Current WMAC membership openings are advertised at the following location: <https://www.nj.gov/drbc/about/advisory/committee-openings.html>

DRBC Updates

Kristen Bowman Kavanaugh, DRBC Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on DRBC activities, upcoming advisory committee meetings, Commission actions, and other items of interest:

- The DRBC Business Meeting on June 9, 2021, 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>)
- Storage Study: Mott MacDonald was selected through a competitive process to perform the required planning and engineering services to support DRBC staff. A kickoff meeting was held in late May and a webpage is being developed for the project. A press release is available for reference with additional details. (https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/home/newsroom/news/approved/20210414_storage-study.html)

- The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2021. The next DRBC public hearing is scheduled for August 11, 2021, followed by the Business Meeting on September 9, 2021.
 - DRBC is operational with staff working remotely. Until further notice DRBC's office building is closed.

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

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/061721/kavanagh_DRBC-updates.pdf

Presentations

Hydrologic Conditions

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/061721/preucil_hydro-cond.pdf

- Resources for weekly, monthly and annual hydrologic reports are archived at the following webpage: <http://www.nj.gov/drbc/hydrological/reports/>.
- DRBC's interactive dashboard (hydrosnap.drbc.net) also displays a daily-updated snapshot for flow and drought management in the basin.

Industrial Sector Water Withdrawal Projections

Michael Thompson (DRBC) updated the Committee on the Industrial Sector Projections being conducted by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC). The presentation is available on the WMAC webpage:

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/061721/thompson_industrial-projections.pdf

State Updates

- **Pennsylvania** – No Updates
- **New Jersey** – Planning to complete the revised State Water Plan for 2022 and working to incorporate the impacts of climate change into New Jersey supply projections.
- **Delaware** – No Updates
- **New York** – No Updates

Other Member Updates

The Water Resources Associated for the Delaware River Basin will be having a recognition dinner on September 21, 2021 at the Water Works in Philadelphia at 4PM.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Preston Luitweiler and seconded by Joe Miri. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am by Kathy Thaeber, Committee Chair.

Approved: 10/21/2021

WMAC Meeting Attendance – June 17, 2021			
SECTOR	WMAC MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING	ATTENDANCE
Delaware	Steven Smailer (A) Allison Diggins Patty Murray	DNREC	- - X
New Jersey	James (Andy) MacDonald Joe Miri	NJ DEP	- X
New York	Brenan Tarrier	NY DEC	X
Pennsylvania	Hoss Liaghiat Mark Matlock (A)	PADEP	X X
US Army Corps of Engineers	Laura Bittner Gregory Wacik	Phila. District	X X
US Env. Protection Agency	Katie Lynch	Drinking Water Protection	-
US Geological Survey	Brandon Fleming Curtis Scheffler (A)	Water Science Center	X X
City of New York	Dana Olivio	NYC DEP	X
City of Philadelphia	Kelly Anderson Molly Hesson (A)	Phila. Water Dept.	x -
County Water Agency	Jan Bowers (V) Seung Ah Byun (A)	Chester Co. WR Authority	- X
Water Resource Association	Preston Luitweiler	WRA of the DRB	X
Industry			VACANT
Water Utility	Kathy Thaeber (C) Virginia Eisenbrey (A)	Artesian Water	X X
Agriculture	Sandra Howland	NJ Dept. of Agriculture	X
Civic	Meg Pierce	PA League of Women Voters	-
Environmental Organization	Mary Ellen Noble	Delaware Riverkeeper Network	X
Watershed Organization	Laurie Ramie (temp)	Upper Delaware Council	X
Academia	Dan Van Abs	Rutgers University	X
Recreation	Keith Fritschie	Trout Unlimited	X
Fisheries	Sheila Eyler	US F&W Service	X
<i>(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson</i>			
DRBC Staff	Steve Tambini	Executive Director	X
	Kristen B. Kavanagh	Deputy Executive Director	X
	Chad Pindar	Water Resource Planning	X
	Anthony Preucil	Water Resource Operations	X
	Amy Shallcross	Water Resource Operations	X
	Michael Thompson	WMAC Liaison	X
	Sara Sayed	Water Resource Scientist	X
	John Yagecic	Manager, Water Quality Assessment	X
	Lulin Zhong	Finance/Accounting Manager	X
GUESTS	Brian Chalfont	PADEP	X
	Meg McGuire	Delaware Currents	X
	Linda Plesic	Century Engineering	X
	Kent Barr	NJDEP	X
	Heather Galbraith	PFBC	X
	Jen Shourds	USGS	X
	Jordan Rajan	Exelon Limerick	X
	Sandra Meola	NJ Audubon	X
	Jennifer Farmwald	NYS DEP	X

* 5 other participants were identified by phone number only.