

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

May 15, 2013

9:00 AM

OWDA Offices

MEETING CALLED BY	Brian Hall, OEPA- DSW
TYPE OF MEETING	OWRC SACG Bi-monthly
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Grossman, OWDA • Ted Lozier, ODNR • Denise Franz King, ODA • Sue Daly, PUCO • Dick Bartz, USGS • Mike Baker, OEPA - DDGW • George Elmaraghy, OEPA – DSW • Marie Barnett, OEPA – DSW • Ashley Ward, OEPA – DSW

AGENDA TOPICS

REVIEW LAST MEETING NOTES

A. WARD

DISCUSSION	Brian Hall was unable to attend the meeting and Ashley Ward filled in for him. She welcomed everyone and introduced Marie Barnett who will be helping with OWRC administrative tasks. The March meeting notes were officially approved.		
CONCLUSIONS	No changes were identified.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None			

AGENDA TOPICS

ACTIVE CONTRACTS

A. WARD

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battelle Shale Gas Wastewater Treatment Evaluation: The workgroup met and went through pilot scenarios. Battelle has developed a matrix and has run seven industries through it. They will be publishing the results for two of those, one involving distillation and one involving chemical precipitation. Battelle will have a draft document completed within the next couple weeks. Is the matrix for water that can be discharged or water that can be recycled? Both. • Balanced Growth & Best Local Land Use Practices: Kirby's contract has been extended through June. She has been busy holding round table discussions across the state as a follow up to the conference. She currently has been working on a survey that will go
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	<p>out later this week and on preparing the final report. The Lake Erie Commission will be continuing with Kirby, OWRC needs to decide what they want to do after June. The 0.5 FTE Balanced Growth position needs to be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Lake St Mary Fish Sampling: The study completed by State of New York University invoice came in and the cost was half of what was budgeted. The Chair of the OWRC wants to continue sampling this summer. He is proposing to use the \$30,000 budgeted for other projects. Once the proposal is put together it will be shared with the group. One species drew concern, black carp. 	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The person hired for the Balanced Growth position should shadow Kirby; she has accumulated a lot of knowledge. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Formulate a proposal for the Balanced Growth position. Brief SACG members not at the meeting about fish tissue sampling this summer. Distribute proposal for Grand Lake St Mary fish tissue sampling this summer amongst SACG members, so they can brief their Directors.	Gail Hesse and Brian Hall Brian Hall	TBD ASAP

PUBLICATIONS UPDATE

A. WARD

DISCUSSION	We aren't sure if the geothermal publication is finished. Is it going to be guidance or regulatory?	
CONCLUSIONS	The salt pile publication is finish and posted.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None.		

SUBCOMMITTEES

A. WARD

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Coordinating Committee on Ground Water: Met on April 18. Meeting summary is posted online. Rebecca gave report on Geothermal-very informational. State Water Monitoring Workshop (Water Quality Monitoring Steering Committee, March Workshop) Cathy is meeting with each state agency individually to work on consolidating their data. She will start with ODOT, Dept. of Agriculture and Health Department. Indiana is starting a similar project.
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ODNR is working with USGS to increase monitoring in the western Lake Erie basin, adding 7 additional sites. They will be monitoring flow and nutrients. Continued monitoring cost money and there is no guarantee that money will be available in the next budget. SB 37 – Creates a Water for Every Residence Task Force that meets once a month to create a report within a year that identifies residential areas of Ohio without readily available potable drinking water. Director Nally is interested in a better approach for water utilities and regionalizing

	them. Water and sewer infrastructure needs evaluated.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None.		

MEETING SCHEDULES

A. WARD

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SACG – 7/17, 9/18, 11/20, dates are fine with everyone. PAG Meetings: Only 6 advisory group members showed up to the May meeting. The agenda was full and there wasn't a lot of time for discussion. The next meeting will be held October 2. The focus will be on the next 4 Year Action Plan. We are having a facilitator from Lean Ohio to aid discussion. Should we provide a draft or go to the meeting with a blank state to get fresh ideas? There are benefits to both, if a draft is not provided there will be ideas, but they may be impossible to address. 	
CONCLUSIONS	The SACG members would like to meet with the facilitator prior to the October PAG meeting. Everyone would like to switch the PAG meeting venue to ODNR.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Arrange for the facilitator to come to the 7/17 or 9/18 SACG meeting.	Brian Hall	9/18/2013
Check ODNR conference room availability.	Ted Lozier	Complete.

ACTION ITEM REVIEW/UPDATE

A. WARD

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Quality: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review information on HABS - A conference call was held with ODNR and Health. The document was reviewed and it was determined revisions are not necessary. Salt Storage - complete. Water Quantity: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor Conservation and Efficiency Program and water withdrawal threshold regulation implementation issues - The compact advisory group has been meeting and working to develop administrative rules. A grant has been approved through OLEC for CSU to evaluate BMPs. Facilitate multi-agency collaboration on hydrologic conditions and issues related to climate change – the USGS Central Ohio Climate Change study is about halfway complete. There are 2 phases, the hydrologic modeling phase and the planning phase. MORPC is working with the system to find weak points. Dick Bartz mentioned that OSU has some good climate change webinars. Climate change may be a good focus area in the next 4 Year Action Plan. Water Infrastructure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategies related to local infrastructure needs and funding options – up to date. Water Related Natural Hazards: 	
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	1. Collaborate with OEMA on preparedness programs/determine feasibility of adding OEMA to OWRC – Steve Ferryman, OEMA has been regularly attending and participating in SACG meetings.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Send web link to SACG members when available.	Dick Bartz	TBD	

UPDATES

ALL

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andre Porter left as PUCO Commissioner, joined Ohio Dept. of Commerce as Director. • The Director of the Department of Natural Resources at Ohio State is taking a new position under the Dean. Jeff Sharp will be the new interim Director. There are no immediate plans to begin a search for a replacement, they are on a 2 year plan. 		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None.			