

Waterworks Advisory Committee Meeting

September 19, 2013

DEQ Piedmont Regional Office, Innsbrook

Chair: John Aulbach, Virginia Department of Health
Secretary: Mark Anderson, Virginia Department of Health
Timekeeper: John Aulbach, Virginia Department of Health
Members Present: Greg Boardman, Virginia Tech (Academia) via phone
John Danielson, Virginia Water Well Association, Inc.
Elmer Handy, Virginia Rural Water Association
Jerry Higgins, American Water Works Association – Virginia Chapter
Eric Lassalle, Virginia Manufacturers Association (NTNC waterworks)
Mary Ann Massie, Department of Environmental Quality (representing Scott Kudlas)
Ignatius Mutoti (engineering consultant)
David Raines, Virginia Association of Counties
Steve Shaw, Syndor Hydro, Inc. (on behalf of Jesse Royall)
Caleb Taylor, Virginia Municipal League
Larry Wallace, Southeast RCAP (on behalf of Hope Cupit)

Guests in Attendance:

Susan Douglas, Virginia Department of Health
Angie McGarvey, Virginia Department of Health
Steve Pellei, Virginia Department of Health

Minutes

Agenda Item: Call to order

Discussion: Mr. Aulbach convened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Conclusions: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Introductions

Discussion: Mr. Aulbach asked attendees to introduce themselves and their organizations.

Conclusions: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Agenda Adoption/Adoption of July 2013 Meeting Minutes

Discussion: Agenda was adopted unanimously without revision. There was a motion to approve the draft minutes as amended that were circulated for comments before the meeting. There was no additional discussion. Minutes as amended were adopted unanimously.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: **Mr. Anderson to distribute July's minutes as approved.**

Agenda Item: Public Comment

Discussion: There was no member of the public in attendance.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Chairman's Report

Discussion: Mr. Aulbach briefed members on personnel issues that ODW is making an offer to an applicant for the human resource analyst, but no business manager has been selected. On September 25, the new special projects engineer and DWSRF project engineer will report for work. The special project engineer will pick up the source water protection program. Mr. Aulbach asked Mr. Anderson to update members on the operator workforce initiative to hire veterans, Mr. Pellei to provide a synopsis of the budget summit for ODW managers held on September 16, Ms. McGarvey to update where ODW stands on the regulatory review process, and Ms. Douglas to report on the status of BWN guidance for water main breaks. Ms. McGarvey reported that the regulatory review process was on schedule {as presented to the committee in July}. Ms. Douglas reported that the end of the BWN project was nearing completion.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: **Mr. Anderson to provide Mr. Higgins a copy of the hiring veterans presentation from the workforce session at Water JAM.**

Agenda Item: Legislative Update

Discussion: Mr. Payne updated the committee on the status of primacy on the LCR. EPA has not yet approved primacy for the revised rule.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: SCC Update:

Discussion: No SCC representative in attendance.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: DEQ Update

Discussion: Ms. Massie reported that the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area Expansion (9VAC25-600 and 610) are still in executive review. DEQ staff had conversations with the Governor's Policy Office last week.

The State Water Commission held a meeting on September 11, 2013. The presentations were directed as follow-up discussions from the July 16, 2013, meeting to continue the evaluation of groundwater in the Commonwealth. Presentations provided potential options for moving forward and working towards solutions in Groundwater Management. It was again stressed that developing thoughtful and well structured strategies to address groundwater issues will take some time and that DEQ and other stakeholders would begin working on those plans. Additionally there were presentations from State Water Plan Advisory Committee Member, Arthur Petrini and Director Scott Kudlas about the recommendations and current status of the State Water Plan.

Ms. Massie also provided an update on water supply plans. Thirty-six of 48 water supply plans have been issued letters with the tentative decision for compliance. The remaining 12 plans will be issued tentative compliance within the next several weeks.

The tentative compliance letters list items that need to be addressed before a compliance determination is made. DEQ has been working with localities and regions to address these prior to the formal letter which has been working well. Often, the items are addressed and there are no outstanding issues when the letter of tentative decision for compliance is issued.

Per the regulation, once the letter notifying the locality or region that a tentative decision

for compliance has been made, the water supply plan is posted to DEQ's website with a public notice, allowing 30 days for a written public comment period. Additionally, the plans have been submitted to five other agencies (DGIF, VDH, DCR, DHR, and VMRC). These agencies have a 90-day evaluation and submission of written comments. When the state agency and public comment periods end, DEQ will evaluate all written comments that were received and will consider issuing a letter of compliance to each region/locality. DEQ expects all final compliance determination letters to be issued by the end of the calendar year.

Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: DCLS Update

Discussion: No DCLS representative in attendance.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: DHCD Update:

Discussion: No DHCD representative in attendance.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: VWRRC Update:

Discussion: No representative in attendance.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: SE-RCAP Update

Discussion: Mr. Wallace reported that they are looking for qualified candidates for job training and job placement services for eligible Temporary Assistance for Needy Families participants. SE-RCAP is working with the Virginia Western Community College and Mountain Empire Community College. Both community colleges report that it is hard to get qualified candidates. There is better acceptance of the program in Southwest Virginia. The General Assembly provided \$300,000 for funding both sectors. SE-RCAP is picking up projects not funded under the DWSRF. There is a waiting list for projects totaling \$680,000. Funds cannot be used for studies, but can go to critical items and emergencies. SE-RCA is lining up technical sessions for the 2014 Water is Life Luncheon.

Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: VRWA Update

Discussion: Mr. Handy reported that funding remains a problem for VRWA and depends on EPA funding other sources of new funding.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: VA AWWA Update

Discussion: Mr. Higgins reported that the Utility Management Committee appreciates the ODW effort to find common ground on the BWN policy for water main breaks. He alerted the committee to set up a subcommittee to review proposed Waterworks Regulations. Mr. Higgins also reported that the Water JAM attendance was great with around 1,350 attendees.
Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: VT Update

Discussion: Professor Boardman had to leave, but stated that he would send Mr. Anderson a copy of his report. Mr. Anderson reported all the set aside initiatives, including MOAs with Virginia Tech, were approved for CY 2014. He listed the remaining VT-ODW training sessions for CY 2013.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: **Mr. Anderson to send out Professor Boardman's notes to members.**

Agenda Item: New Business

Discussion: There was no new business.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Update member Contact Information

Discussion: A reminder was made to let either Mr. Anderson or Ms. Hewlett, ODW, of changes in members' contact information.

Conclusions: None

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Next Scheduled Meeting

Discussion: The next WAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2013. Meeting will be via Polycom.

Conclusions: None

Action items: **Mr. Anderson to notify members of broadcast locations.**

Agenda item: Adjournment

Discussion: There was a motion to adjourn and that motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Conclusions: None

Action items: None

Mark C. Anderson, Secretary

John J. Aulbach II, PE, Chair