DRAFT Meeting Notes for the State Water Plan Implementation Workgroup
September 13, 2022; 1:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members**: Virginia de Lima (Co-Chair), David Radka (Co-Chair), Chris Bellucci (DEEP), Mike Dietz (UConn), Dan Aubin (DPH), Tom Tyler (MDC), Anne Hullick (Clean Water Action), Tom Tyler (MDC), Eric Lindquist (OPM)

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

**Public:** Kim Czapla (DEEP)

**Meeting Started: 1:02 p.m.**

**Topics of Discussion**

**Changes to Agenda**

* No changes to the agenda

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

* Notes from the previous meeting were approved. David Radka and Eric Lindquist abstained

**Water Planning Council Meeting Update**

* Steve Vitko will fill the open position previously held by John Hudak on the Water Planning Council Advisory Group (WPSCAG). Future recruitment should be advertised more to create an open process.
* The proposed USGS Data Collection Program sub-workgroup in the State Water Plan Implementation Workgroup (IWG) was approved.
* The proposed Conservation Pricing and Rate Analysis workgroup in the WPCAG was approved.
* The changes to the State Drought Plan dated were approved. A change log is available. The Interagency Drought Workgroup is working on incorporating recommendations for technical changes first, and then will work on recommendations that may require legislative changes.
* The Water Planning Council (WPC) approved the creation of a new workgroup to develop a report for the legislature on implementation of the State Water Plan, due January 2023. When the report is complete, the WPC may do a presentation to certain legislative committees on what the State Water Plan is and how it is being implemented. There will likely be new legislators elected in the new term.
* A budget request for a Water Director position and an update to the State Water Plan is going through PURA (technically DEEP).
* DEEP will enhance their water conservation webpage to provide increased resources to homeowners.
* DPH will be implementing new private well requirements after a recent legislative change. DPH will communicate when an implementation plan is developed.

**Outreach & Education topical sub-workgroup**

* A lunch-time workshop was originally intended to take place in September, but it will be moved to either October or November. The topic will be water monitoring.
* Up for discussion at the next IWG meeting is the one-page list of recommendations for the State Water Plan webpage.
* The sub-workgroup is planning to develop an annual report that could be incorporated into the State Water Plan annual report.
* Is there anything statutorily that allows or prevents the Outreach and Education sub-workgroup becoming its own standing group so that the workgroup reports directly to the WPC instead of the IWG? This should be discussed with the WPC.

**USGS Data Collection topical sub-workgroup**

* The accepted workgroup proposal will be distributed over e-mail with an invitation to join the workgroup. The draft email will be shared with IWG members to distribute to any respective list servs.
* There was discussion on what the workgroup proposal includes. A final report from this sub-workgroup should serve as a guide for what data is currently available.

**WPC Annual Report**

* Each workgroup can develop a paragraph summarizing what has been done in the past year to get a report to the legislature on time by January 31, 2023. The total report printed out should two sides of one piece of paper.
* If someone wants to know more information about a workgroup, there should be links and contact information listed to learn more.
* The WPC needs to answer whether the upcoming report should be for the 2022 calendar year or covering the time since the last report has been done. Also, the WPC should clarify what topics the upcoming report should focus on.
* Dan Aubin and David Radka will develop a short proposal to the WPC on what the next steps will be for producing a report by January 2023.
* The WPCAG should be advised of these plans
* Eric Lindquist shared the previous annual reports of the WPC from 2003-2015 to provide context.

**WPCAG**

* No updated provided

**Public Comment**

* No public comment

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:33 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** **Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**