DRAFT Meeting Notes for the State Water Plan Implementation Workgroup
March 9, 2021; 1:30 – 3:00PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members**: Virginia de Lima, David Radka, Dan Aubin (DPH alternate), Corinne Fitting, Mike Dietz, Bruce Wittchen (OPM), Ally Ayotte (PURA), Denise Savageau

**Note Taker(s):** Ali Hibbard (DEEP)

**Public:** Iris Herz Kaminski (New Haven), Mary Ann Dickinson (AWE), John Betkoski (PURA)

**Meeting Starts 1:32 PM**

**Topics of Discussion**

**Changes to Agenda**

* Mike Dietz and John Betkoski need to leave the meeting early. Domestic Wells and FOIA Requirements were discussed first to include both in those discussions

**Approval/Modification of Notes from F meeting**

* Notes approved

**Alliance for Water Efficiency – Rates Workshop (Mary Ann Dickinson)**

* Workshop is one week from today on 3/16-3/17
* 91 registrations so far, including water utility staff, local officials, and stakeholders
* Electronic package of materials will go out on Friday to participants. The workshop will be recorded both days. After the workshop, a link will be shared with the recordings and workshop materials.
* Town of Portland was not included in the rate case study due to lack of data.

**Water Fixture Efficiency Revisions**

* Expecting that future legislative questions will be about the bill itself and what it will achieve.
* Have not reached out to Mary Muchinsky yet about HB 5802

**FOIA Requirements**

* IWG, as well as the sub workgroups, need to have an announcement of meetings on the public meeting calendar website. Need to post the agenda and meetings
* Graham Stevens checked with DEEP’s Legal Council, which indicated there may be more flexibility. More information to come.
* Discussed developing a simple process for group and sub workgroups to follow to meet FOIA requirements
* If agendas and minutes have enough detail, members of the public may have a better understanding if they should be involved.

**Drought Plan topical sub-workgroup**

* Steve Rupar was unable to attend, but there is an upcoming meeting on Friday March 19th

**Domestic Wells WQ sub-workgroup (Mike Dietz)**

* Met on February 21st, went through existing statute and marked it up to show how they want it to look for testing for real estate transactions
* Group homework is to finalize justification of statute change for their next meeting. Report should be wrapped up after the justifications are finalized. The final report will not be a white paper, but a summary of what is being proposed and what the group accomplished.

**Outreach & Education topical sub-workgroup (Denise Savageau & Lou Burch)**

* Next meeting is Thursday March 11th from 3-4 pm. The group has not met since the last IWG meeting.

**Implementation Tracking Workgroup**

* This workgroup was approved by the WPC at their last meeting
* There may be expertise within DPH dealing with data. Maybe once the legislative session is finished, there would be time to dive into this.
* Need to define what this workgroup will specifically track and who the audience for that information will be.
* Need to develop policies on the confidentiality of what we may be tracking.
* If we had a brain storming session, who would be invited?
* Want something we can use to report to the general assembly, as is required. Should also be public facing.

**WPCAG**

* No Update Given

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:42 PM

**Next Meeting: April 13, 2021 at 1:30 pm**