

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

January 16, 2013

9:00 AM

OWDA Offices

MEETING CALLED BY	Brian Hall, Leader, OWRC-SACG
TYPE OF MEETING	OWRC SACG Bi-monthly
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Grossman, OWDA • Brian Hall, OEPA – DSW • Ted Lozier, ODNR • Ashley Ward, OEPA- DSW • Cathy Alexander, OEPA –DSW • Steve Ferryman, OEMA • Denise Franz King, ODA • Kristy Meyer, OEC • Sue Daily, PUCO • Dick Bartz, USGS • Gail Hesse, OLEC

AGENDA TOPICS

REVIEW LAST MEETING NOTES

BRIAN H.

DISCUSSION	Welcomed everyone, asked if there were any changes to the November meeting notes and if there were any additions to the agenda.		
CONCLUSIONS	No changes were identified.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None			

AGENDA TOPICS

WATER QUALITY MONITORING COORDINATION WORKGROUP UPDATE

CATHY, TED, DICK

DISCUSSION	<p>Cathy Alexander and Ted Lozier updated SACG on the workgroup’s progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The charter is finalized and the overview chart is in the process of being put together. • The survey template has been updated. • Data sharing via credible database or STORET? <p>Dick indicated that the OWRC Water Monitoring Subcommittee is organizing the annual Ohio water monitoring conference. The meeting is March 19 and there will be presentations on water quality topics of interest such as nutrients.</p>
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CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The metadata database is very detailed including all research projects that had any data collection. We will probably not recommend use of the metadata database as a part of this project. The WQMSC is looking more at the statewide and regional networks. Other groups such as universities are interested in this data. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
The workgroup will prepare a resolution to present at the February OWRC meeting.	Cathy	February

**OWRC PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
BIENNIUM 14-15**

BRIAN H.

DISCUSSION	<p>Brian summarized the proposed budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contract with Cleveland State University and Kirby Date is set to expire in April. She still wants to continue working but would like to cut back the hours. If land use is a major impact to water resources, does the state need to focus more on this? It is proposed that the OWRC fund 0.5 FTE devoted to land use and that the membership dues change from \$12,000 to \$15,000. 	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SACG has some concerns regarding the 0.5 FTE including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Balanced Growth is not focused on water, there is a connection but 0.5 FTE takes away money that could be spent on direct water issues. Who would this person report to? OLEC is not ready to walk away from the Balanced Growth Program. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Produce a position description, products and outcomes to present to the Council Meeting.	Brian Hall and Gail Hesse	February

**PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERSHIP
RENEWALS**

BRIAN H.

DISCUSSION	<p>Brian handed out the PAG renewal forms and summarized what groups they were sent to and who has already returned the renewal forms. What should be done about the groups that don't respond?</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	<p>The groups that do not respond will no longer be in the PAG. It may be a good idea to invite some oil and gas groups to join the PAG.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None.		

OWRC CONTRACT UPDATES

BRIAN H.

DISCUSSION	<p>Provided updates on active and proposed contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Lakes Fish Tissue Samples: The results are in! The 2011 samples showed some elevated microcystin in tissues. The 2012 samples still show elevated levels of microcystin in one species. The Fish Tissue Workgroup is working on recommendations regarding a consumption advisory. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shale Gas Wastewater Treatment Evaluation: Battelle is working on recommendations. They have met with interested parties and should have a final project by March. BLLUP: Document was adopted by OLEC and will be going before the Council in February. 	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OWRC DOCUMENTS UPDATES

BRIAN H.

DISCUSSION	<p>Provided updates on OWRC sponsored documents being drafted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geothermal: The workgroup has had discussions with Commerce who feels they already have regulatory authority. Salt Pile: The document is posted on the website. There have been articles regarding the document in the Columbus Dispatch. The document will go before the Council to be adopted in February. The group has finished a comparison of what other states are doing versus what Ohio is doing. 	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Additional meeting with Commerce has been scheduled to work out regulatory authority	Rebecca	February

**PROPOSED 2/20/2013 COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEMS**

BRIAN H.

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve OWRC By-Laws Endorsement of Statewide BLLUP Proposal of Water Resources Land Use Position Endorsement of MORPC BG Plans Update on other Contracts – Can Battelle provide a status update? Endorse Geothermal Legislative Recommendations – on hold Endorse Salt Pile Recommendations Public Advisory Renewals Monitoring Steering Committee Propose Biennium Budget
CONCLUSIONS	The SACG would like to hear from the Council what activities they find important. Nutrients

	need to be addressed.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Find out if Battelle can provide a status update.	Brian Hall	February
Provide BLLUP Resolution for OWRC meeting	Gail Hesse	February