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

Zoom Meeting

**Members**: Virginia de Lima (Co-Chair), David Radka (Co-Chair), Chris Bellucci (DEEP), Dan Aubin (DPH), Mike Dietz (UConn), Anne Hulick (Clean Water Action), Janice Ehlemeyer (Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments), Steve Rupar, Bruce Wittchen (OPM), Denise Savageau (CT Conservation Districts)

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

**Public:** Kim Czapla (DEEP), Iris Herz Kaminski

**Meeting Started: 1:03 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. The 2023 meeting scheduled was reviewed and approved.

**Water Planning Council December 2nd Meeting Recap**

* The Water Planning Council (WPC) accepted the Water Planning Council Advisory Group (WPCAG) slate of nominees proposed in the November 22nd memo. Jon Morrison (USGS) will be filling Virginia deLima’s seat in the Academia, Public Health, and Ecology category.
* The Department of Public Health is continuing to work on a FAQ about the new private well legislation that went into effect this year. The FAQ should address concerns around confidentiality with information pertaining to private drinking water wells.
* There was a PFAS task force meeting on December 8th. The task force is looking at developing an action plan.

**Water Planning Council Annual Report**

* The sub-workgroup that is drafting the 2022 annual report put together a short questionnaire for chairs and heads of workgroups to fill out. That information will be used to summarize what has been accomplished since the State Water Plan (SWP) has been adopted. The sub-workgroup is currently organizing that information.
* The final report needs to be balanced with enough detail to show the level of work completed with the level of resources available, while keeping the report at a reasonable length.
* At the time of the meeting, the drafted SWP logo was not yet approved by the Secretary of State’s Legal office. The approved logo will be included in the annual report.
* The final report will most likely be circulated electronically, so links to webpages can be included. The final report would ideally be posted to the SWP webpage for increased accessibility.
* It is believed that the annual report will need to be submitted to the State Library. It is unclear if each sub-workgroup that forms within the SWP Implementation workgroup needs to submit their final reports to the State Library as well.
* The report needs to balance enough detail to show the level of work completed with the level of resources available while still staying a reasonable length for readers.
* Alicea Charamut will provide summaries of sub-workgroups within the WPCAG.
* The section “Water Planning 2023 and Beyond” needs more information. There is still ongoing work that needs to be done, and the group discussed some possible future priorities (with an understanding that the WPC will need to update their priorities to help guide what should be focused on):
	+ Updated water fixture standards to the Alliance for Water Efficiency recommendations
	+ Form a permanent tracking and reporting workgroup
	+ Hire a Water Planning Chief
	+ Update the webpage
	+ Update the State Water Plan itself
	+ Address emerging and legacy contaminants.
	+ Address Environmental Justice
* The next meeting of this sub-workgroup is Thursday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

**Outreach & Education topical sub-workgroup**

* The scheduled December 6th meeting for the Outreach and Education sub-workgroup was cancelled.
* Next meeting is Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.

**USGS Data Collection topical sub-workgroup**

* Meeting #1 went well with 24 participants. Denise Argue of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) gave a summary of their monitoring network.
* Meeting #2 is this Friday at 10 a.m. The priority of the meeting will be to solicit input on data uses and gaps by monitoring network type: discharge, water quality, and groundwater
* USGS should be asked if they have recently identified categories of users of their data.
* There are participants involved in this workgroup who also sit on the Interagency Drought Workgroup, which can provide a helpful perspective.
* State of PA has a robust groundwater network and can be useful in this groups tasks. Other states may provide prospective for how USGS data is used.

**WPCAG**

* No updated provided

**Public Comment**

* No public comment

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:28 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10th at 1:00 p.m.**