

Capital Region Water Board Minutes  
 Held on July 8, 2003 at 10 AM  
 At Susquehanna River Basin Commission  
 1721 North Front Street, Harrisburg

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Minutes from May 22, 2003 were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Betty Conner reported that our actual expenses have been much less than our budget, so we are in good shape. The Finance Committee will meet today following the CRWB meeting to make plans for presenting a budget for 2004 to the Board of Directors in September.

Lower Susquehanna River Basin Study Report- George Lazorchick

George reported that the Phase 1 Study is completed, and the Plan of Study (POS) for Phase II were delivered to SRBC, DEP & the CRWB. There is one copy on CD, which may be copied for distribution. Jeff Hines is planning to put the Executive Summary on the CRWB website.

The Phase I Report incorporates comments from the public workshops. The Plan of Study for Phase II is the product of the Phase I Study. Now that Phase I is completed we can begin to seek funding for Phase II

⇒ **Action Item:** Betty suggested a "fund development committee" that would look into grants and other funding opportunities. Walter Lyon had given Betty suggestions for some who could be on the Committee who are not members of this Board.

John Jarvis said that the stakeholders along the river need to be educated to realize what a treasure the river is.

Betty Conner said the Phase I Report was very well done.

The Swatara Creek Water Supply Study

The Draft Report was circulated at the meeting for comments, and the Report is available to those who wish to review it. The Executive Committee has been reviewing it and will submit their comments to the Corps of Engineers asking for more consistency throughout the Report. The substance of the Report is good. The Report should be out in final form by the end of this month. By August 15 the two Section 22 Study Projects should be completely wrapped up. Betty suggested that a geologic map of Lebanon County be part of the Swatara Creek Study.

Kevin Laptos asked about having a Stakeholder meeting after the Study is out to discuss the possible alternatives. George Lazorchick explained that the end user would be the one who would make decisions. They may want to discuss the information included in the Report and make educated decisions based on the information given in the Report that wasn't available before. Betty said that water suppliers, policy makers and planners should come up with the recommendations and implementation plans.

Cindy Metzger asked about promoting the Study- getting it into the hands of the right person to really utilize it. It was explained that the Study will be going out to the entities that would be using it. Cindy suggested some kind of "packaging" that would promote the planners looking at the material instead of it just being something they received and filed. John Jarvis suggested publishing something in a magazine that may be more widely distributed. Jonathan Beers said that the Lebanon Municipal Water Authority (LMWA) is already planning on using the Study. The Board feels that word is getting out about the Study. Betty Conner said that there will probably be an article in the newspaper about the Study's completion and availability. LMWA has been considering how to promote the Study. They will be having a media campaign after it comes out and will have copies available for interested people. The CRWB will make copies available to local entities, such as libraries so they can be available to the public. Roger Karsnitz said that public opinion is what drives planners and legislators to move on things. So he suggested getting this study or at least the Executive Summary into the public's hands.

### **Basin Condition Report-** George Lazorchick

Things are back to normal in the basin. It rained most days in June and every groundwater monitoring well in the basin is registering above normal. This is better than any other year monitored.

### **New Business**

Betty Conner announced that Walter Lyon formally resigned as the CRWB Executive Director. She said that he will still be available and interested in what the Board is doing. Marshall Goulding has been asked to take over the position of Executive Director and he has accepted the position. He also agreed to house the files for the office at his home.

Betty Conner got a call from a group that is submitting a proposal to the AWWA Research Foundation for a grant to study Regional Water Solutions to Developing Water Supplies. They were requesting CRWB participation in their multi-state study.

Betty also reported that Colorado Water Conservation Board is planning to do a Water Supply Study for the entire state that will cost \$2.7 million.

### **Comments from Members Present**

David Sheridan shared that he is concerned about potable water use, because we could have a water problem within one month if a drought occurs. He feels that we should work on the demand side for treated water by providing non-potable alternatives for industrial users. David asked what the Water Purveyors thought of encouraging new industries to have a non-potable water supply. Jeff Hines said that he thought requiring this would be like applying penalties to new industries coming to the area. Betty said that it probably wasn't necessary for many water-using industries to use treated water.

Jane Earle suggested mine water for industrial use.

Julie Yu said that PEMA is providing a risk assessment report about disaster areas. SRBC did 245 flood plain mapping studies with flood stage forecast maps of areas predicted to be under water at different stages.

George said that the National Weather Service is using this data to increase the probability of accuracy in forecasting.

**Next Meeting-** Wednesday September 10 at 1:00 PM (Director's Meeting Proceeds Board Meeting at 12:30 PM)  
at SRBC 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.