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Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, June 28, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.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 in the Goddard Room of the DRBC office building, with 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

- Administrative:
 - Committee liaison Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) gave a DRBC security announcement.
- Roll Call:
 - Committee liaison Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) performed roll-call for reserved and non-reserved committee constituencies.
- 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 08, 2023, 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/020823/mtg-highlights.pdf>)

Hydrologic Conditions Report

Amy Shallcross, P.E. (DRBC) 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/020823/DRBChydrologic-rpt_preucil.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 Update

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

- The DRBC Business Meeting on June 7, 2022 resulted in the following:
 - A Resolution for the Minutes honoring and recognizing the vital relationship between the City of Camden, New Jersey, its neighborhood and business communities, and its Delaware River waterfront.
 - Resolution No. 2023-01 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2026 Water Resources Program was approved by unanimous vote.
 - Resolution No. 2023-02 to adopt the Commission’s annual current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 was approved by unanimous vote.
 - Resolution No. 2023-04 to reauthorize the Toxics Advisory Committee (TAC) was approved by unanimous vote.
 - A Resolution for the Minutes authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement for the abatement of asbestos-containing ceiling tiles in the Commission’s West Trenton office building was approved by unanimous vote.
 - A Resolution for the Minutes authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a agreement for professional services to advise on and manage an upgrade of the Commission’s database system was approved by unanimous vote.
 - 27 dockets were approved by unanimous vote.
- The next DRBC Public Hearing is scheduled to be held on August 9, 2023.
- The next DRBC Business Meeting is scheduled to be held on September 7, 2023.
- DRBC has hired a new staff member: Avery Lentini, Community Engagement Specialist
- There were two existing employment opportunities open at DRBC.

The presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/062823/DRBC-Update_pindar.pdf

Presentations

DRBC Storage Study Update

Chad Pindar, P.E. (DRBC) provided an update on the Storage Study published by DRBC as Technical Report No. 2023-2, titled Evaluation of Additional Storage in the Delaware River Basin. The report is available at the following link (<https://www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/flow/reservoir-storage-study.html>).

The presentation included an overview of the report, highlight of specific Storage Project Summaries (SPSs), and the online GIS tool supporting the final report. The presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/062823/StorageStudyUpdate_pindar.pdf

Water Audit Trend Analysis (Update)

Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) gave a presentation on the ongoing project focused on analyzing 10 years of data collected by DRBC through the DRBC Water Audit Program. The presentation can be referenced at the following link:

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/062823/WaterAudits_thompson.pdf

State Updates

- **Pennsylvania** – No updates.
- **New Jersey** – Provided information that the website for the State Water Plan update is available (<https://dep.nj.gov/water-supply-plan/>)
- **Delaware** – No updates
- **New York** –
 - Brenan Tarrier (NYS-DEC) noted that in June 2023, “EPA issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to revise the WaterSense Specification for Tank-Type Toilets to make improvements to the specification criteria. EPA is looking to reevaluate the effective flush volume requirements, including the criteria for dual-flush toilets”. More information can be found on the following website (<https://www.epa.gov/watersense/residential-toilets>).
 - Brenan Tarrier (NYS-DEC) highlighted that in March 2023, the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council and the New York State Department of State have released a document for the purpose of posting a notice of rule in development which affects plumbing fixtures. The document is currently a draft and contingent on other code development cycles; it proposes a reduction of showerhead flow rates from 2.5 gallons per minute (GPM) to 2.0 GPM.
(https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/03/2023-03-23_pc_nrd-document_draft-version-1.0.pdf)

Other Member Updates

No updates.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.

Approved: 10/12/2023

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)	Horton, James	PA-DEP	X
USACE	Bittner, Laura	USACE	X
USACE (A)	Wacik, Gregory	USACE	X
USEPA	Lynch, Katie	EPA	X
USGS	Fleming, Brandon	USGS	X
USGS (A)	Chaplin, Jeffrey	USGS	
City of New York	Olivio, Dana	NYC	X
City of Philadelphia (V)	Anderson, Kelly	PWD	X
City of Philadelphia (A)	Hesson, Molly	PWD	
County Water Agency (C)	Byun, Seung Ah	CCWRA	X
Water Resource Agency	Luitweiler, Preston	WRA-DRB	X
Industry	Rajan, Jordan	Exelon Limerick	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	LWV	
Environmental Organization	Knutson , Kelly	Coalition for the DRW	X
Environmental Organization (A)	Murphy, Eileen	Coalition for the DRW	
Watershed Organization	Ramie, Laurie	UDC	X
Watershed Organization (A)	Engelhardt, Kerry	UDC	
Academia	Van Abs, Dan	Rutgers University	
Recreation	Baldauff, Emily	Trout Unlimited	X
Fisheries	Eyler, Sheila	USFWS	
<i>(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson</i>			
Guests	Collier, Carol	Academy of Natural Sciences	X
	Difrenna, Vin	USGS	X
	DuPolt, Carl	Green Building Solutions & Supplies, LLC	X
	Garges, Christopher	Solebury Township	X
	Garigliano, Jennifer	NYC DEP	X
	Gotsch, Brent	NYC DEP	X
	Holmbeck, Skelly	WRA-DRB	X
	Korpics, Karen	Merrill Creek Reservoir	X
	McCoy, Arlene	Merrill Creek Reservoir	X
	McEwan, Robert	Solebury Township	X
	McGuire, Meg	Delaware Currents	X
	Miller, Matt	Aqua Pennsylvania	X
	Shourds, Jennifer	USGS NJWSC	X
	Sildorff, Eric	Delaware Riverkeeper Network	X
	Snook, Ian	NJDEP	X
van Rossum, Maya	Delaware Riverkeeper Network	X	
Walsh, Timothy	GHD	X	
DRBC	Bush, Pam	DRBC	X
	Heinicke, Karl	DRBC	X
	Kavanagh, Kristen	DRBC	X
	Lentini, Avery	DRBC	X
	McCann, Chris	DRBC	X
	Pindar, Chad	DRBC	X
	Pregent, Kevin	DRBC	X
	Sayed, Sara	DRBC	X
	Schmidt, Kate	DRBC	X
	Shallcross, Amy	DRBC	X

	Suk, Namsoo	DRBC	X
	Thompson, Michael	DRBC	X
	Tambini, Steve	DRBC	X

** 2 other participants were identified by phone number only.*