

CAPITAL REGION WATER BOARD (CRWB)

Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2011

Susquehanna River Basin Commission

1721 N Front St – Harrisburg, PA

Marshall Goulding called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Members and guests present were:

Paula Ballaron - SRBC

Marshall Goulding – CRWB Executive Director

Jeff Hines – York Water (via conference phone)

Walter Lyon, CRWB Consultant

Peter Robelen – GeoServices Ltd

John Seitz – York County Planning Commission

Susan Boynton – CRWB Staff

Minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved with one edit being requested by Paula Ballaron.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Marshall Goulding reviewed financial reports for the month ending June 30, 2011. Walter Lyon reported that he did not have any success in scheduling a meeting with PA American Water.

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL COMMITTEE

John Seitz reported the workshop hosted by the York County Planning Commission to review the York Comprehensive Plan (“Plan”) was well attended. It was reported that the State Watershed Implementation Plan ends or stops at the county level. York County, which consists of 72 municipalities, has a TMDL implementation group. There are 2,715 municipalities in the Commonwealth. The PA DEP is using the assistance of PSATS to communicate issues and requirements to the municipalities. John reported Adams County used York’s model “Plan” to develop their stormwater management plan; no other county in the Chesapeake Bay watershed used the “Plan” as a model. York County appears to be the leader in this voluntary initiative.

GROUNDWATER AND BASIN CONDITIONS COMMITTEES

Paula Ballaron reported the SRBC has identified stressed areas. One area identified was Roaring Springs (Morrison Cove). Water suppliers are interested in bulk water sales. Study supports SRBC’s Groundwater Management Plan. The Study includes statistics on carp, measurements of stream flows. The SRBC is planning to use Commonwealth funds to conduct research in the Basin. The research would aid in the ongoing studies.

Paula reported the draft regulations are posted on the SRBC website. She noted that the SRBC is responsible for water quantity issues, not water quality issues, which are the responsibility of the PA DEP. A handout of the hydrologic conditions report dated July 19, 2011 was provided to all meeting attendees.

The SRBC has been working with the Nature Conservancy to establish a median flow for inclusion in the Pass By Flow Guidance document, which will be released in Fall after the Commission’s September meeting). Streams must remain above the normal level for 48 hours before withdrawals can resume.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

With respect to increasing membership and participation in the CRWB, Marshall Goulding is working with Dave Jostenski on developing a list of major water users that could be contacted to determine their interest. Marshall doesn’t believe the cost to create nor time involved to send a mailing to counties or municipalities would result in a significant number of new members; especially since none of the County Commissioners responded to a letter that Marshall mailed earlier in 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Marshall reminded attendees that the Annual Business Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Marshall reported he will be asking Randy Hurst to lead the effort to identify new board members. He also reported that he is looking for a successor to assume the Executive Director’s position, as he is looking to step down in the near future. Marshall reported that Peter Robelen continues to be interested and additional information will be available at the September meeting.