DRAFT Meeting Notes for the State Water Plan Implementation Workgroup
October 12, 2021; 1:30 – 3:00PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members**: Virginia de Lima (Co-Chair), David Radka (Co-Chair), Dan Aubin (DPH Alternate), Ally Ayotte (PURA), Denise Savageau (SWCD), Corinne Fitting (DEEP), Lou Rosado Burch (CCE), Mike Dietz, Bruce Wittchen (OPM), Tom Tyler (MDC)

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

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

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

**Topics of Discussion**

**Changes to Agenda**

* Move the Alliance for Water Efficiency Rates Workshop Follow-up survey discussion up in the agenda.

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

* Modify the public comments from previously meeting to clarify what was said. Minutes accepted otherwise.

**Alliance for Water Efficiency Rates Workshop Follow-up survey (Iris Herz Kaminski)**

* There is a list of workshop registrants from AWE that can serve as a mailing list for this survey.
* The survey will be sent out to the IWG to test and fill out.

**Implementation Tracking and Reporting (Dan Aubin)**

* Brainstorming session occurred on September 28th
* There were 25 constant participants and 26 registrants
* WPC have not expressed concerns for any received input yet
* There has not been interest for the workgroup yet, so a formal invite will be to follow to the larger WPC e-mail list

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

* Identifying outreach opportunities; developed a calendar of “water holidays”
* May try to do something for Imagine a Day Without Water (October 21st)
* The agencies will need to have a discussion on how to manage the State Water Plan website in the future if there will be an increased links and resources on the page
* There are a lot of relevant materials available that are hosted by other groups or agencies. Need to brainstorm how to link what resources are already available.
* Foreseeing this being a long-term sub-workgroup – consider asking WPC to make this a standing workgroup

**Possible New Topical Sub-Workgroups**

* A suggestion was to create a workgroup to make recommendations on the registered diversions, but that will be tabled for now as non-reporting diverters are tracking down. The data still needs to be cleaned up.
* More information is needed from the WPC on the water director workgroup and what type of funding could be available for this position.
* The federal infrastructure bill may have some relevance with goals of the State Water plan. There may be some opportunities for a future workgroup in the future when the details of that bill are known.
* Emerging topics gaining traction, such as PFAS and harmful algal blooms (HABs)
* There may be new workgroups that stem from the work of the Tracking and Reporting workgroup
* No formal workgroup proposals were made.

**WPC Meeting Recap**

* Representative Foster joined the last WPC meeting
* The WPC members will communicate with their respective commissioners on the topic of the water director.
* The WPC may not have its own hiring authority, but each agency could provide funding and the position would be through one agency
	+ May be able to use a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the state agencies for the water director position
* The Department of Consumer Protection supports updating water fixture standards through legislation, but there are concerns with how the regulated community will respond. Outreach is needed for building officials.

**WPCAG**

* No Update

**Public Comment**

* No Public Comment

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:56 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** **Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**