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Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights

Thursday, October 13, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The DRBC Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) was called to order by Kelly Anderson (PWD), Committee Vice-Chair, and was held with remote attendance only using Zoom and its call-in capabilities. 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 (DRBC) gave a DRBC security announcement.
- Roll Call:
 - Committee liaison Michael Thompson (DRBC) performed roll-call for reserved and non-reserved committee constituencies.
- Public Participation:
 - Kelly Anderson (PWD) 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 16, 2022, meeting were approved and will be posted on the WMAC webpage. A motion for approval was made by Kelly Knutson (Coalition for the DRW) and seconded by Brenan Tarrier (NYS-DEC). There was no discussion and there were no abstentions; the motion passed unanimously.
(<https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/061622/mtg-highlights.pdf>)

Hydrologic Conditions Report

Anthony Preucil (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/101322/preucil_hydro-conditions.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 (DRBC) provided an update on DRBC activities, upcoming advisory committee meetings, Commission actions, and other items of interest:

- The DRBC Business Meeting on September 8, 2022 resulted in the adoption of three resolutions and the approval of 21 dockets. Meeting materials can be found at the following link.
(<https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/meetings/archive/recent-drbc-mtg.html>)
- The next DRBC Public Hearing is scheduled to be held on November 9, 2022.
- The next DRBC Business Meeting is scheduled to be held on December 7, 2022.
- An update was provided regarding the Aquatic Life Designated Use Study – Draft Analysis of Attainability being performed by DRBC. Draft technical reports were uploaded September 30, 2022 at the following web address. Next steps related to the study were outlined in the presentation.
(https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/about/advisory/WQAC_index.html#AA)

Mr. Pindar's presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/101322/pindar_DRBCupdates.pdf

Presentations

Update on Pennsylvania State Water Plan

James Horton (PADEP) gave a presentation on the Pennsylvania State Water Plan which is being updated. The presentation included a history of the State Water Plan with some historical context of regulatory action in Pennsylvania related to water resources, and overview of Act 220, an overview of the previous State Water Plan update of 2009, data sharing efforts related to water withdrawals and use, and the current status of the revised State Water Plan. The presentation can be viewed at the following link:

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/101322/horton_PA_WaterPlan_padep.pdf

DRBC Storage Study Update

Chad Pindar (DRBC) provided an update on the Storage Study currently being performed by Mott McDonald, in cooperation with the DRBC. Of note, the contract length was extended to December 31, 2022. It was noted that a draft report was submitted to DRBC on August 15, 2022 which is being reviewed by DRBC staff. On September 9, 2022 DRBC provided comments back to Mott McDonald on the draft report. The next steps include DRBC's receipt of a revised report to share with the signatory members for review. A final revision process is expected to occur with Mott McDonald which will result in a final report. Mr. Pindar's presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/101322/pindar_DRBCstorage-study_update.pdf

State Updates

- **Pennsylvania** – No Updates
- **New Jersey** – No Updates
- **Delaware** – No Updates
- **New York** – Brenan Tarrier shared that NYSDEC was holding an information session regarding potential regulatory revisions to NYSDEC state code Title 6, Chapter V, Subchapter E, Part 601 (Water Withdrawal Permitting, Reporting and Registration (Exclusive of Long Island Wells Regulated Under Part 602 of This Title)) and Part 602 (Applications for Long Island Wells). The information was emailed to WMAC representatives and alternates.

Other Member Updates

No Updates

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Miri (NJDEP) and seconded by Sandra Howland (NJ Dep of Ag). The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am.

Approved: February 8, 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	
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)	Scheffler, Curtis	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	
Water Resource Agency	Luitweiler, Preston	WRA-DRB	X
Industry	Rajan, Jordan	Exelon Limerick	X
Water Utility (A)	Eisenbrey, Virginia	Artesian Water	
Water Utility	Thaeder, Kathy	Artesian Water	
Agriculture	Howland, Sandra	NJ DeptAg	X
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	
Watershed Organization (A)	Engelhardt, Kerry	UDS	X
Academia	Van Abs, Dan	Rutgers University	X
Recreation	Baldauff, Emily	Trout Unlimited	X
Fisheries	Eyler, Sheila	USFWS	X
<i>(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson</i>			
Guests	Garigliano , Jennifer	NYCDEP	X
	Gotsch ,Brent	NYCDEP	X
	Haggerty ,Kenneth	Artesian Water	X
	Baxter, Stefanie	Univ. Delaware	X
	Libbey, Patricia	NA	X
	McCoy, Arlene	Merrill Creek	X
	Korpics, Karen	Merrill Creek	X
	DiRenzo, Paul	NA	X
	Collier, Carol	Academy of Natural Science	X
McGuire, Meg	Delaware Currents	X	
DRBC	Beganskas, Sarah	DRBC	X
	Brown, Beth	DRBC	X
	Bush, Pam	DRBC	X
	Chen, Fanghui	DRBC	X
	Engle, Eric	DRBC	X
	Heinicke, Karl	DRBC	X
	Kavanagh, Kristen	DRBC	X
	Pindar, Chad	DRBC	X
	Pregent, Kevin	DRBC	X
	Preucil, Anthony	DRBC	X
	Rago, Pat	DRBC	X
	Sayed, Sara	DRBC	X
	Shallcross, Amy	DRBC	X
	Thompson, Michael	DRBC	X
Tambini, Steve	DRBC	X	

* 1 other participants were identified by phone number only.