

Meeting Minutes  
 Central WUCC Meeting #26  
 MDC Training Center – 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT  
 February 20, 2019 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on February 20, 2019 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
Ray Jarema	Berlin Water
David Radka	Connecticut Water Company
Jim Ventres	Town of East Haddam
Tim Smith	East Hampton WPCA
Brendan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Jonathan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Patrick Kearney	Town of Manchester
Peter Hughes	Town of Marlborough
David Banker	Metropolitan District Commission
R. Bartley Halloran	Metropolitan District Commission
Vincent Tursi	Tolland Water

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

Non-WUCC Member Representative	Affiliation
Corinne Fitting	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Rich Iozzo	CT Department of Public Health
Lori Mathieu	CT Department of Public Health
Eric McPhee	CT Department of Public Health
Mathew Wallach	CT Department of Public Health
Matt Pafford	CT Office of Policy and Management
Valerie Rossetti	Save Our Water - CT
Katie Milardo	UConn

The following actions took place:

**1. Welcome & Roll Call**

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

**2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes for the October meeting were unanimously approved with these changes. Vin Tursi from the town of Tolland abstained.

**3. Review of Formal Correspondence/CPCNs**

The following general correspondences were logged subsequent to the October meeting of the Central WUCC:

- November 30, 2018 – David Banker from the Metropolitan District Commission sent correspondence to the WUCC regarding an ESA change with the town of Manchester. Patrick Kearney from the town of Manchester stated that four customers with wells had Uranium issues. These houses were in MDC's ESA but the town of Manchester could serve the homes easily and MDC had no mains close by. There was an agreement between both parties to modify the ESA to allow the town of Manchester to serve the homes.
  - David Banker stated the MDC agreed with the ESA change.
  - Eric McPhee from the CT DPH asked what the details with ESA changes would involve in the future.
  - Lori Mathieu from the CT DPH stated that the data need to be kept up to date with current shapefiles.
  - Mr. Radka stated that CT Water and Aquarion would be submitting the shapefiles to DPH for their ESA change in Suffield, CT.
- December 6, 2018 – A well use approval from the Dollar General in East Hampton was submitted by CT DPH.
  - Tim Smith from the town of East Hampton stated that this Dollar General is another example of why there should be a public water system in East Hampton. He stated that East Hampton is now up to 66 water systems downtown.
- Mr. Radka stated that there is a proposed residential adult community in Coventry. He stated that the proposal is within CT Water's ESA and they received a Phase 1A approval to drill wells.

- Peter Hughes from the town of Marlborough stated there is another CPCN in Marlborough, though they do not have the Phase 1A approval yet. The town's water main is 2 ½ miles away.

#### **4. Status of the WUCC Integrated Report**

- Mr. McPhee stated on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the official signing of the coordinated WUCC plans took place. He also stated all documents are available online and the 2 page and 10 page summaries will be available soon.

#### **5. Implementation Next Steps**

- Available Supply/MOS
  - i. Mr. Radka stated the water resources committee is in charge of reviewing the available supply calculations. He also stated there is a flaw in stating the available water is listed at no more than the safe yield. There is recommended language to change the flaw.
  - ii. Ms. Mathieu stated there are many questions and issues with the filter plant permitted use. She stated there should be a technical meeting regarding this wording.
- State Water Plan Status and Implimentation
  - i. Ms. Mathieu stated that the State Water Plan had not been approved and it was resubmitted under direct order 66. She stated the legislators have the plan currently and this is the second of two chances to approve it. The state drought plan is completed and in effect, so if there is a drought going forward the plan will be followed.
  - ii. Corrine Fitting from the CT DEEP stated that a working group of diversion registrants met in consultation with DEEP, DPH, and PURA to review diversions for stream flow regulations. The group did not finalize anything, but it is anticipated in 2020 yearly data collection will begin.

#### **6. Activities in Member ESAs/Towns**

- The Route 66 Corridor
  - i. Mr. Radka stated that from Portland to East Hampton is an area identified as needing a water main.
  - ii. Ms. Mathieu stated that DPH has invited many people to be involved in the discussion of what is expected to be an \$80 Million project for the water main. DPH supports this project, though it is mainly a municipal project since towns drive development.

- iii. Mr. Radka asked what part the WUCC should play in a project such as this one. He suggested a role of public education for municipal leaders.
- iv. Ms. Mathieu agreed that public education is part of the role the WUCC should play.
- Mr. Radka stated the Tylerville project in Haddam is being handled. This is a \$7 Million project which was initially submitted in 1965 and finally being completed this year.

## **7. New Business**

- Bartley Halloran from the Metropolitan District Commission asked what the update was for the DPH assessment fee.
  - i. Ms. Mathieu stated the first collection from the 2018-2019 FY was around \$2 Million which made up about 20% of the DPH budget. The new proposed assessment includes transient non-community systems paying \$150 every 5 years or \$30 a year.
- Mr Radka stated there is a system in Old Lyme within the ESA of CT Water that has decided to initiate an involuntary acquisition process through PURA.

## **8. Public Comment**

- Valerie Rossetti from Save our Water – CT stated that their priorities are to see the State Water Plan get passed.

## **9. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC