

Waterworks Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Sydnor Hydro, Inc.
2111 Magnolia St,
Richmond, VA 23223
10:00 am – 11:35 am

Chair: John Aulbach, Virginia Department of Health
Secretary: Sarah Hinderliter, Virginia Department of Health
Timekeeper: John Aulbach, Virginia Department of Health

Members Present:

Jay Armstrong, Virginia Department of General Services
Andy Crocker, Southeast RCAP
Robert Glowacky, Virginia Department of General Services
Elmer Handy, Vice Chair, Virginia Rural Water Association
Steven Herzog, Virginia Water Environment Association
Scott Kudlas, Department of Environmental Quality
Eric Lassalle, Nontransient Noncommunity Representative
David Raines, Virginia Association of Counties
Jesse Royall, Sydnor Hydro, Inc. (Community waterworks owner)

Guests in Attendance:

Mark Anderson, Virginia Department of Health
Barry Matthews, Virginia Department of Health
Robert Payne, Virginia Department of Health

Minutes

Agenda Item: Call to Order

Discussion: Mr. Aulbach convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m
Conclusions: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: Agenda Adoption/Adoption of November 2015 Meeting Minutes

Discussion: There was a motion to adopt the draft minutes as revised and the motion was seconded. There was no discussion. Draft agenda and minutes were adopted unanimously.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: **Ms. Hinderliter to distribute November's minutes as approved.**

Agenda Item: Public Comment

Discussion: There were no comments.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Chair's Report

Discussion: Mr. Aulbach provided the following updates:

- The updated RTCR proposal went to EPA in December 2015, meeting the deadline. EPA asked one question after the submittal but has not made further contact since the answer was provided.
- Andrew (Drew) Hammond, PE, has accepted the Office of Drinking Water (ODW) Deputy Director position with a start date of Feb 10th. In this position he will assist with resource allocation, evaluation of ongoing ODW operations to maximize utilization of our fiscal resources, and will function as the chief engineering and operations advisor. The current Technical Services, Capacity Development, Operator Training, Work Force Development & Security, and Data Management programs will be realigned as direct reports to the Deputy Director. Mr. Hammond is coming from DEQ where he was the Manager of the Office of Stormwater Management. He has previous consulting engineering experience with several engineering firms in Virginia. Mr. Hammond is a Virginia Licensed Professional Engineer and is also registered as a Hydrologist in Training with the American Institute of Hydrology. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech with his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering.
- Mr. Aulbach is attending the American Water Works Association Potable Reuse Conference in Long Beach, CA.
- EPA conducted a telephone call on January 19, 2016 with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District to discuss an Underground Injection Control (UIC) program proposal. This proposal is regarding the injection of water treated to potable quality back into the aquifer. This may assist in the reduction of saline infiltration from the ocean/bay.
- In response to the Flint, MI crisis, VDH has prepared a message map to assist in responding to media inquiries which so far none have come in.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Capacity Development Update

Discussion: Mr. Matthews informed members of the following items:

- The Capacity Development Division has hired a third Sustainability Coordinator. Misty Johnson, who previously worked for ODW as an Inspector, is returning February 10, 2016 and will work out of the Danville Field Office.
- In addition to engineering projects, business operations plans and asset management plans are now funded from the small engineering projects program.
- Construction applications will now allow consideration of design/build

projects. No preliminary engineering report (PER) is required to submit an application and the PER can even be part of the proposal.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Legal Affairs Update

Discussion: Mr. Payne provided the following updates:

- ODW's preliminary request of proposed state RTCR regulations has been submitted to the EPA and the EPA has reviewed and sent written comments for ODW to address and incorporate for submittal of a final primacy application.
- In response to the Flint MI water crisis, ODW has reported lead levels statewide and briefed the State Health Commissioner. Currently, 11 systems statewide exceed the legal limit for lead.
- Collaboration with the ODW Capacity Development team is working well. The Cap Dev staff members are valuable liaisons with the waterworks and field offices in compliance/potential enforcement situations.
- There are no current bills in 2016 General Assembly session for which VDH-ODW is lead and we are tracking fewer than ten.
- Transient Noncommunity waterworks: Legal Affairs continues working on a game plan to compel TNC owners to comply with the requisite bacteriological and nitrate sampling schedules to protect public health.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: DCLS Update

Discussion: Mr. Glowacki shared the following items:

- A group of Nigerians recently visited DCLS, touring its facilities and observing its equipment and processes.
- A change in the Virginia Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (VELAP) will hold commercial and non-commercial labs to a new standard. The revision is up for public comment but no major changes are expected.
- Virginia's Ebola monitoring program ended in December 2015.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: DEQ Update

Discussion: Mr. Kudlas presented the following items:

- Status of the VWP regulatory revision process, including changes to the surface water withdrawal requirements – Three public hearings had been held: Williamsburg, Roanoke, and Woodbridge. These hearings were held January 11-13. Fairfax Water and Norfolk made comment orally on the surface water portion of the regulation. Their primary concern related to a fear that the safe yield language could be used to

limit excluded users. The formal comment period will close at the end of the month and is planned to go before the State Water Control Board in April for action.

- Status of pending permits in both the groundwater and surface water arenas – a “reduced” groundwater permit is expected to be on public notice soon for the City of Newport News and issued for Colonial Williamsburg. The Newport News permit was modified to reduce the normal demand but address their need for peak and emergency demand. On the surface water side, the James River Water Authority permit was issued and Henry County’s put on public notice. He outlined some of the issues dealt with in those permit processes and DEQ’s role in working through them. Mr. Kudlas also said that there had been three recent pre-application panels or reviews for James City County, Caroline County and Brunswick County.
- Legislative update – a groundwater permit bill introduced in three identical bills. The bills would create a program to encourage permittees to accept the proposed DEQ reductions in exchange for a longer unreduced permit term. He also provided a brief update on the activities of the current JLARC study and the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Advisory Committee. As part of his update on the Advisory Committee, he provided an update on the Hampton Roads Sanitation District’s Water Recycling Project.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: VRWA Update

Discussion: Mr. Handy reported that the VRWA Annual Conference will be held April 18-20, 2016 in Roanoke.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: New Business

Discussion: Mr. Aulbach informed members of two coal ash pond situations in the state, Possum Point and Bremono Bluff. The Southern Environmental Law Center is working with nearby homeowners who have wells that could be affected. ODW is consulting with Environmental Health Services on this issue as well. The adjacent localities could serve some but not all of these residents.

Conclusion: Move to next item.

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Discussion: Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Conclusion: None

Action items: None

Sarah C. Hinderliter,
Secretary

John Aulbach
Chair