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Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights

Thursday, October 12, 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. 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 June 28, 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/062823/mtg-highlights.pdf>)
- Administration:
 - Committee liaison Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) announced that two non-reserved position terms are expiring on 06/30/2024 and will be advertised for beginning in January. The non-reserved position are County Water Agency, and Water Resource Agency.
 - Dates for meetings in 2024 were proposed and approved:
 - Wednesday, February 14th 2024 (10am-12pm)
 - Wednesday, June 26th 2024 (10am-12pm)
 - Wednesday, October 16th 2024 (10am-12pm)

Hydrologic Conditions Report

Amy Shallcross, 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: <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 September 7, 2023, resulted in the following:
 - Resolution for the Minutes to support regulatory efficiency, intergovernmental coordination and clarity to the public in revising the aquatic life designated uses to provide for fish propagation and corresponding water quality criteria for dissolved oxygen in the Delaware Estuary.
 - Resolution for the Minutes authorizing DRBC to enter into a contract with PDE for mussel restoration in the Bushkill Creek, Northampton County, PA.
 - 20 dockets were approved by unanimous vote.
- The next DRBC Public Hearing is scheduled to be held on November 8, 2023.
- The next DRBC Business Meeting is scheduled to be held on December 6, 2023.
- DRBC has hired new staff members:
 - Amber Munchback, Finance & Administration Specialist
 - Michael Heller, Information Technology Specialist
- There is one existing employment opportunity open within the DRBC Project Review section.

The presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/101223/DRBC_Update_pindar.pdf

Presentations

Annual plumbing code update

Sara Sayed (DRBC) provided an update on the current status of plumbing standards across the Basin. The presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/101223/PlumbingCodes_sayed.pdf

Water audit report

Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) gave a presentation on the project focused on analyzing 10 years of data collected by DRBC through the DRBC Water Audit Program. The title of the report is "A Comprehensive Assessment of the Delaware River Basin Commission's Water Audit Program (2012-2021)".

- The presentation can be referenced at the following link:
https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/062823/WaterAudits_thompson.pdf
- The final publication of the report can be referenced at the following link:
https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/wateraudits/Assessment_WaterAuditProgram2012-2021_dec2023.pdf

State Updates

- **Pennsylvania** – No updates.
- **New Jersey** – No updates.
- **Delaware** – No updates.
- **New York** – In response to the brief update on plumbing standards, Brenan Tarrier (NYSDEC) mentioned that there are additional references for plumbing standards which might be applicable to consider, regarding future updates to the WMAC.

Other Member Updates

- SeungAh Byun, P.E., PhD (CCWRA) provided an update regarding Chester County's Comprehensive Water Resource Plan "Chester County Watersheds 2045". Information is available at the following link:
<https://www.chesco.org/4275/Chester-County-Watersheds-2045>

Public Comment

- Carl DuPoldt (associated with the Darby Creek Valley Association) asked a question related to a water quality standard upgrade of Whetstone Run, a tributary within the Darby Creek watershed in southeastern Pennsylvania. Chad Pindar, P.E. (DRBC) provided a response that DRBC's Water Management Advisory Committee is not involved in the matter, and the current meeting is likely not the best avenue for inquiries or discussion on the topic.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Approved: 02/14/2024

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	
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	
USEPA	Lynch, Katie	EPA	X
USGS	Fleming, Brandon	USGS	X
USGS (A)	Chaplin, Jeffrey	USGS	X
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	
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	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	X
Recreation	Baldauff, Emily	Trout Unlimited	
Fisheries	Eyler, Sheila	USFWS	
<i>(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson</i>			
	Barr, Kent	NJDEP-NJGWS	X
	Collier, Carol	ANS	X
	DiRenzo, Paul	Peak Hour Power, LLC	X
	Dohm, Joel V.	USACE	X
	DuPoldt, Carl	Green Building Solutions & Supplies, LLC	X
	Essaid, Hedef	USGS	X
	Gotsch, Brent	NYC DEP	X
	Holmbeck, Skelly	WRA-DRB	X
	Koffenberger, Barbara	Autodesk	X
	Leung, Kinman	Philadelphia Water Department	X
	Lick, Nicole	EPA R3	X
	Mazero, Julian	Susquehanna River Basin Commission	X
	McCoy, Arlene	Merrill Creek Reservoir	X
	McGuire, Meg	Delaware Currents	X
	McKinley, Clinton	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	X
	Miller, Matt	Aqua America	X
	Shourds, Jennifer	USGS New Jersey Water Science Center	X
Walsh, Timothy	GHD	X	
DRBC	Beganskas, Sarah	DRBC	X
	Brown, Beth	DRBC	X
	Bush, Pam	DRBC	X
	Chen, Fanghui	DRBC	X
	Kavanagh, Kristen	DRBC	X
	Pindar, Chad	DRBC	X
	Sayed, Sara	DRBC	X
	Schmidt, Kate	DRBC	X
	Shallcross, Amy	DRBC	X

	Thompson, Michael	DRBC	X
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** 1 other participant(s) were identified by phone number only.*