

Meeting Minutes
 Central WUCC Meeting #22
 MDC Training Center – 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT
 March 15, 2018 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on March 15, 2018 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
Ray Jarema	Berlin Water
Mary Ellen Kowalewski	Capitol Region Council of Governments
David Radka	Connecticut Water Company
William Jarzavec	Cromwell Fire District
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
Dennis Waz	Meriden Public Utilities
David Banker	Metropolitan District Commission
Tiffany Lufkin	Regional Water Authority
Eugene Koss	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
Eric McPhee	CT Department of Public Health
Jeanine Gouin	Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
Valerie Rossetti	Save Our Water - CT
Katie Milardo	UConn
Matt Cassedy	RCAP Solutions

The following actions took place:

1. Welcome & Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 1:37 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 February Meeting Minutes

- The minutes for the February meeting were unanimously approved. Jim Ventres from The Town of East Haddam abstained as he was not present at the February meeting.

3. Review of Formal Correspondence

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

- March 13, 2018 – Aquarion Water Company contacted the Town of Suffield regarding the ESA change made with Connecticut Water Company.
- March 13, 2018 – BL Companies contacted the Central WUCC regarding a property located at 22 Tolland Turnpike in Willington, CT.

Discussion:

- Mr. Radka stated that he will contact DPH to see what was needed to complete formal approval for the CWC and Aquarion ESA revision in Suffield, CT.

4. Integrated Report Discussion

- Eugene Koss from Tolland Water Department stated that Tolland investigated the town's water needs and the new projections would cover any losses for the next 50 years.
 - i. Mr. Radka stated that he received contact from Tolland regarding addressing their water needs after the last WUCC meeting.
 - ii. Jeanine Gouin from Milone & MacBroom stated that she received updated numbers from the Town of Marlborough and will add in the Tolland changes to the Integrated Report data.

The Central WUCC reviewed a list of priorities for the Central Region.

- Brendan Avery from Hazardville Water Company shared some of the decisions made by the Eastern WUCC relative to priority recommendations, since he attended the Eastern WUCC meeting.
- Mr. Radka asked the WUCC if they wished to approach the priority recommendations in the same way as the Eastern WUCC. The WUCC confirmed they would.

- Patrick Kearney from the Manchester Water Department stated that the sale of excess water permit should be eliminated. He explained that the requirement limits the use of interconnections and discourages regionalization. Further, emergency interconnections cannot be activated unless an emergency is declared.
 - i. Eric McPhee from the CT Department of Public Health stated that it sounded like the push for the WUCC to regionalize is in contrast to the constraints of permitting required for many of these interconnections.
- Tiffany Lufkin from the Regional Water Authority asked if the request for risk analysis for each water system was expected to be done on an annual basis.
 - i. Ms. Gouin stated that the risk analysis would be targeted at small systems and would be updated as necessary. She further stated that the WUCC must meet once a year and update the plan every 10 years in perpetuity.
- Jon Avery from the Hazardville Water Company asked if the 1985 legislation regarding the WUCC was complete.
- Ms. Gouin suggested that the DPH GIS system should be updated on a continuing basis.
 - i. Mr. McPhee stated that there is a shortcoming in towns sharing data since data is only given when it is requested.
- Ms. Lufkin suggested that some organizations could be named in the Integrated Report for drought management such as CIRCA.
 - i. Ms. Gouin stated that every organization would need to be named if the WUCC named any one organization.
- Mr. Koss stated that higher fixed charges in rates do not encourage conservation.
- Mr. Radka stated that using pumping water level information for climate resiliency is not an effective tool since the information depends on too many factors such as well depth and soil type around the wellhead.
- Tim Smith from the East Hampton WPCA stated that having an enterprise fund for the water department would be beneficial.
- Mr. Koss stated that there is no need to push for legislation allowing towns to recover uncollected revenue since they can raise rates since they have the ability to do that under existing law and adoption of local ordinances.
- Mr. Smith made a motion to vote to send the Integrated Report out to for public review. Mr. Koss seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. The comment period will end on April 20, 2018.

5. Public Comment

- There was no public comment

6. Other Business

- The next meeting will be on April 26th.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC