DRAFT Meeting Notes for the State Water Plan Implementation Workgroup
July 12, 2022; 1:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members**: Virginia de Lima (Co-Chair), David Radka (Co-Chair), Ally Ayotte (PURA), Chris Bellucci (DEEP), Tom Tyler (MDC), Steve Rupar (WSP), Anne Hullick (Clean Water Action), Janice Ehlemeyer (River Council of Governments), Bruce Wittchen (OPM)

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

**Meeting Started: 1:04 p.m.**

**Topics of Discussion**

**Changes to Agenda**

* No changes to agenda

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

* Meeting notes approved with no changes

**Outreach & Education topical sub-workgroup**

* Kelsey Sudol is continuing to work on the Story Board, and the workgroup is hoping to launch it in September.
* The workgroup is planning an event schedule for the fall:
	+ Considering an event for World Water Monitoring Day on September 18th (a Sunday) which could involve a panel the week before or after. Speakers and topics can include:
		- Streamflow monitoring
		- Water quality
		- Cyanobacteria
		- Invasive aquatic species
* Workgroup members are continuing to evaluate the State Water Plan webpage and will make recommendations.
* The next steps for the workgroup as a whole is to develop a report of work accomplished so far, and to put together a workplan for 2023.
* Next Meeting is Thursday, August 4th at 9:30 a.m.

**USGS Data Collection topical sub-workgroup**

* The draft workgroup proposal was discussed:
	+ The analysis the workgroup performs could include going through the State Water Plan and identifying issues that data could help resolve.
	+ Hydrology and location needs to be considered when identifying gaps within the USGS monitoring network.
	+ There is a long-term funding issue with the monitoring network, and this should be an important element for this proposed workgroup to focus on.
* The drought sub-workgroup that analyzed the response to the 2016 drought identified data gaps. This could be a resource for the workgroup.
* Comments on the workgroup proposal from the Implementation Workgroup are due to Chris Bellucci (Christopher.bellucci@ct.gov) by Friday, July 22nd.

**WPCAG**

* No update provided

**Public Comment**

* No Public Comment

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** **Tuesday August 9th at 1:00 p.m.**