DRAFT Meeting Notes for the State Water Plan Implementation Workgroup
June 8, 2021; 1:30 – 3:00PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members**: Virginia de Lima (Co-Chair), David Radka (Co-Chair), Lori Mathieu (DPH), Dan Aubin (DPH alternate), Corinne Fitting (DEEP), Mike Dietz (UConn), Bruce Wittchen (OPM), Ally Ayotte (PURA), Denise Savageau (SWCD), Tom Tyler (MDC), Steve Rupar (WSP), Janice Ehlemeyer (River COG)

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

**Public:** Iris Herz Kaminski (New Haven),

**Meeting Started: 1:30 p.m.**

**Topics of Discussion**

**Changes to Agenda**

* No changes

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

* Notes Approved, no changes

**Domestic Wells Water Quality sub-workgroup (Mike Dietz)**

* Discussed the final document “Recommendations for water quality testing of private and semipublic drinking water wells” dated May 2021. Some corrections were provided to Mike.
* Document does not address how to handle contaminants if found, but that may not necessarily be needed at this point.
* Increased potable water testing will increase public knowledge and empower homeowners with more information.
* From the real estate perspective, the proposed changes in the document needs to highlight public health. Not trying to create burdens in the home-buying process.
* Discussion on how the proposed addition of arsenic and uranium to potable water testing could affect obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy (CO). If the MCL is triggered for arsenic or uranium, a homeowner or builder may not qualify for a CO.
* Lori Mathieu offered to have DPH staff look into how adjacent states are handling exceedances as part of the justification for any proposed legislation resulting from this. Denise Savageau mentioned that USDA/HUD have rural development funding that might be available to help homeowners if treatment is needed as a result of testing
* Western Council of Governments has an intern developing an outreach program for well testing. The project is in the information gathering phase and something should be put together by the end of summer.
	+ Mike will share updates as they come in
* If report is ultimately approved by WPC, suggestion was made to share it with all of the COGs
* Next step: Share report with WPCAG for feedback (hopefully prior to 7/6/21 WPC meeting), and then to WPC for approval

**Drought Plan topical sub-workgroup (Steve Rupar)**

* Completed report is dated 6/4/2021
* Report includes recommendations, including the need for increased groundwater monitoring network
* Feedback from volunteers and stakeholders is important, but volunteers have limited time, so it can slow down the process
* IWG members to review report for discussion next meeting. Comments or ideas can be sent to Virginia and Dave to be combined in time to discuss for the next meeting

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

* Have not met since the last IWG meeting
* Planning on meeting after the legislative session ends on June 9th

**Implementation Tracking Workgroup**

* On hold until after the legislative session ends on June 9th

**Alliance for Water Efficiency Rates Workshop Follow-up survey**

* AWE expressed concern about doing a survey so long after the workshop – we may not get many responses.
* Need to decide what the follow-up survey would address, and how each section of the workshop will be focused on in the survey
* Follow up questions can also be developed for the panelists
* May not have a complete mailing list, but should have list of workshop attendees
* John Hudak, Gannon Long, Alicea Charamut volunteered at the WPCAG to work on the survey
* The original driver for this workshop was to show how municipal and regional water companies could potentially adopt rates to encourage conservation (similar to tools private water companies have).

**WPCAG**

* No Update Given

**Public Comment**

* No Public Comment

**Meeting Adjourned:** **2:42 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: July 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**