

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

May 9, 2018

9:00 AM

OWDA

MEETING CALLED BY	Brian Hall, OEPA- DSW
TYPE OF MEETING	OWRC Quarterly
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Hall, OEPA - DSW • Emily DeLay, OEPA - DSW • Mike Eggart, OEPA - DDAGW • Alauddin Alauddin, OEPA - DEFA • Sue Daly, PUCO • Lincoln Stanley, USDA • Greg Nageotte, ODA • Mike Hallfrisch, ODNR • Keith Banachowski, USGS • Annie Baas, PUCO • Ken Heigel, OWDA • Zuzana Bohrerova, OSU
	Next meeting August 8, 2018 at OWDA August 16, 2018 at ODNR Collins Lab @ 8:30

AGENDA TOPICS

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE MEETING NOTES

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	Brian Hall conducted the meeting which started at 9:00 AM. Brian welcomed everyone and asked if there were any comments on the previous notes. There were no comments.
CONCLUSIONS	None.

REVIEW OWRC BYLAWS

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<p>This was the third look and discussion at new draft bylaws. A summary of comments from the last look at the bylaws was given by Brian Hall. The following comments and solutions were provided:</p> <p>Questions/Comments after third look:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should we stagger the appointment of the committee leader and the meeting coordinator? 	
CONCLUSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The appointment of the leaders should be staggered so one leader will know the ins and outs of the meetings as another leader comes in for their appointment time. 	
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline

PROGRAM UPDATES

SACG MEMBERS

DISCUSSION

OEPA – DEFA:

- October is Compliance Assistance Conference for business and industry, as well as some industrial pretreatment dischargers.
- November is the Dredge Summit, which will be a follow up from the Dredge Summit put on a couple of years ago, to discuss what’s been done and where we’re at.
- Alauddin will be moving to OEPA - Office of Environmental Education to oversee the Volkswagen Settlement Program, specifically electric vehicle charging stations.

ODA:

- Continuing on with watershed coordinator program, now opened up so recipients don’t have to employ one full-time watershed coordinator. Only SWCDs are eligible, and we are letting them take a team approach to tell ODA how they will provide watershed program services to focus on planning and implementation.
- 17 proposals, 9 from Lake Erie Basin. Able to fund 6-8 projects and will be making the decision on who to fund very soon.
- Agriculture pollution abatement rules (901:13-1-01:20). Are undergoing a 5-year rule review.
- Heard a presentation for Dr. Jacquemin from Wright State Univ. talking about the Grand Lake St. Marys watershed in distress progress – good news, the practices that have been installed are improving the water quality in the watershed.
- Working on USDA on updating the Lake Erie CREP. Shifting towards implementing buffers.
- Approached by U.S. EPA to apply for funding they have available to incentivize the injection of land applied manure.
- WMAO is in Cincinnati with the National Association of Lake Managers October 30 – Nov 2. WMAO will have 1 day of sessions on Nov 1. The call for papers for NALMs is out now.

OEPA - DDAGW:

- Amy Jo Klei is the new chief of DDAGW.
- DDAGW is in the process of reorganize the groundwater program. Other Divisions were funding positions dealing with groundwater. Divisions now have their own geologists. About 30 positions are being moved, but it shouldn’t affect much. DDAGW is still retaining groundwater activities.
- DDAGW has always coordinated the technical guidance manual for hydrogeologic modifications and groundwater monitoring, but this responsibility will now be going to the Division of Emergency Response and Revitalization (DERR).
- Drinking water program is still working through a number of rule packages. New lead and copper rules for water systems became effective May 1, 2018. Have some implementation issues being worked out by October 1 for notification for delivery of filters for lead issues.
- Working on operator certification rules. Asset management was required by SB 2, and we’re working on draft some rules for that. SB 2 required asset management for water systems by October 1. Will focus initially on contingency plans for water systems, and if

they have any severe maintenance issues, we will be calling those asset management plans up.

- Working on stakeholder outreach for manganese. Was traditionally regulated as a secondary MCL, which is non-enforceable, for aesthetics and taste. There is a health advisory issue for lifetime exposure of 0.3 mg/L, and we have systems that exceed that. Working with ODH and decided to go with this standard, they are looking at drafting rules for this.
- SB 2 also had a requirement for OEPA to define selling water, and submetering issues, so they continue to work on this. Trying to come up with incentives on interconnections, and allow small mobile home parks, apartments, and small communities to submeter to conserve water.
- Still effort for PFAS and PFOA.

ODNR:

- Andy Ware left ODNR, Rodney Tornes is new Division of Water Resources acting Chief. Rodney has been the assistant chief for the past 4 or 5 years.
- Great Lakes Compact – State of Wisconsin has approved a 7 mgd straddling community diversion application for the City of Racine and that is for the new Foxconn electronic assembly plant going in. Probably will not require regional review.
- Dam Safety – JCARR on May 14, 2018. These rules should become effective before the end of May and the most notable change is an average 15% increase in the annual fee charged to the regulated dam owners.
- Dam safety is working with the Corps of Engineers Huntington District to start a one-time assessment and inspection of non-Corps owned levies at various locations in the state.
- Floodplain management - working with Ohio Building Officials Association to develop new processes and training for damage assessment in flood hazard areas and preparing for the annual Ohio statewide floodplain management conference which is August 1 & 2 in Columbus.

PUCO:

- May 8 was the Children's Water Festival. Had the highest number that they've had in a while.
- Commissioner Beth Trombold term expired at the end of March, and she was reappointed for another 5-year term.

USGS:

- Merging with Indiana has been good coordinating activities in the Maumee basin. Michigan is getting 3 new sites – 2 new stream flow measurement sites, plus 3 water quality sites that flow to Ohio.
- Supergages, which measure water quality in real time, one in Antwerp is running, one in Waterville is running, and then we have 4 more for tributaries to Lake Erie scheduled for later this summer.
- Budget – Still in limbo, came off of continuing resolution budget, but now there appears to be some maneuvering as far as what has been budgeted to us through congress of our administration actually allowing us to spend it. Still a waiting game.
- Big part of the budget is through cooperating with state and local agencies, so we're still funded but the federal allocation is still in limbo.

- Nowcast, which is a predictive model for E. coli and HABs, is a big project that is getting started through GLRI. This will be the first year to get it up and running, but it is expanding to HABs.
- Ohio workgroup for water resources monitoring – successful meeting in March, was coordinated with Ohio EPA and ODNR.

USDA:

- Several projects with pipelines.
- In the same position [as USGS] with the federal budget. Allocated federally, but not down to the states yet.

OEPA – DSW:

- The construction storm water general permit was renewed. Currently about 20,000 people covered under that permit. Anyone who disturbs more than 1 acre of land needs to be covered by the construction storm water general permit and develop those storm water pollution prevention plans.
- Oil and Gas pipelines are exempt from getting a storm water permit. Ohio EPA is proposing a state-issued oil and gas pipeline permit. PA and WV have also done this. This would be similar to other general permits, but not associated with the Clean Water Act.