

Water Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Call to Order

The DRBC Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) was called to order by the Committee Chair, SeungAh Byun, P.E., PhD (CCWRA), 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.
- Public Participation:
 - SeungAh Byun, P.E., PhD (CCWRA) 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 or items were offered.
- Highlights:
 - The highlights of the February 14, 2024, meeting were approved and will be posted on the WMAC webpage. A motion for approval was made and seconded. There was no discussion and there were no abstentions; the motion passed unanimously.
(<https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021424/mtg-highlights.pdf>)
- Administration:
 - **Membership:** Committee liaison Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) announced that there have been no applications received for the existing openings. Preston Luitweiler (WRA-DRB) indicated that he received approval to reapply for his existing position and intends to do so.
 - **Vice-chair:** SeungAh Byun, P.E., PhD (CCWRA) opened the floor for nominations/volunteers for the position of Vice-Chair; following deliberations, SeungAh Byun made a motion to appoint Jordan Rajan (Constellation - Limerick Generating Station) as the Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Brenan Tarrier (NYS-DEC). There was no discussion and there were no abstentions; the motion passed unanimously.

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/062624/HydrologicConditions_sayed.pdf

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

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

- SeungAh Byun, P.E., PhD (CCWRA) noted that CCWRA is working with NOAA to update the flood action stages for Chester County gauges – but that it is a process which might take a few years.
- Laura Bittner (USACE) asked about the status of the Reedy Point gage. Amy Shallcross (DRBC) mentioned that there is a temporary deployment gage installed by USGS, but that the data is not real time and therefore daily data is not currently available. A new location has been identified and work is ongoing with the U.S. Coast Guard.

DRBC Update

Chad Pindar, P.E. (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/062624/DRBC-Update_pindar.pdf

Presentations

Delaware River Sourcewater Protection

Steve Tambini, P.E. (DRBC) gave a presentation to provide an overview of a newly established subcommittee to the WMAC, termed the Subcommittee on Source Water Protection (SSWP). The presentation can be viewed at the following link:

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/062624/SSWP_tambini.pdf

State of the Basin Report (2024)

Shannon Norbert (DRBC) gave a presentation on a current DRBC initiative to draft a “State of the Basin” report which is intended to be published every five years. The presentation can be viewed at the following link: https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/062624/SOTB-Update_norbert.pdf

State Updates

- Pennsylvania – No updates.
- New Jersey – No updates.
- Delaware – No updates.
- New York – Brennan Tarrier (NYS-DEC) provided a very brief update on the NYC aqueduct shutdown.

Other Member Updates

None

Public Comment

No comments.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.

Approved: October 16, 2024

WMAC Meeting Attendance			
SECTOR	WMAC MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING	ATTENDANCE
State of DE	Murray, Patty	DE-DNREC	X
State of DE (A)	Rambo, Doug	DE-DNREC	X
State of NJ	MacDonald, James (Andy)	NJ-DEP	
State of NJ (A)	Miri, Joe	NJ-DEP	
State of NY	Tarrier, Brenan	NYS-DEC	X
Commonwealth of PA	Liaghat, Hoss	PA-DEP	X
Commonwealth of PA (A)	Horton, James	PA-DEP	X
USACE	Bittner, Laura	USACE	X
USACE (A)	Lewis-Coker, Christine	USACE	
USACE (A)	Wacik, Gregory	USACE	X
USEPA	Lynch, Katie	EPA	
USGS	Fleming, Brandon	USGS	X
USGS (A)	Chaplin, Jeffrey	USGS	X
City of New York	Bucci, Dana	NYC	X
City of Philadelphia (V)	Anderson, Kelly	PWD	X
City of Philadelphia (A)	Whalon, Will	PWD	X
County Water Agency (C)	Byun, Seung Ah	CCWRA	X
County Water Agency (A)	Hutelmyer, Kate	CCWRA	
Water Resource Agency	Luitweiler, Preston	WRA-DRB	X
Industry	Rajan, Jordan	Exelon Limerick	X
Water Utility	Eisenbrey, Virginia	Artesian Water	X
Agriculture	Howland, Sandra	NJ DeptAg	X
Agriculture (A)	Wenczel, Amanda	NJ DeptAg	
League of Women Voters/Civic Org.	Cook, Kathy	PA-LWV	
League of Women Voters/Civic Org.	Xiao, Jinghua	PA-LWV	
Environmental Organization	VACANT	VACANT	
Watershed Organization	Ramie, Laurie	UDC	
Watershed Organization (A)	Engelhardt, Kerry	UDC	X
Academia	Van Abs, Dan	Rutgers University	
Recreation	Baldauff, Emily	Trout Unlimited	X
Fisheries	Eyler, Sheila	USFWS	X
(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson			
Public	Aminto, Allison	EPA Region 3	X
	DuPoldt, Carl	Green Building Solutions & Supplies, LLC	X
	Ghobrial, Dalia	City of Trenton	X
	Gotsch, Brent	NYCDEP	X
	Hebelka, Joe	PADEP	X
	Hogsten, Virginia	EPA Region 3	X
	Lorson, Ben	PA Fish and Boat Commission	X
	McCoy, Arlene	Merrill Creek Reservoir	X
	McGuire, Meg	Delaware Currents	X
	Rajput, Vijay	Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority	X
	Reilly, Maggie	Aqua	X
	Rogalus, Meghan	Partnership for the Delaware Estuary	X
	Seng, Krista	Aqua	X
	Shourds, Jennifer	USGS New Jersey Water Science Center	X
	Van Patten, Susan	NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation	X
DRBC	Beganskas, Sarah	DRBC	X
	Brown, Beth	DRBC	X
	Bush, Pam	DRBC	X
	Heller, Mike	DRBC	X
	Kavanagh, Kristen	DRBC	X
	Lentini, Avery	DRBC	X
	Norbert, Shannon	DRBC	X
	Pindar, Chad	DRBC	X
	Pregent, Kevin	DRBC	X
	Rago, Pat	DRBC	X

	Sayed, Sara	DRBC	X
	Schmidt, Kate	DRBC	X
	Shallcross, Amy	DRBC	X
	Tambini, Steve	DRBC	X
	Thompson, Michael	DRBC	X
	Zhong, Lulin	DRBC	X

** 1 other participant(s) were identified by phone number only.*