Waterworks Advisory Committee Meeting

May 16, 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: David Raines, Virginia Association of Counties
Eric Lassalle, Virginia Manufacturers Association (NTNC waterworks)
Elmer Handy, Virginia Rural Water Association via phone
Grier Mills, Virginia Department of General Services
Jerry Higgins, American Water Works Association – Virginia Chapter
Ignatius Mutoti (engineering consultant) via phone
Greg Boardman, Virginia Tech (Academia)
John Danielson, Virginia Water Well Association, Inc.
Doug Ellis, Department of Housing and Community Development via phone
Tammy Stephenson, Department of Environmental Quality
Jesse Royall, Syndor Hydro, Inc., via phone

Guests in Attendance:
Robert A. K. Payne, JD, Virginia Department of Health
Steve Pellei, Virginia Department of Health
Susan Douglas, Virginia Department of Health
Barry Matthews, Virginia Department of Health
Angie McGarvey, Virginia Department of Health
Larry Wallace, Southeast RCAP (on behalf of Hope Cupit)
Mary Ann Massie, Department of Environmental Quality

Minutes

Agenda Item: Call to order
Discussion: Mr. Aulbach convened the meeting at 10:03 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 November 2012 Meeting Minutes
Discussion: Agenda was adopted unanimously without revision. There was a motion to approve the draft minutes that were circulated for comments with revisions reflecting Mr. Higgins additions and seconded. There was no additional discussion. Minutes were adopted unanimously.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: **Mr. Anderson to distribute November's minutes as approved.**

Agenda Item: Public Comment
Discussion: There was no member of the public in attendance.
Conclusion: Move to next item

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Action items: None

Agenda Item: Chairman's Report

Discussion: Mr. Aulbach briefed members that: Dr. Romero is the new Commissioner and Dr. Levine was the acting Chief Deputy Commissioner; ODW is undergoing a major regulatory review; a revamping of the Capacity Development Program is underway with Mr. Matthews on board as the new program manager; that the award of over $11 million to Buchanan County SA represented the largest to date and that Mr. Pellei was discuss that and proposed changes later under that agenda item; Upcoming ODW hiring actions; DEQ Ground Water Withdrawal Permitting Program and VDH ODW met to discuss roles and responsibilities in permitting and to discuss needed revisions to the existing MOA;; and that immediately following the WAC meeting that Mr. Higgins and Ms. Douglas were to meet with him to discuss on the BWN issue that surfaced during the November meeting.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Legislative Update

Discussion: Mr. Payne updated that the initiative to change the COV definition of a waterworks to mirror more closely the definition of the SDWA would not be introduced as an agency legislative change in the 2014 General Assembly Session. Mr. Payne then discussed recent enforcement activities using several actions against the owners for illustration and answered questions on these examples.

Mr. Higgins asked a question on the status of auxiliary wells for emergency use by hospitals. Mr. Aulbach responded that local health departments were permitting them as nonpotable, for example, as noncontact cooling water.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: DWSRF Update

Discussion: Mr. Pellei discussed several personnel changes within the DWSRF including the addition of Mr. Matthews as the new Capacity Development Manager. Mr. Pellei addressed some recent concerns and milestones with the SRF Program: EPA would like to expedite the SRF awards and disbursements; 2013 award is 5% less dropping from $15.2 million in 2012 to $14. 5 million; Davis-Bacon wages are still a requirement where Going Green is goal; Buchanan County received $11.4 million for a new pump station and upsizing of mains to serve untouched parts of the county; and possible ways to revise the program to expedite awards.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: **Mr. Pellei to forward members of last year's allocation.**
Members are send Mr. Pellei suggestions on ways to expedite awards.

Agenda Item: Water Policy

Discussion: Ms. Douglas briefly discussed filling of vacancies. She updated the WAC members on: implementation of Stage 2 by the end of the year; ODW is awaiting EPA guidance on the revised TCR; and credit fir UV disinfection.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Capacity Development Program Update:

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Discussion: Mr. Matthews introduced himself as the new program manager replacing Mr. Skiljo. As the Capacity Development is 12 years old, it needs revision. Discussed during a Capacity Development stakeholders meeting on May 2nd, the best results will come from a focus group. He has several volunteers already and suggestions for focus group members from stakeholder organizations not represented. Mr. Mutoti volunteered to represent the consulting engineering firms. After the draft revision is completed, Mr. Matthews will present it to the WAC.
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. Stephenson introduced herself to the committee. We received a total of 48 plans, 10 of which were local (individual locality) and 38 of which were regional. Regional plans had as few as two localities and as many as 55 localities in the planning region. All plans have been submitted to other state agencies for their review: VDH, DGIF, VMRC, DCR, and DHR. VDH has completed its review of all plans.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: DCLS Update
Discussion: Mr. Mills provided the following: DCLS is looking at the budget and fee structure to ensure funding for the 2% employee pay raise; DCLS will be participating in the June 5th VOPEX; Dr. Romero visited the lab on Tuesday [May 15th]; and he reminded ODW staff that there is no fee for health hazards kits for coliform testing after storms.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: DHCD Update:
Discussion: Mr. Ellis had nothing to report.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: VWRRC Update:
Discussion: No representative present.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: SE-RCAP Update
Discussion: Mr. Wallace reported that: SE-RCAP recently held its Water is Life Banquet at which Mr. Aulbach presented the 2012 awards for the Virginia Optimization Program and that it was well attended; SE_RCAP is still providing technical assistance to community waterworks; the General Assembly provided $400,000 to be used for drinking water and wastewater projects; highlighted eight projects for which funding was provided; and a new grant from USDA to continue the Master Well Owner Program that enabled community involvement at six locations.

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Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: **Mr. Wallace to send Mr. Aulbach the dates for upcoming training so that it can**

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be shared with the OEHS.

Agenda Item: VRWA Update

Discussion: Mr. Handy reported the following: VRWA held its annual conference in Roanoke last month; Mr. Matthews is working with VRWA to providing funding for the purchase of additional leak detection equipment; and that the equipment previously purchased is worn and out dated by advances in technology. Mr. Aulbach added that VRWA is working with ODW to provide rule and regulatory training with ODW providing the instructors and VRWA advertising the training, providing the locations, and handling registration.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: VT Update

Discussion: Professor Boardman provided a handout listing the listing and summarizing the drinking water training that has been provided from August 2012 until now. He believes there may be some synergy generated by the VA AWWA Water Reach Committee with university students working with the SRF program and briefly touched upon the forthcoming Asset Management course.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: **Professor Boardman to send Mr. Anderson an electronic copy of the handout.**

Agenda Item: Future Meeting Frequency

Discussion: Mr. Aulbach started the discussion with a review from November. He recommended that the frequency be every other month for the near term with a rotation between in-person and Polycom meetings. WAC members would report to the ODW field office closest to them. Committee agreed and the next meeting will be July via Polycom.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: **Mr. Anderson is to survey members for location of which Polycom site that they would attend to reserve the conference rooms.**

Agenda Item: New Business

Discussion: Professor Boardman asked about the VOP certificates on the differences in the silver award. He relayed how important it was to some waterworks staff that he has talked to about getting the gold certificate. A brief discussion followed. He thought that through Capacity Development that supervisors could be educated on ways of scheduling shifts and perks that employees could receive that would augment normal compensation as part of supervisory skill sets.

Conclusion: None

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Update member Contact Information

Discussion: Mr. Aulbach stated that members who have had their contact information change, to provide the changes to Mr. Anderson after the meeting.

Conclusions: None

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Next Scheduled Meeting

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Discussion: The next WAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2013, via Polycom.
Conclusions: None
Action items: None

Agenda item: Adjournment
Discussion: There was a motion to adjourn and that motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 p.m.
Conclusions: None
Action items: None

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Mark C. Anderson, Secretary

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John J. Aulbach II, PE, Chair

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