

## **Subcommittee on Source Water Protection**

### **Meeting Highlights**

Thursday, November 14, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Call to Order**

The first meeting of the DRBC Subcommittee on Source Water Protection (SSWP) was started by the DRBC staff liaison, Chad Pindar. The meeting was held both in-person and virtually using the Zoom meeting platform. The in-person meeting took place at the New Jersey American Water Company (NJAWC) Delran water treatment facility. Information pertaining to the SSWP, including member listing, is available at [https://www.nj.gov/drbc/about/advisory/SSWP\\_index.html](https://www.nj.gov/drbc/about/advisory/SSWP_index.html).

### **Administration**

- Roll Call:
  - Committee liaison Chad Pindar performed roll-call for reserved and non-reserved subcommittee constituencies. A list of attendance is provided at the end of these meeting highlights.
- Welcome:
  - Steve Tambini (DRBC) provided a welcome to attendees and thanked NJAWC for hosting the first meeting of the new SWPP. NJAWC showed a safety video.
- Chair & Vice Chair:
  - In accordance with Resolution 2024-5, a Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected annually for the SSWP. Kristi English (PAWC) made a motion to nominate Will Whalon (PWD) and Erin Schulberger (BCWSA) to serve as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. The motion was seconded by Dan Preston (NPWA). There was no discussion and there were no abstentions; the motion passed unanimously.

### **Session 1: Spill Response**

- Alex Ridyard (Sage Services on behalf of PWD) presented on the Delaware Valley Early Warning System. His presentation can be viewed at: [https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/SSWP/111424/Ridyard\\_DelawareValleyEWS.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/SSWP/111424/Ridyard_DelawareValleyEWS.pdf)
- Joey Fogarty (DRBC) presented on the various DRBC spill models. His presentation can be viewed at: [https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/SSWP/111424/Fogarty\\_DRBC\\_SpillModels.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/SSWP/111424/Fogarty_DRBC_SpillModels.pdf)
- Josh Miller (USCG) presented on the Delaware Estuary Interagency Response Coordination. His presentation can be viewed at: [https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/SSWP/111424/Miller\\_USCG\\_Response\\_Coordination.p  
df](https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/SSWP/111424/Miller_USCG_Response_Coordination.pdf)
- Connor Stahl (NJAWC) presented on NJAWC's drone program. His presentation can be viewed at: [https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/SSWP/111424/Stahl\\_DockedDrones.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/SSWP/111424/Stahl_DockedDrones.pdf)

## **Lunch Break – 12-12:45**

### **Recap / Discussion**

- Subcommittee Chair Will Whalon (PWD) did a brief recap of the morning's presentations and initiated a brief discussion on future subject matters for the subcommittee.

### **Session 2: Agency SWP Roundtable Discussion**

- Doug Rambo (DNREC) – updating SWP plans, delineation of zones, statewide PFAS studies
- Ben Swartz (NJDEP) – overhaul of SWP program (first since early 2000's), C1 waters, SRRF funds
- Susan Van Patten (NYSDEC) – DWSP2 program, state funding for technical assistance, 604(b)3 \$
- Matt Waldron (PADEP) – Updating SWP guidance, technical support, HAB SOP, zone delineations
- Katie Lynch and Beth Garcia (EPAR2, EPAR3) – success of sourcewater collaboratives hinges on partnerships, NE-Mid Atlantic Forest & Water Partnership, resilient utilities, NYCDEP program/FAD

### **Session 3: Utility Roundtable**

- PWD – climate resilience planning, floatables, PFAS & emerging contaminants, future interest in funding on-the-ground projects in the Delaware, similar to SRRF
- North Penn Water Authority – Point Pleasant Pump user, increased communication & coordination with others
- Aqua PA – revamping SW/GW priorities, Watersuite, internal dashboard of risks
- Middlesex Water – D&R canal user, focus on PFAS, HABs, emergency response and drills
- NJAWC – drone program, revamping SWP program, PFAS, 1,4 dioxane
- PAWC – new program staffing for PA and NJ, new intake monitoring equipment, HABs, cyanotoxins, communication and sharing of information, train derailments
- LCA – PFAS, 1,4 dioxane

**Public Input:** No one from the public offered any comments or requests.

### **Administration:**

- The subcommittee discussed future potential agenda items/topics as well as the frequency of future meetings and the merits of in-person vs. virtual meetings. There was interest in drills or other types of spill response exercises, emerging contaminants, HABs and hazard inventories. The group appeared to coalesce around having two meetings in CY2025, a virtual meeting in the Spring (before June) and an in-person meeting in the Fall (Oct – Nov). Chad Pindar will work with Will Whalon (Chair) and Erin Schulberger (Vice Chair) on selecting future meeting dates as well as future meeting agenda items.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned. NJAWC later offered a tour of the treatment plant for members.

Approved: May 20, 2025

SSWP Meeting Attendance			
Reserved Constituents	SSWP MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING	ATTENDANCE
State of DE	Doug Rambo	DE-DNREC	X
State of DE (A)	Patti Murray	DE-DNREC	X
State of NJ	Ben Swartz	NJ-DEP	X
State of NJ (A)	Dan Hoy	NJ-DEP	
State of NJ (A)	Kelley Meccia	NJ-DEP	
State of NY	Susan Van Patten	NYS-DEC	X
State of NY (A)	Karen Stainbrook	NYS-DEC	X
Commonwealth of PA	Matt Walderon	PA-DEP	X
Commonwealth of PA (A)	Adrian Bouknight	PA-DEP	X
USEPA R3	James Bennett	EPAR3	
USEPA R2 (A)	Lynch, Katie	EPAR2	X
City of Philadelphia (A)	Kelly Anderson	PWD	
City of Philadelphia (C)	Will Whalon	PWD	X
Non-Reserved	SSWP MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING	ATTENDANCE
Aqua America	Matthew Marchisello	AquaPA	X
Aqua America	Maggie Reilly	AquaPA	X
Bucks County Water& Sewer Authority (V)	Erin Schulberger	BCWSA	X
Lehigh County Authority	Andrew Moore	LCA	X
Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority	Vijay Rajput	LBCJMA	
Middlesex Water Company	Nancy Rochford	MWC	X
Middlesex Water Company	Ning Tong	MWC	
New Jersey American Water Company	Laura Norkute	NJAWC	X
North Penn Water Authority	Dan Preston	NPWA	X
North Wales Water Authority	Robert Bender	NWWA	
North Wales Water Authority (A)	Vanessa Heindel	NWWA	X
Pennsylvania American Water Company	Kristi English	PAWC	X
Veolia (DE)	Robert Penman	Veolia	
(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson			
Public	Beth Garcia	EPA Region 3	X
	Virginia Hogsten	EPA Region 3	X
	Chris Anderson	EPA Region 3	X
	Connor Stahl	NJAWC	X
	Bob Van Fossen	NJDEP	X
	Bill Cesanek	CDM	X
	Melanie Knezich	PWD	X
	Arlene McCoy	Merrill Creek Reservoir	X
	Peter Demicco	Bright Fields Inc	X
	Megan Dennis	PACA	X
	Josh Miller	USCG	X
			X

DRBC	Amato, Matt	DRBC	X
	Amidon, Tom	DRBC	X
	Beganskas, Sarah	DRBC	X
	Brown, Beth	DRBC	X
	Deck, Elba	DRBC	X
	Fogarty, Joey	DRBC	X
	Heller, Mike	DRBC	X
	Kavanagh, Kristen	DRBC	X
	Lentini, Avery	DRBC	X
	McCann, Chris	DRBC	X
	Panuccio, Elaine	DRBC	X
	Pindar, Chad	DRBC	X
	Schmidt, Kate	DRBC	X
	Suk, Namsoo	DRBC	X
	Tambini, Steve	DRBC	X
	Thompson, Michael	DRBC	X
	Yagecic, John	DRBC	X
	Zheng, Li	DRBC	X