

Meeting Minutes
 Central WUCC Meeting #2
 Middletown Police Department – 222 Main Street, Middletown, CT
 July 20, 2016 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on July 20, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Middletown Police Department at 222 Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut. Notice of the meeting was 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
Dan Lawrence	Aquarion Water Company
Robert Wesneski	Avon Water Company
Jack Healy	Berlin Water
Mary Kowalewski	Capitol Region Council of Governments
Lynn PikeDisanto	Capitol Region Council of Governments
David Radka	Connecticut Water Company
Bill Jarzavec	Cromwell Fire District
Jim Ventres	Town of East Haddam
Tim Smith	East Hampton WPCA
Brendan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Patrick Kearney	Town of Manchester
Dennis Waz	Meriden Public Utilities
David Banker	Metropolitan District Commission
John Mirtle	Metropolitan District Commission
Guy Russo	Town of Middletown
Gil Bligh	Town of New Britain
Shamar Mccrae	North Haven Public Works
Susan Bransfield	Town of Portland
David Kuzminski	Town of Portland
Rose Gavrilovic	Regional Water Authority
Carl Amento	South Central Regional Council of Governments
Rebecca Andrevcci	South Central Regional Council of Governments
Jason Coite	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
Corrine Fitting	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Betsey Wingfield	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Rich Iozzo	CT Department of Public Health
Maisie Campbell	Connecticut River Watershed Council
Alicia Charamat	Connecticut River Watershed Council
Eileen Fielding	Farmington River Watershed Association
Donna Landerman	Juniper Club
Jeanine Gouin	Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
Gail Lucchina	Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Nick Neeley	Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Judy Allen	Public
Barrie Robbins-Pianka	Public
Mary Mushinsky	River Advocates of SEC
Margaret Miner	Rivers Alliance
Charles Rothenberger	Rome Smith and Lutz
Valerie Rossetti	Save Our Water - CT

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

1. Welcome & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 PM by Co-chairs David Radka and Bart Halloran. A roll call was conducted in which everyone stated their name and affiliation.

2. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by unanimous decision.

3. Review of Formal Correspondence

The Central WUCC received a circular letter from Lori Mathieu dated June 29, 2016 notifying interested parties that there would be a webinar on August 25, 2016. The Central WUCC also sent two letters dated June 28, 2016 to DPH and WUCC members respectively, providing notification of Water Supply Assessment commencement.

There was no other correspondence.

4. Public Comment

Valerie Rossetti from Save Our Water asked about the conservation plan for the WUCC.

Margaret Miner of the Rivers Alliance of Connecticut stated that she had sent a correspondence to all the WUCC recording secretaries. Following discussion on the topic, it was agreed that future email communication should include “formal correspondence” in the subject line if it is to be considered formal WUCC correspondence.

Ms. Miner also expressed a concern about the process for changing exclusive service area boundaries.

A discussion on the topic resulted in Guy Russo of the Middletown Water Department volunteering to lead a workgroup to investigate whether to change the bylaws around ESAs and also what constitutes a quorum.

5. Discussion and Approval of the Work Plan

Jeanine Gouin from Milone & MacBroom, Inc. presented the draft Central WUCC Work Plan. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>.

A discussion of the Work Plan followed:

Dan Lawrence from Aquarion Water Company proposed that WUCC members be allowed to see the draft Water Supply Assessment (WSA) before it is put out to the public in order to assess possible security concerns. The motion was adopted unanimously.

With no further discussion, the Work Plan was adopted unanimously.

6. Water Supply Assessment Overview

Jeanine Gouin from Milone & MacBroom, Inc. presented an overview of the Water Supply Assessment. She referred to a CWWA letter that made recommendations on what could be made public and that the WUCC might want to consider those recommendations as a framework.

Many utilities have not yet responded to the request from Milone & MacBroom, Inc. for data confirmation and 2015 production data, -A follow-up email will go out.

The issue of when the WUCC will look at the environmental impact was brought up. Jeanine Gouin responded by clarifying that impacts to water resources will be evaluated in the Integrated Report, following completion of the WSA and adoption of Exclusive Service Area boundaries.

Rich Iozzo of CT DPH presented the capacity assessment tool that compiles data taken from small water systems across the state. The resulting assessments were sent out in June and are

also available on the DPH website. He explained the way to look at the tool was a low number means a low capacity to serve, which suggests a high risk of failure. A high number means a high capacity to serve, which suggests the system is in good condition.

Jeanine Gouin emphasized that the scorecards will be used to evaluate the needs and deficiencies in these small systems.

7. Current Issues, Needs and Deficiencies

David Radka led a roundtable discussion on the needs and deficiencies facing WUCC members. Members expressed the specific needs of their system. A summary follows:

Issues:

- Legacy Contamination Issues – There are a number of WUCC members who have industrial contamination issues that affect their customer base. Federal funding for filters in some areas is coming to an end, which puts a greater emphasis on finding solutions for these areas.
- Challenges in Operating Small Systems – There are areas in the central region with many disconnected small systems. A disproportionate amount of time and money is required to properly operate small systems and there are many across the Central Region.
- Declining Demands and Increasing Costs – A common trend in the region and across the state is a combination of declining demands coupled with increasing costs, with a resulting impact on revenue stability.
- Effects of Regulation – The impact of streamflow regulations can reduce the availability of water in some systems and may lead to a shortage of water in that system. If groundwater is added to that regulation in the future, the impact could be magnified.
- Disjointed Service Areas – Many communities are served by more than one public or private water system with no interconnection which raises costs and reduces efficiency.

Needs:

- Funding – There is a need to increase funding in many of the systems.
- System Interconnections – There is a need to bring water from places with surplus water to places in need of more water.
- Conservation – Some systems are reported a decrease in average usage, but an increase in peak demand. This can raise issues of source management and the need for conservation during peak day conditions.
- Source Protection – In some communities, local pressure to develop on protected watershed land could lead to potential re-zoning.

Deficiencies:

- Infrastructure - Water infrastructure is aging, with the cost of replacement, the need for asset management, and mechanisms for funding being shared across small and large systems alike. Replacement cycles are getting longer and infrastructure is getting older and more vulnerable to failure.

8. Other Business

There was no further business, so the Chairs adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.

The next Central WUCC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 17, 2016 to be held at the Middletown Police Station at 222 Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC