

Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Call to Order

The DRBC Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) was called to order by the Committee Chair, Kelly Anderson (PWD), and was held via 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

- 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:
 - 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 were received.
- Highlights:
 - The highlights of the October 16, 2024, 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/101624/mtg-highlights.pdf>)
- Administration:
 - **Committee poll: 1 in-person meeting per year?**
The results of the committee poll suggested that 1 in-person meeting per year would be a good idea, and that the June or October meeting would be best suited. DRBC will take further consideration to determine which is most appropriate and coordinate with the Chair.
 - **Membership:**
Committee liaison Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) provided the following updates regarding committee membership:

<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Status</u>
Environmental Organization	Vacant – 6/30/2026	Advertised, no applications to date
Recreation	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2030	Advertised, no applications to date
Academia	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2030	David Brandes, PhD (Lafayette College)
Watershed Organization	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2030	Laurie Ramie (UDC)
 - **Meeting dates 2025:**
The remaining meeting dates are as follows: 6/18/2025, 10/15/2025

Hydrologic Conditions Report

Sara Sayed (DRBC) provided a report on Basin-wide hydrologic conditions. Resources for weekly, monthly and annual hydrologic reports are archived at the following webpage. DRBC's interactive dashboard also displays a daily-updated snapshot for flow and drought management in the basin.

Presentation: https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021925/sayed_HydrologicConditions.pdf

Report archives: <https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/programs/flow/hydrologic-reports.html>

Dashboard: <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 presentation can be viewed at the following link. https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021925/pindar_DRBCupdates.pdf

SSWP Update

Chad Pindar, P.E. (DRBC) provided an update on the Subcommittee on Source Water Protection (SSWP). The presentation can be viewed at the following link.

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WMAC/021925/pindar_SSWPupdates.pdf

Presentations

State of the Basin 2025

Michael Thompson, P.E. (DRBC) gave a presentation providing an overview of the DRBC's recent publication titled "State of the Basin 2025". This is a report which DRBC does on a cycle every 5 years.

State Updates

- **Pennsylvania** – It was noted that Pennsylvania has seen a lot of beneficial precipitation over the last week in particular, but that PADEP is still seeing a lot of the same things shown in the Hydro Report. Precipitation indicators look good, but the problem is that the dry period has been going on for some time (e.g. resulting in things such as groundwater impacts). It was noted that the next drought task force meeting is towards the end of the month.
- **New Jersey** – It was noted that New Jersey is currently still in drought warning. Significant rainfall deficits and reservoirs have not recovered to usual levels. Other than that, it was noted that things appear to be in good shape.
- **Delaware** – It was noted that Delaware is still in drought watch, and that the weekly drought meeting has moved to biweekly. The state is still dry, but is getting some rain. Delaware has not gotten out of the precipitation deficit.
- **New York** – It was noted that New York statewide is considered normal for drought, and that drought monitoring is being done on a weekly basis.

Other Member Updates

SeungAh Byun, PhD, P.E. (CCWRA) noted that CCWRA completed a Brandywine Flood Study and recommended modification to one of the dams so that they can meet dam safety standards and have additional flood storage. It was also noted that CCWRA is analyzing stream crossings and culverts throughout the Brandywine. A draft report is out for public comment, the final report expected in April.

Public Comment

None received.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Approved: October 15, 2025

WMAC Meeting Attendance				
CONSTITUENCY		LAST, FIRST	REPRESENTING	ATTENDANCE
State of DE		Murray, Patty	DE-DNREC	X
State of DE	A	Rambo, Doug	DE-DNREC	X
State of NJ		Snook, Ian	NJ-DEP	X
State of NJ	A	Maute, Donald	NJ-DEP	X
State of NY		Tarrier, Brennan	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	Lewis-Coker, Christine	USACE	
USACE	A	Wacik, Gregory	USACE	
USEPA		Lynch, Katie	EPA	X
USGS		Fleming, Brandon	USGS	
USGS	A	Chaplin, Jeffrey	USGS	X
City of New York		Bucci, Dana	NYC	X
City of Philadelphia	C	Anderson, Kelly	PWD	X
City of Philadelphia	A	Whalon, Will	PWD	X
County Water Agency		Byun, Seung Ah	CCWRA	X
County Water Agency	A	Hutelmyer, Kate	CCWRA	
Water Resource Agency		Luitweiler, Preston	WRA-DRB	X
Industry	V	Rajan, Jordan	Constellation Energy	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	PA-LWV	
League of Women Voters/Civic Org.	A	Xiao, Jinghua	PA-LWV	
Environmental Organization		VACANT	VACANT	
Watershed Organization		Ramie, Laurie	UDC	X
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Academia		Van Abs, Dan	Rutgers University	X
Recreation		VACANT	VACANT	
Fisheries		Eyler, Sheila	USFWS	
(A) indicates Alternate (C) indicates Chairperson (V) indicates Vice Chairperson				
Attendees	Adams, Duke	PADEP		X
	Collier, Carol	Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel Univ.		X
	DiRenzo, Paul	n/a		X
	DuPoldt, Carl	Darby Creek Valley Association		X
	Gotsch, Brent	NYC DEP		X
	Korpics, Karen	Merrill Creek		X
	Lorson, Ben	PA Fish and Boat Commission		X
	Mateyak, Gale	Lehigh County		X
	McGuire, Meg	Delaware Currents		X
	Mehjabin, Syeda	The City College of New York (student)		X
	Reeves, Sylvia	NOAA NIDIS		X
	Shourds, Jen	USGS		X
DRBC	Amato, Matthew	DRBC		X
	Fogarty, Joseph	DRBC		X
	Heller, Mike	DRBC		X
	Khalil, Amanda	DRBC		X
	Lentini, Avery	DRBC		X
	Pindar, Chad	DRBC		X
	Rago, Pat	DRBC		X
	Sayed, Sara	DRBC		X
	Schmidt, Kate	DRBC		X
	Thompson, Michael	DRBC		X