



WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 17, 2001

MEETING SUMMARY

The Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) meeting began at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission (DRBC) office in West Trenton, NJ. The meeting agenda is attached [[see Attachment 1](#)].

MINUTES AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

1. Mr. Palmer opened the meeting and announced that he was stepping down as Chairman of the WMAC and resigning from the Committee effective immediately. The reason given was the release of the draft Integrated Resource Plan to the Green Valleys Association by DRBC without the consent of the Committee.
2. Dr. Mercuri, currently Vice Chairman assumed the Chairman's position.
3. Upon motion by Ms. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Gast, the minutes were approved by consensus with two abstentions (those not in attendance at the last meeting). Dr. Miri arrived later and requested a change in the minutes. The following change was agreed to by consensus:

Page 1, 4th item under Update on the Data Needs Resolution, last sentence, change "New Jersey would send out" to "New Jersey could send out".

4. There was a lengthy discussion of the WMAC Procedures and how to address the issue of a quorum not being present at the meetings. It was noted that the intent of the Procedures was for any matter going to the Commissioners to have a vote taken with a quorum in place. It was agreed that the following actions would be taken to get a quorum at the next meeting:

1. Fill the vacancies on the Committee; there are currently 2 in the following categories:

(a) Watershed Organization; and

(b) Recreation

Committee members were asked to provide any recommendations on candidates to fill these vacancies.

2. DRBC will contact any WMAC member that has not attended five of the last eight meetings.
3. DRBC will provide a listing of alternates. If a WMAC member does not have an alternate they will be encouraged to designate one.
4. A letter will be sent from Carol Collier asking for participation from all WMAC members.

A proposal was made to amend the WMAC Procedures by changing the current requirement to have 2/3 of the members present to hold a vote to 51%. This would change the number of members needed to hold a vote from 14 to 11. The amendment would further state that any vote will be determined by simple majority of those present. [See attachment 2 for the revised procedures.](#)

Jan Bowers was nominated for the Vice Chair position. There were no other nominations and Ms. Bowers was approved by consensus.

DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT IRP GUIDANCE

The IRP subcommittee has completed its work on the draft guidance by incorporating all comments received. The final draft was then given to PADEP for their formal review. This review has resulted in two issues receiving considerable attention by PADEP's attorneys. These issues are the requirement that ordinances be adopted in GWPA for implementation of the IRP and that the IRP could go beyond what is required by Pennsylvania law. The issues are undergoing legal review.

UPDATE ON THE DATA NEEDS RESOLUTION

The changes made since the WMAC last saw the resolution were reviewed along with the additional comments and responses received. It was noted that in response number 2, line 2, proscribe should be prescribe.

New Jersey reported that they support the resolution but they are not sure that their NJEMS computer program will be ready right away. A change in the effective date could address this concern.

It was the consensus of the WMAC that the resolution be sent to the Commissioners for approval. As there were insufficient members present to conduct a formal vote this was considered the best means to convey to the Commissioners the position of those present.

It was noted that a future item should examine the definition of consumptive use. It was felt that different agencies and organizations have differences in how this term is used.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for July 10th at 9:30 a.m. at the DRBC office in West Trenton.

BROWN BAG LUNCH: RECLAIMED WATER USE AT GOLF COURSES

Stanley Zontek (USGA), Jerred Golden (Hersheys Mill Golf Course) and Joellen Zeh (Audubon International) presented a Brown Bag Lunch on Reclaimed Water Use at Golf Courses. The conference room was filled to capacity for this discussion.

The WMAC would like to visit Mr. Golden's facility at some point and work on this issue further.

**WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE
April 17, 2001**

Members Present

1. Janet Bowers

Chester County Water Resources Authority

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| 2. William Gast | Pennsylvania DEP |
| 3. John Gaston | Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority |
| 4. Warren Lavery | New York State DEC |
| 5. Stewart Lovell | Delaware DNREC |
| 6. John Mello | U.S. EPA |
| 6. Bruno Mercuri | Mercuri & Associates, Inc. |
| 7. Joseph Miri | New Jersey DEP |
| 8. Mary Ellen Noble | Delaware Riverkeeper Network |
| 9. William Palmer | Water Resources Association |
| 10. Ferdows Ali (for Sam Race) | New Jersey Dept. of Agriculture |
| 11. Frank Schaefer | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |

DRBC Staff Present

1. Jeff Featherstone
2. Lance Miller
3. David Sayers

Attachment 1

**AGENDA
Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting
April 17, 2001
West Trenton, NJ
9:30 a.m.**

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Regular Business Meeting

1. Minutes and Procedural Issues

- Rotation of Chair & Selection of New Vice Chair
- Discussion on Committee Membership and quorum

2. Draft IRP Guidance (Bowers)

3. Data Needs Resolution - Response to Comments (Mercuri/Siskind)

4. Next Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Noon Lunch Break

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch: Forum on Reclaimed Water Use at Golf Courses

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Committee Dialogue with Speakers

Attachment 2

PROPOSED CHANGES

WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Voting. Decisions will be made by consensus, whenever feasible. When a consensus cannot be reached, a vote will be taken. At least 51% of the members - 11 members - are required to hold a vote. Decisions that will require a vote include Committee recommendations on which the Commission would need to take action. For recommendations on staff activities with no Commission action required, only a consensus and/or vote of members present will be required. The outcome of any vote will be determined by simple majority of those present. The Committee Chair will prepare a report expressing the opinions of the dissenters including reasons why a consensus could not be reached.

Quorum. No quorum is needed to hold a meeting.

Committee Chair. Responsibilities of the Chair include: conducting meetings, consulting with Commission staff on meeting agendas, and reporting to the Commission once a year. The Committee will have a Chair and Vice Chair. The Vice Chair will carry out the responsibilities of the Chair when the Chair is not present. Members of State agencies representing the Governor on the Commission will not serve as Chair or Vice Chair. The term of the Chair and Vice Chair will be one year. After completion of the Chair's term, the Vice Chair will assume the role of Chair and a new Vice Chair will be selected. The Committee will endeavor to ensure that, over time, members elected to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair represent all member interests.

Designees. Members may send designees to Committee meetings. However, a member may only assign a designee for a specific meeting and must do so by writing or e-mailing to the Delaware River Basin Commission. The designee will have the same privileges as the member including voting rights.

Meeting Schedule. Meetings will be held four times a year, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Questions?



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