

DRAFT Meeting Notes for the State Water Plan Implementation Workgroup
September 8th, 2020; 1:30 – 2:30PM
Zoom Meeting

***Please note, due to the nature of this meeting, all attendees may not be accounted for. If someone is missing from this list, please suggest a modification.**

Members: Virginia de Lima, David Radka, Corinne Fitting, Tom Tyler, Lou Burch, Denise Savageau, Gail Lucchina, Lori Mathieu, Mike Dietz, Bruce Wittchen, Denise Savageau, Janice EhleMeyer (River Cog)

Note Taker(s): Dan Aubin (DPH)

Public*: Mary Ann Dickinson (AWE); Ali Hibbard (DEEP); WPC Chair Jack Betkoski; Dave Kuzminski,

Meeting Starts 1:30 PM

Topics of Discussion

Changes to Agenda

- No changes: reminder to update terminology of the Education and Outreach Sub-topical workgroup in notes

Approval/Modification of Notes from August 18, 2020 meeting

- Notes approved with two minor changes

Alliance for Water Efficiency – Update (Mary Ann Dickinson):

Rates workshop:

- Date was moved tentatively to March 17, 2021 so that key Regional Water Authority personnel could attend
- If the workshop must be virtual, half day sessions over two days possible, waiting to see how the COVID-19 situation changes, by February make a decision on course of action
- Mary Ann and reviewed the updated excel workbook that showcases legislative research, indicating what was being done in several states relative to water fixture efficiency standards and audits.
- Excel file to be emailed out.
- Excel sheet contains links to the most favored items to research
- Suggestion was made to also look at local ordinances that minimize turf grass irrigation, such as Dallas, TX.

Drought Plan topical sub-work group – Update & Plans:

- Steve R was absent
- The plan is still to have a completed draft report by late fall 2020
- Members are currently working on the recommendations for the report

Domestic Wells white paper / Domestic Wells WQ topical sub-work group (Mike Dietz):

- White paper: Virginia and Mike to revise paper to address comments from the WPCAG review. The conclusions will not change. They will not address the comments on finances
- Restating the recommendation serves as a better conclusion to the paper
- The paper does not focus on water-quality testing; that will be covered in the subsequent topical sub-workgroup
- Possibly inserting some mention of domestic well water quality as a future topic to be addressed

Outreach & Education topical sub-work group (Lou Burch):

- Identifying groups to engage with and other outside entities
- The group has identified two separate audiences
- General public and Groups of professionals who are already aware of the plan and are participating, or should be participating
- Start to research stakeholder groups
- Outreach continues to pull in new members who have expertise in these fields
- Mechanisms of sharing information to the topical groups on the web

Regionalization & Interconnections topical sub-work group (David Radka):

- WPC requested that wastewater be included. David submitted a revised proposal, but DEEP asked for more time to review.
- DPH and DEEP were to discuss offline.

Public Comment:

- None

Additional Group Comments:

- David: Legislative language can begin to be drafted using the CT General Statutes and AWE's matrix of other states' legislation regarding water fixture efficiency. David to circulate AWE Excel file and existing CGS language to IWG
- Mike: Further discussion of 'how we invite members to the topical groups' in the future
- Dan: Please add a group check in as part of the standing agenda

Meeting Adjourned 2:32pm

Next Meeting: October 13th, 2020 at 1:30pm