

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

September 19, 2012

8:45AM

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 • Joe Bonnell, OSU Extension • Dick Bartz, USGS • Sue Daily, PUCO • Greg Ngeotte, ODNR Alternate • Mike Baker, OEPA – DDAGW • Brian Hall, OEPA – DSW • Rebecca Fugitt, ODH • Ted Lozier, ODNR • Ashley Ward, OEPA- DSW • Cathy Alexander, OEPA –DSW • Steve Ferryman, OEMA

AGENDA TOPICS

REVIEW LAST MEETING NOTES

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Welcomed everyone, asked if there were any changes to the July meeting notes and if there were any additions to the agenda. Introduced Ashley Ward as person that will be helping Brian with OWRC activities.		
CONCLUSIONS	No changes were identified.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None			

AGENDA TOPICS

WATER QUALITY MONITORING STEERING WORKGROUP

CATHY

DISCUSSION	<p>The monitoring steering workgroup has drafted a charter, but has questions on the scope of activities. A memo from the group has been drafted and includes the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of data should be the focus? • What is the geographic scope, should inland lakes and streams be first or should Lake Erie and the Ohio River be first? • What is the purpose this sampling is serving? • What are the time frame expectations? • Should specific areas be targeted?
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CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine data collections should be the starting focus point. • There is concern about a lack of data in some areas. Inland lakes and streams should be first. • The sampling will fill in regional gaps in data, enhance monitoring effectively and provide information on water quality and trends to enable informed decision making. • Cathy should make a list of priorities and discuss them with the Director. She should get proposals together for the group to evaluate. • Metadata database should be looked at to determine what information is already available and identify gaps of information. The Council needs to fund maintenance of the system. The format needs changed. For example, Metadata database is mostly tables of data which could be showed on a map.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Committee will make a list of options. The committee will have direction; know what the first steps are going to be and the costs.	Cathy	February meeting

AGENDA TOPICS

OWRC BUDGET UPDATE

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	The budgets for 2012 and 2013 were summarized.	
CONCLUSIONS	There is room in the 2013 budget for another project. Joe is going to update a one page proposal for his project on watershed planning. Discussed the potential of funding Monitoring Steering Committee needs	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Submittal of one page proposal on watershed planning project	Joe	Done

AGENDA TOPICS

PROPOSED OWRC BY-LAWS

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Brian discovered by-laws from 2004 while reviewed the OWRC files. Propose having the Council endorse the by-laws and put on the website. Discussed possible changes to the by-laws; Identify roles for the chairperson of PAG, state that the Advisory Group will meet at least two times a year instead of the current three times per year. Brian wants everyone to look at what he added for the advisory group leader roles and notify him of any changes he should make.	
CONCLUSIONS	No one has objections to having simple by-laws for OWRC. Recommend adding EMA should be added to SAG. Projects should be mentioned in the By-Laws.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Review by-laws and comment	All	November meeting
Language drafted for projects to be included in the By-Laws	Greg	Done

AGENDA TOPICS

PUBLIC ADVISORY MEETING

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	At least 25 people will be attending. Nutrients will be the main focus and it will be held at ODA instead of OEPA. Dan Dudley from OEPA will be giving a state update regarding nutrients. Membership: some people have not responded to Brian.
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CONCLUSIONS	Other members will help Brian get a hold of the people who have not responded to him. There is room to add if it is desired.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send out list of members that haven't responded	Brian	ASAP
Talk to PAG members about leading the PAG	Brian	10/17/12

OWRC CONTRACT UPDATES

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	<p>Provided updates on active and proposed contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Lakes Fish Tissue Samples: They will continue sampling throughout September and October. Some analytical results have been evaluated and are comparable to last year. • Shale Gas Wastewater Treatment Evaluation: Brian is working on a contract with Battelle that will hopefully be completed by the end of the week. Essentially, proposing \$49,000 for Battelle to develop a process to verify the viability for treatment processes for Shale brine wastewater so that not all will need to go to injection wells. • Best Local Land Use Practices: A draft update was sent out and comments were received. There is a PLLUP conference, funded by the agreement, in January. The contract is up in April, does it need extended? Kirby will give an update at the November meeting. The City of Delaware received a 0.5 percent discount on a loan for a new drinking water plant because they have an approved Balanced Growth Plan.
CONCLUSIONS	There should be a press release focused on Balanced Growth incentives.

OWRC DOCUMENTS UPDATES

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	<p>Provided updates on OWRC sponsored documents being drafted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geothermal: No updates. Rebecca should have a revised document by December 2012. It is on the agenda for the February Council's meeting. • Salt Pile – The work group met and approved one additional change to allow for temporary 7 day outdoor piles. 	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

ACTION ITEM REVIEW/UPDATES

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Reviewed the following OWRC Action items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach / Education: Kirby's contract is up in April and it is necessary to decide if that needs to be extended or not. • Watershed Management: Gail has been meeting with state agencies and making progress. Ohio EPA has recently updated nutrient trading rules. • Data Information 	
CONCLUSIONS	See revised Action Item Status Report (as attachment)	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OWRC MEETING DATES

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Brian proposed moving SACG's November meeting from November 21 st . Should 2013 meeting dates be changed?	
CONCLUSIONS	Brian will email alternative date options for the November 2012 meeting and determine what works best for the most people. The proposed dates for the 2013 meetings should be kept.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Look for alternate date of November meeting	Brian	10/1/12
Share OWRC cheat sheet for activities with Coordinating Group	Brian	Done