Outreach and Education Sub-group State Water Plan Implementation Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6 , 2024 Call to Order at: at 9:02 a.m.

In Attendance:⊠ Click or tap here to enter text. ⊠Denise Savageau ⊠Alyson Ayotte □Lisette Stone ⊠Alexandria Hibbard ⊠Kelsey Sudol □Lori Mathieu ⊠Kim Czapla □Michael Dietz

□ Amanda Deming □ Hannah Reichle □ Katie Schlick ⊠ Iris Kaminiski □ Rebecca Dahl □ Paul Aresta □ Mike Turaj ⊠ Eric Lindquist

1. **Minutes** – Savageau asked for any changes or comments on the minutes for January 2024 and November 2023. Hearing none, minutes were accepted as presented.

2. 2024 Theme – Source Water Protection –

- a. March 4-10, 2024 is Groundwater Awareness Week Celebrate APA 20th Hibbard reported on March 6th workshop to be held virtually 12-1 p.m. Save the date has gone out and speakers have been confirmed. Registration flyer is being finalized and will be sent out soon. Ayotte will help set up zoom with through PURA for the workshop. Savageau, Sudol, and Ayotte will be on hand for meeting logistics.
- b. May 5-11, 2024 is Drinking Water Week Celebrate 50th Anniversary of SDWA in collaboration with CT Section AWWA Discussion ensued about working with DPH and what they have planned for a yearlong celebration and how this fits in. Lindquist indicated that Bill Sullivan is coordinating this for DPH. Savageau will contact Mathieu to see if we should put together a lunch and learn, or just support DPH's efforts.

2. Drought outreach

- a. Private Wells Fact Sheet Sudol reported that work in continuing on this. Lindquist has provided information on flash drought for incorporation.
- b. Flash Drought and preparedness Discussion ensued about potential training on flash droughts in addition to the Themed workshops. Consensus to focus on educating agency staff on flash drought that may not be as involved as those working directly on the Interagency Drought Work Group. Savageau will reach out to Mathieu.

3. **Other**

- a. Logo Hibbard continues to work on next steps for protocol this within DEEP
- b. Website The Outreach and Education web page is coming together and Hibbard is working is working through all previous workshops to get them on DEEP's YouTube Channel with links on the page. <u>https://portal.ct.gov/Water/WPC-Groups-and-Committees/State-Water-Plan-Education-and-Outreach-Workgroup</u> This is a work in progress.
- c. Kaminski indicated that she is working with the Yale Center for Public Health on 1.4 Dioxane, a forever chemical. Savageau indicated that this probably should be elevated to the WPC or WPCAG.

4. No public comments.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.