
Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
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, Kelly Anderson (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.
- 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 February 19, 2025 meeting were noted. A motion was made to approve the highlights as distributed, the motion was seconded, no discussion and the vote passed.
 - The highlights of the June 18, 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
Recreation	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2030	Advertised, no applications to date
 - **Meeting dates 2025:**
Date for the 2026 schedule were introduced by Michael Thompson (DRBC). A motion was made to accept the date, was seconded without discussion, and the vote passed. The dates are as follows:
 - Wednesday, Feb 11 2026, 10:00AM-12:00PM EST
 - Wednesday, Jun 3 2026, 10:00AM-12:00PM EST
 - Wednesday, Oct 14 2026, 10:00AM-12:00PM EST

Hydrologic Conditions Report

Fanghui Chen, Ph.D., P.E. (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/101525/Chen_HydrologicConditions.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.** 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/101525/Pindar_DRBC_Updates.pdf
- **SWWP.** Chad Pindar, P.E. (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/101525/Pindar_SSWP_Updates.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/101525/Pindar_StorageStudyPhaseII.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/101525/Thompson_DatabaseUpdate.pdf

Technical Presentations

Data Centers in the DRB

Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) gave a presentation providing an overview of data centers, how they intersect with the Delaware River Basin, and what the DRBC is doing regarding the emerging industry of data centers. The presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/101525/Thompson_DataCenters.pdf

State Updates

- **Delaware** – No update.
- **New Jersey** – Drought watch status of the whole state, as mentioned in hydrologic update report.
- **New York** – Similar to New Jersey, there is a drought watch for the portions of the Delaware River Basin. There was some help from last rain, but these areas are still in watch status for now. Additionally, there are anticipated amendments to the state's Part 610 regulations for water withdrawals intended to clarify previous language in the regulations.
- **Pennsylvania** – There was a drought meeting recently which added four counties to the list.

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 12:06 pm.

Approved: **TBD**

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	X
USACE		Bittner, Laura	USACE	X
USACE	A	Lewis-Coker, Christine	USACE	
USACE	A	Wacik, Gregory	USACE	
USEPA		Lynch, Katie	EPA	X
USGS		Fleming, Brandon	USGS	
USGS	A	Chaplin, Jeffrey	USGS	
City of New York		Bucci, Dana	NYC	X
City of Philadelphia	C	Anderson, Kelly	PWD	X
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	X
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.		Cook, Kathy	PA-LWV	
League of Women Voters/Civic Org.	A	Xiao, Jinghua	PA-LWV	
Environmental Organization		VACANT	VACANT	
Watershed Organization		Ramie, Laurie	UDC	
Watershed Organization	A	Engelhardt, Kerry	UDC	
Academia		Brandes, David	Lafayette College	X
Recreation		VACANT	VACANT	
Fisheries		Eyler, Sheila	USFWS	
<i>(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson</i>				
Attendees		Adams, Duke	PADEP	X
		Curran, Kelley	NJ Highlands Council	X
		Davis, Rachel	Waterspirit	X
		Dennehy, Sean	NYSDEC	X
		DiRenzo, Paul	n/a	X
		Duzinski, Phil	City of Philadelphia	X
		Ezyske, Casey	NJ Highlands Council	X
		Friend, Sarah	NJ Highlands Council	X
		Hascha, Alexander	NJ Highlands Council	X
		Humphries, James	NJ Highlands Council	X
		Knezich, Melanie	City of Philadelphia	X
		Leung, Kinman	Philadelphia Water Department	X
		Lorson, Ben	PA Fish and Boat Commission	X
		Mateyak, Gayle	Lehigh County	X
		McCoy, Arlene	Merrill Creek Reservoir	X
		McHugh, Amy	USGS	X
		Norton, Ashley	DNREC Division of Water	X
	Rybacki, Erin	PADEP	X	
	Salada, Zachary	PA Fish and Boat Commission	X	
DRBC		Chen, Fanghui	DRBC	X
		Amato, Matthew	DRBC	X
		Munchback, Amber	DRBC	X
		Pindar, Chad	DRBC	X
		Schmidt, Kate	DRBC	X
		Thompson, Michael	DRBC	X