

Meeting Minutes
 Central WUCC Meeting #7
 MDC Training Center – 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT
 December 12, 2016 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on December 12, 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
Ray Jarema	Berlin Water
Mary Ellen Kowalewski	Capitol Region Council of Governments
David Radka	Connecticut Water Company
Melissa Czarnowski	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Corinne Fitting	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
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
R. Bartley Halloran	Metropolitan District Commission
Bob Young	Town of Middletown
Raymond Esponda	Town of New Britain
Rose Gavrilovic	Regional Water Authority
Eugene Koss	Tolland Water Company
Gene Roberts	UConn
Rebecca Andreucci	South Central Regional Council of Governments
Fred Rogers	Southington Water
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
Rich Iozzo	CT Department of Public Health
Lori Mathieu	CT Department of Public Health
Jeanine Gouin	Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
Guy Russo	Prime AE Group
Judy Allen	Save Our Water - CT
Mary Mushinsky	River Advocates of SCC
Valerie Rossetti	Save Our Water - CT
Tom Hansen	VWS

The following actions took place:

1. Welcome & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM by Co-chairs David Radka and Bart Halloran. A roll call was conducted in which everyone stated their name and affiliation.

2. Taking Stock

Jeanine Gouin of Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (MMI) presented a slide of what the Central WUCC has accomplished already, where it is currently, and what the goals are going forward. This slide is available, along with the entire presentation, on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>

3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Review of Formal Correspondence

The following correspondences were logged following the November meeting of the Central WUCC:

- November 16, 2016 and subsequent – Various letters expressing a need for a coordinated water planning process.
- December 1, 2016 – Draft Final Water Supply Assessment sent from the Central WUCC co-chairs to the Central WUCC members.

Formal correspondence that specifically related to the Preliminary Water Supply Assessment are appended to that document. Those comments, along with all other correspondence received outside of the public comment period will be available for viewing on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>.

Discussion:

- Ms. Gouin commented that the three WUCCs are currently working to create a collective response open letter to address some of the issues and questions brought up by the continued letters from the public. It was noted that a majority of the letters' content pertained to issues more appropriately addressed by the ongoing state water planning process.

5. Final Water Supply Assessment Review/Vote to Approve for Submission to DPH

Ms. Gouin led a presentation on some of the changes made to the final Water Supply Assessment draft. The WUCC members had no further comments or requested edits.

Peter Hughes of the town of Marlborough made a motion to adopt the final Water Supply Assessment. Tim Smith of East Hampton WPCA seconded the motion. It was adopted unanimously with no further discussion.

David Radka of the Connecticut Water Company made a comment that even though the final WSA has been adopted, factual corrections to systems will be accepted going forward.

6. Summary of the ESA Affirmation and Declaration Forms, Potential Conflicts, and Discussion

- Ms. Gouin reported that the Central WUCC has received written and/or verbal affirmation confirmation from every member except Worthington Fire District. Ray Jarema of Berlin Water volunteered to reach out the Worthington Fire District to confirm their affirmation.
- Ms. Gouin presented the ESA draft schedule. She stated the central WUCC has received communication from many towns and communities declaring for systems and areas they already serve. Ms. Gouin emphasized these declarations are unnecessary since the ESA declarations are only for unassigned areas that are not currently served by a system.
- DPH put on a webinar on November 29th which 68 people attended. Ms. Gouin read off some of the questions asked by attendees to DPH followed by DPH's answers. These questions and answers can all be found in her presentation posted on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>.
- Ms. Gouin presented all the areas where towns declared for unassigned areas.
 - Kenneth Skov of Aquarion Water Company stated that they might be interested in claiming a few more areas that are not claimed currently, such as the northerly part of East Hampton.
 - Mr. Radka stated there is less conflict than it appears since CT Water has spoken with all parties they are potentially conflicting with and agreement is likely to be made.
 - Ms. Gouin stated that the largest area of conflict is with the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection who have claimed all conservation land which they own.

A question arose as to if DEEP is declaring land as ESA within ESAs that are already established.

- Corine Fitting, who is with CT DEEP, stated they do not intend to claim areas that are already served by another provider. Ms. Fitting was unable to give an answer if DEEP is intending to claim areas already assigned in the previous WUCC process. She emphasized that this claim is intended for land that is not meant for development and does not foresee a water system being put in in the near future.
- Mr. Hughes stated that the town of Marlborough was strongly against giving up any of their ESA to DEEP, since they have a large state forest within their borders and are not comfortable with the possibility of DEEP someday selling tracts of land.
- Ms. Gouin confirmed that DEEP has submitted two maps to the Central WUCC. One map is only for unassigned areas and one map includes previously assigned ESAs.
- Ms. Gouin stated that if DEEP did want to claim previously assigned ESA area, they would need to go through the process of requesting a modification of the ESAs that are already established. This process is separate from the current process of claiming unassigned areas. There are very few areas that would not be affected by this claim.
- Bart Halloran of the Metropolitan District Commission asked what the process to deal with conflicting areas was?
 - Ms. Gouin responded that the procedures for ESA assignment and modification, presented at the November meeting, are available of the DPH website.
- Eugene Koss of Tolland Water stated his concern that the people of Tolland want open space, but they don't want land to be sold. Mr. Koss asked for clarity from DEEP on what they want to claim.
- Donna Landerman of the Juniper Club Water Company asked for confirmation that an ESA holder is not required to take over a failing water system whose ESA is within its borders.
 - Mr. Radka confirmed that the statutory requirement for ESA holder ownership of community water systems applies only to new satellite systems that will be built within an ESA.
- Mr. Koss stated he did not want to encourage development on conservation land.
- Jon Avery of the Hazardville Water Company asked for confirmation that if DEEP had an ESA within another ESA and they needed over 50,000 gallons of water a day from that other ESA, they would need a permit.
 - Mr. Radka confirmed this.

- Ms. Gouin asked that if members could get conflicts in to the Central WUCC soon, a schedule could be created accordingly. All the ESA claims will be posted on the DPH website as soon as possible.

7. Public Comment

- Judy Allen of Save our Water CT asked if it was the Central WUCC's responsibility to facilitate water transfer between areas? Is the WUCC responsible for overseeing development of new sources, such as in New Britain?
 - Mr. Radka responded that if it was found that someone did not have sufficient margin of safety, the Central WUCC might make a recommendation in the Water Supply Assessment that supply be augmented, but would not likely identify a specific project.
- Ms. Allen asked if this were true for certain areas of the state that need to develop more sources, such as in the southern part of the state?
 - Ms. Gouin responded that the WUCC can only comment on these projects. The WUCC has no regulatory or enforcement power. The WUCC will, however, consider such issues in the integrated report. If Water Company X decides to serve an area and the project falls through mid-way through, there is no process to go back to the WUCC. Each WUCC does meet at least once each year (some twice) following the initial two-year process and so there is the ability to consider such issues.
- Mary Mushinsky of the River Advocated of SCC asked if there was any thought to the capacity of serving a new area without harm to headwaters, streams, etc.
 - Ms. Gouin responded that the ESA declarants will be asked to provide information on planned future sources and how they plan to supply the claimed area. MMI will reality check the demands and potential yield of aquifers and watersheds as part of the Integrated Report and make recommendations as part of the Coordinated Water System Plan. MMI will not conduct detailed analysis for previously developed sources.
- Guy Russo of Prime AE Group asked if the DEEP maps were available?
 - Ms. Gouin responded that they will be posted on the DPH website along with the ESA declarations.
- Valerie Rossetti of Save our Water CT asked if the WUCC will look at registrations that are grandfathered, but not used?
 - Ms. Gouin responded that the WUCC will not be analyzing existing sources.
 - Ms. Rossetti asked who edited the final WSA?
 - Ms. Gouin responded that MMI made the final edits.

8. Other Business

- Mr. Radka raised the topic of inclement weather and the need for alternate plans. The members agreed to revise the posted schedule to include alternate meeting dates/times in the event of inclement weather going forward.
- Rose Gavrilovic of the Regional Water Authority asked if members could phone in for times of bad weather. Mr. Halloran responded that MDC would look into seeing if that were possible.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC