

Meeting Minutes
 Central WUCC Meeting #5
 MDC Training Center – 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT
 October 25, 2016 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on October 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the MDC Training Center at 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, Connecticut. Notice of the meeting was sent to WUCC members and posted on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>. The following WUCC member representatives were in attendance (listed in alphabetic order of affiliation):

WUCC Member Representative	Affiliation
Kenneth Skov	Aquarion Water Company
Kevin Schwabe	Avon Water Company
Robert Wesneski	Avon Water Company
Jack Healy	Berlin Water
Mary Ellen Kowalewski	Capitol Region Council of Governments
Lynn Pike Disanto	Capitol Region Council of Governments
Eric Trott	Town of Coventry
David Radka	Connecticut Water Company
William Jarzavec	Cromwell Fire District
Bill Milardo	Town of Durham
Jim Ventres	Town of East Haddam
Tim Smith	East Hampton WPCA
Brendan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Jonathan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Donna Landerman	Juniper Club Water Company
Patrick Kearney	Town of Manchester
Peter Hughes	Town of Marlborough
Dennis Waz	Meriden Public Utilities
David Banker	Metropolitan District Commission
John Mirtle	Metropolitan District Commission
Bob Young	Town of Middletown
Raymond Esponda	Town of New Britain
Rose Gavrilovic	Regional Water Authority
Tom Roy	Town of Simsbury
Eugene Koss	Tolland Water Company
Jason Coite	UConn
Stanley Nolan	UConn
Gene Roberts	UConn
Neil Amwake	Wallingford Water Division
Richard Meskill	Wallingford Water Division

The following non-WUCC member representatives were in attendance (listed in alphabetic order of affiliation):

Non-WUCC Member Representative	Affiliation
Melissa Czarnowski	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Corinne Fitting	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Rich Iozzo	CT Department of Public Health
Matt Pafford	CT Office of Policy and Management
Alicia Charamat	Connecticut River Watershed Council
Eileen Fielding	Farmington River Watershed Association
Jeanine Gouin	Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
Gail Lucchina	Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Nick Neeley	Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Charles Rothenberger	Rome Smith and Lutz
Judy Allen	Save Our Water CT
Peter Galant	Tighe and Bond

A copy of the meeting agenda is attached. The following actions took place:

1. Welcome & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Co-chair David Radka. A roll call was conducted in which everyone stated their name and affiliation.

2. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Review of Formal Correspondence

The formal correspondences were separated into two groups due to the volume of correspondence.

One category was general correspondence that was not specific to the Preliminary Water Supply Assessment; the second category included comments on the Preliminary Water Supply Assessment.

The following general correspondence was logged following the September meeting of the Central WUCC:

- September 23, 2016 – A Letter from the Central WUCC Co-Chair to WUCC members, representatives of CT DEEP, CT DPH, CT OPM, and CT PURA, and the public informing of the availability of the Preliminary Water Supply Assessment.

- September 26, 2016 – A Letter from the Central WUCC Co-Chairs to WUCC members, representatives of CT DEEP, CT DPH, CT OPM, and CT PURA, and the public informing of the commencement of the Exclusive Service Area Planning Process.
- October 4, 2016 – A Letter was sent from the Chairs of all Three WUCCs to the Rivers Alliance of Connecticut in response to the letter send out by the Rivers Alliance on September 12, 2016 that was addressed to all three WUCCs.
- October 4, 2016 – A Letter from the Central WUCC Co-Chairs to CT DPH giving their recommendation for a new water system for HWGA, LLC New Public Water System.
- October 19 2016 – An e-mail was sent from the Central WUCC Co-Chairs to Central WUCC ESA Holders requesting affirmation of previously assigned ESAs within the Central Region.

There was a long list of formal correspondence that related to comments regarding the Preliminary Water Supply Assessment. These comments are available for viewing on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>.

Discussion:

- Jeanine Gouin of Milone and MacBroom, Inc. (MMI) reminded the meeting attendees that the final WSA is due on December 12th. Comments from the public will be reviewed, responded to, and/or incorporated by that date.
- Rich Iozzo of the Department of Public Health agreed to post the list of comments for the PWSA on the DPH website.
- Corinne Fitting of CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection requested that contact information for the Central WUCC be posted on the DPH website. Rich Iozzo agreed to post contact information.

4. Public Comment

There was no formal public comment at the meeting. The attending public provided comment throughout the meeting.

5. Preliminary Water Supply Assessment Discussion/Public Comment

- Jeanine Gouin stated that the majority of WUCC member comments regarding the PWSA were simple factual corrections. The majority of comments from the public, roughly half to two-thirds, was from Branford and North Branford area residents. The letters had a common message requesting for the WUCC to preserve the environment and keep our water safe in Connecticut.
- Donna Landerman of the Juniper Club Water Company asked what the WUCC was going to do about addressing these comments from the public. Ms. Gouin replied that the letters will be

reviewed, posted to the website, and responded to, either by general response letter or by edits within the WSA.

Discussion:

- Jeanine Gouin indicated that comments received from agencies and formal organizations or groups cover most of the issues that were brought up by individual residents.
- A letter from the Connecticut Department of Public health provided two comments about the PWSA
 - DPH suggested there be a map made of the small systems to show where there are large groups of small systems and what large systems are near them to potentially provide an interconnection at some point.
 - MMI is currently working with DPH to create this map.
 - Changes to the PWSA will be made in different colors to make it easy to see what has been added or changed.
 - DPH also suggested that the PWSA include regional source protections to fit the needs of the different areas in the state.
 - MMI has already added narrative in the document to address this request.
- Two letters from the River's Alliance brought up four topics.
 - Rivers Alliance suggested more detail be provided relative to what entity is providing water and what entity is receiving water where interconnections are either existing or proposed.
 - The mapping presented depicts the towns but not the water systems or the water systems and not the town.
 - Ms. Gouin indicated that this issue has already been addressed.
 - Rivers Alliance would like to see the donor town and the receiver town in a source by source basis.
 - Ms. Gouin indicated that MMI cannot divulge specific source locations because of the sensitivity of that information, and in keeping with their confidentiality agreement with DPH. However, total basin demands and transfers is something that is being addressed in the State Water Plan. That will include water supply demands and interbasin transfers along with other consumptive water uses.
 - The final comment from the River's Alliance was that 93% of the water systems say they need more water in the next 5 years. How accurate is this information?
 - Ms. Gouin responded that the information was taken from the Water Supply Plans for each individual water utility or town. These plans look at future demands going ahead 50 years and most systems expect to grow in that time.
 - Donna Landerman asked why we think we will need more water everywhere in the future? What are we doing about conservation?
 - Ms. Gouin replied that conservation will be a critical piece of the integrated report analysis.
- A letter from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection relayed several comments.
 - DEEP's comments were mainly asking for clarification for parts of the document and MMI has no issue incorporating those clarifications. The letter also provided some guidance for the next phases of analysis.

- A letter was received from Judy Allen representing Save out Water CT indicating that the PWSA does not address environmental issues or climate change; that they support a re-evaluation of state diversion permits; and that water supply plans that are 8 to 10 years old do not provide a good basis for predict future water needs.
 - Ms. Gouin noted that some of these concerns will be addressed as the WUCC evaluation proceeds and some, like water diversion permitting, are simply outside of the scope of responsibilities of the WUCC.
- Ms. Gouin concluded by going over the upcoming schedule for the Central WUCC.

6. Town-by-Town Review of the Public Water Supply System Status, Small System Consolidation Potential, and Potential need for Public Water Supply

- Ms. Gouin presented a review of the towns with clusters of small systems. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>.

Discussion:

- David Radka stated that anyone claiming an ESA should know they will be responsible for any newly constructed community systems, and that the responsibility of an ESA holder for the current small systems that fail or that are in need to taking over will have to be addressed by the WUCC at some point.
- Judy Allen suggested that the WUCC should look at the availability of the water from larger utilities along with the quality of water and not just the proximity.
 - Ms. Gouin agreed, but also noted that redundancy in adjacent systems can be valuable.
- Ray Esponda of the Town of New Britain stated that the WUCC needs to consider the role of the ESA holder and whether they need to operate failing community systems. If they do not fulfill their responsibilities, they should lose their ESA in that area.

7. Discussion of the Draft ESA Declaration Forms

- David Radka indicated that there was a communication breakdown and that many people submitted ESA declaration forms when only review of the declaration form was being requested.
- Letters of affirmation were sent out to previously accepted ESA holders to reaffirm that they want to keep their previously held ESA.
 - Some members indicated that they did not receive the electronic affirmation letter. Attending members concurred that additional outreach was appropriate and that a hard copy mailing should also occur to participating members.

Discussion:

- It was revealed that many members did not receive the previously emailed draft declaration form or the affirmation letter.

- Patrick Kearney of the Town of Manchester suggested that the declaration form may only be needed if there is an area of conflict. Ms. Gouin replied that we need to assess whether people can serve an area whether there is conflict or not.
- Bob Young of the Middletown Water Department indicated that the declaration form does not request the specific needs of water and what capabilities someone has for supplying water.

8. ESA Procedures, Next Steps, and Schedule

- After some discussion, it was decided that discussion on the draft ESA Declaration Forms and ESA process will be the primary topic at the November 16, 2016 meeting, since many people did not get a chance to review the documents ahead of time. All such documentation will be posted on the DPH website and Rich Iozzo and Brendan Avery will work together with members to resolve the distribution issue.

9. Other Business

- There was discussion relative to where the Central WUCC should meet next month. The attending members agreed that the MDC Training Center at 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, Connecticut was the best location. The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2016. David Radka adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC