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DRBC WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING October 18, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Ellen Noble	Delaware Riverkeeper Network, WMAC Chair
Ferdows Ali	NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Michael Bleicher	NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
Janet Bowers	Chester County Water Resources Authority
Erik Schmitt*	NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (<i>via Conference Call</i>)
Brenan Tarrier*	NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (<i>via Conference Call</i>)
David Jostenski	PA Department of Environmental Protection
George Kunkel	Philadelphia Water Department
Julia Rockwell*	Philadelphia Water Department
Alison Aminto*	Philadelphia Water Department
Dana Olivio*	NYC Department of Environmental Protection (<i>via Conference Call</i>)
Stewart Lovell	Delaware DNREC
John Mello	US EPA, Region II
Bob Molzahn	Water Resources Association
Ron Sloto	US Geological Survey
Eric Evenson*	US Geological Survey
Edith Stevens	League of Women Voters-PA
Glen Stevens	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Joanne Rufft	Artesian Water Company

*Denotes alternate or non-official member.

DRBC STAFF:

Kent Barr, Planning & Information Technology
Kenneth Najjar, Planning & Information Technology
Jessica Sanchez, Planning & Information Technology
David Sayers, Planning & Information Technology
Bob Tudor, Deputy Executive Director
Amy Shallcross, Supervisor, Operations Section
Hernan Quinodoz, Operations Section

The DRBC Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) meeting, chaired by Mary Ellen Noble and then new chair George Kunkel, was held on October 18, 2011 at the DRBC offices in West Trenton, NJ.

Minutes/Agenda/Administrative:

Meeting minutes from 5/17/2011 and the 10/18/2011 agenda were approved without change
Membership Status: George Kunkel (PWD) was elected Committee Chair and Dana Olivio (NYCDEP) was elected Committee Vice Chair.

Regionalization of Wastewater/Public Water Supply in the DRB:

Jessica Sanchez briefly explained how DRBC regulations address regionalization of wastewater and public water supply differently. State Reps reported how State regulations address

regionalization. Committee expressed interest in working on this topic and agreed to have a conference call to discuss the issue further.

DRBC Long Term Water Supply Planning

Bob Tudor updated the committee on DRBC's long term water supply planning and how DRBC's efforts can benefit from involvement with the USGS Water Census.

USGS Water SMART/Water Census Program

Eric Evenson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the national Water Census program. The Delaware River Basin is one of three focus areas selected for study. Collaboration on this project between DRBC, USGS and other stakeholders will benefit DRBC's efforts in achieving its long term water supply planning goals.

Public Water Supply, Thermoelectric Power and Industry – Water Use Trend Analysis

Kent Barr gave a short presentation of water withdrawals over approximately 20 years by the three largest water use sectors in the DRB; public water supply, thermoelectric power and industrial. Collectively, the 118 facilities presented account for roughly 83 percent of total withdrawals in the DRB.

Water Loss Accountability Regulatory Update

David Sayers noted DRBC activity and schedule which will require mandatory reporting in 2013 for 2012 calendar year audits in AWWA format. George Kunkel gave an update on key activity in other states and the growing interest in this topic.

DRBC Water Supply Charging Advisory Committee Update

Amy Shallcross reported that DRBC is working to complete the membership (DE and PA reps still needed) and expects to schedule the first meeting for November or early December.

State Water Plan Updates:

- NY: New regulations go into effect February 15th. Water source permitting program will now permit sources withdrawing greater than 100,000 gallons per day. Over 600 new permits are expected in the next 4 years.
- PA: Noted 2 Critical Area Resource Plans are underway (1 in Adams County, 1 in Fayette and Somerset Counties) and expected to be completed in 2012. Currently working with SRBC on ecoflow/lowflow policy development and this effort is going to go statewide. Water management plans for natural gas have become a workload intensive area. Water use reporting program continues.
- NJ: NJ Water Supply Plan still being reviewed and merged with the new State Plan. No public meetings are scheduled yet.
- DE: Updates to the Kent and Sussex County Supply plans have been on hold due to retiring of key personnel at the Delaware Geological Survey. Work should commence soon with new hires. Also working to expand groundwater monitoring network in New Castle and Kent Counties. DE has \$600,000 for deep well installations this year and hopes to have the same again next year.

Natural Gas Rule:

Ken Najjar updated the committee on DRBC's Natural Gas Rule. DRBC is working on a comment/response document to address the 68,000 comments received. The Oct. 21 date for voting on the rule was pushed back to Nov. 21. The rule and comment/response document will be released two weeks before Nov. 21.

DRBC Data Management Upgrade:

David Sayers gave a brief update on DRBC's development of a web-based data management system.

Future Meetings:

10AM Tuesday, January 24th, 2012

10AM Tuesday, May 1st, 2012