

Meeting Minutes
 Central WUCC Meeting #11
 MDC Training Center – 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT
 April 19, 2017 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on April 19, 2017 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
Jack Healy	Berlin Water
Ray Jarema	Berlin Water
Patrice Carson	Town of Bolton
Mary Ellen Kowalewski	Capitol Region Council of Governments
David Radka	Connecticut Water Company
Eric Trott	Town of Coventry
Bill Milardo	Town of Durham
Jim Ventres	Town of East Haddam
Tim Smith	East Hampton WPCA
Richard Kerrigan	Guest House (CT 0260084)
Brendan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Jonathan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Patrick Kearney	Town of Manchester
Janell Mullen	Town of Mansfield
Dennis Waz	Meriden Public Utilities
David Banker	Metropolitan District Commission
Craig Minor	Town of Newington
Rose Gavrilovic	Regional Water Authority
Neil Amwake	Wallingford Water Division

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
Kate Keenan	CT Department of Public Health
Rich Iozzo	CT Department of Public Health
Eric McPhee	CT Department of Public Health
Jeanine Gouin	Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
Guy Russo	Prime AE Group
Jason Coite	UConn
Stanley Nolan	UConn
Gene Roberts	UConn

The following actions took place:

1. Welcome & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by Co-chairs David Radka of the Connecticut Water Company and Bart Halloran of the Metropolitan District Commission. A roll call was conducted in which everyone stated their name and affiliation.

2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

- There was one correction to the previously posted minutes where Dave Cooley was stated as representing the CT Department of Public Health. The minutes were corrected to show he represents the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.
- The meeting minutes for the March meeting were unanimously approved with this correction.

3. Review of Formal Correspondence

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

- March 15, 2017 – The Co-Chairs sent a letter to WUCC members, State Agencies, COGs, and the Public to announce the availability of the draft ESA document and Mapping.
- March 23-24, 2017 – Rich Kerrigan with the Guest House Center in Chester exchanged several e-mails with Milone & MacBroom regarding the Water Supply Assessment’s discussion on potential system consolidations.
 - i. Mr. Kerrigan stated that he would like to be on the record saying that the Guest House Center would not be easily merged with the neighboring CWC system as is stated in the Water Supply Assessment.

- ii. Mr. Radka stated that while the Water Supply Assessment identified future consolidation opportunities based on systems' proximities, the WUCC was not specifically advocating for a merger of the Guest House Center with its neighboring system. He further indicated that future consolidation would be taken up in the Integrated Report, where this clarification would be made.
- March 28, 2017 – A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Phase 1B approval letter was sent from Mandy Smith of DPH to Dick Margulis, Green Haven, Inc. for the proposed Rocky Corner certificate project in Bethany.

Formal correspondence will be available for viewing on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>.

4. Review of Public Comments on the Preliminary ESA Document

- Jeanine Gouin of Malone & MacBroom, Inc. reviewed each of the 10 comments received regarding the preliminary ESA document. Responses were received from two state agencies (DPH and DEEP), 6 WUCC members, one non-WUCC member municipality, and one resident. Copies of all correspondence were provided to all meeting attendees. Ms. Gouin stated that the majority of comments received were what she characterized as minor mapping corrections or clarifications. MMI will update the mapping and at the conclusion of the Coordinated Water System Plan, will provide GIS files to the CT Department of Public Health for future maintenance of the database and mapping. Other non-mapping comments are discussed below.
- Kenneth Skov with the Aquarion Water Company stated that his correspondence with Eric Mcphee of the CT DPH was in regard to a developer request with Aquarion's system in Suffield and uncertainty whether the development should be served by Aquarion or Connecticut Water.
 - Mr. Radka replied that CT Water and Aquarion will meet outside of the WUCC and work out any confusion or disagreement regarding this contractor.
- The letters from the Town of Mansfield and from a Mansfield resident were discussed.
 - Mr. Radka stated that he attended the Mansfield town Council meeting the prior week to address any questions the town had around the WUCC ESA process. He explained that the lines for ESAs can be changed in the future if situations change within a town.
 - Jason Coite from the University of Connecticut stated that UConn did not want the land within UConn's existing service area to be unassigned, as requested by the Town.
 - Ms. Gouin stated that many towns around the state have conservation land within their borders that is assigned as an ESA.
 - Both the Town and a Mansfield resident suggested that the southern portion of Mansfield would be better served by the Windham Water Works (WWW), even though no claim was made by WWW in this area. Jeanine Gouin stated that the WUCC will reach out to Windham Water Works to get their response to the Town of Mansfield's request.

- Mr. Coite stated that UConn will have a further conversation with the Town of Mansfield around the issue of assigned and unassigned land.
- Patrice Carson with the Town of Bolton stated that in accordance with the letter Bolton sent to the Central WUCC Co-chairs, Bolton did not want an ESA assigned to the majority of town where dense development would not be expected to occur. She referenced the town's zoning map to support where the town wanted an ESA assigned and where it did not.
 - Mr. Skov stated that Aquarion has not yet had a conversation with the Town of Bolton regarding the letter, but would reach out again to discuss.
- Valley Water Systems questioned the difference between DEEP-owned and maintained lands as compared to lands under their jurisdiction. He specifically questioned the ownership status of land in Farmington claimed by Valley and requested further clarification on what constitutes DEEP lands.
- Mary Ellen Kowalewski of the Capitol Region Counsel of Governments asked if ESA holders who are in more than one WUCC could have their ESAs be the same color for all three WUCCs.
 - Ms. Gouin stated that there are limited colors to work with on the GIS, but MMI would do their best to be consistent.

Public Comments on the preliminary ESA documents will be available for viewing on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>.

5. Consider and Approve Statement of Confirmation to be Submitted to ESA Holders for Signature

- Ms. Gouin reviewed the Draft Statement of Confirmation that was included in the Draft ESA report and recommended that WUCC ESA holders adopt the statement of confirmation as a means to verify mapping and concurrence by ESA holders. The regulatory mandate is that the ESA must be submitted to DPH on or before June 15, 2017.
 - Mr. Radka asked if all community systems in the state would be expected to sign the letter of confirmation.
 - Ms. Gouin replied that this statement is for systems that currently hold an ESA as well as those who expect to expand their service area, so it is not for all 900+ systems in the state.

Discussion:

- David Banker with the Metropolitan District Commission, who is also the Western WUCC Secretary, stated that in the Western WUCC they provided an index by each town for what utilities had an ESA in that town and also an index by utility for what towns that utility had an ESA in. The only changes made to the draft statement in the Western WUCC were to move the words "as specified by the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies 25-33h-1(k)(2)" to the beginning of the sentence in the second provision and also to change the word from "with" to "within" in that same provision.

- Brendan Avery with the Hazardville Water Company stated that the Eastern WUCC reworded the entire third Whereas paragraph.
- Mr. Radka stated that based on the meeting's discussion, the Central WUCC appears to support adopting the changes made by the Western WUCC, but not the changes the Eastern WUCC made.
 - Mr. Halloran stated that he did not like some of the wording with conflicts still not resolved, but it likely would not be signed until those conflicts are resolved.
- Ms. Carson stated that she believed two months would be sufficient time for towns to be able to resolve any outstanding conflicts and sign the agreement.
- Patrick Kearney of the Town of Manchester asked if this statement was for all WUCC members to sign or simply for members adding new ESAs.
 - Ms. Gouin replied that this was intended for all WUCC ESA holders to sign and not small systems with existing service areas only.
 - Mr. Kearney replied that he had a problem with the document because it could be viewed as resetting the ESA establishment time with regard to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection diversion permit exemption proposal.
 - Mr. Banker replied to Mr. Kearney that the wording in the DEEP regulatory change references the ESA maps in the adopted Water Supply Assessment, so this should not be a problem.
 - Mr. Kearney replied that the Town of Manchester has been operating for a long time with the idea that their ESA is the entire town.
 - Mr. Halloran stated that this document does not have much legal backing to it.
- Mr. Radka stated that the WUCC would like members to submit signed copies of the Statement of Confirmation following the May 17th meeting, but before the June 15 deadline.
- Tim Smith of the East Hampton WPCA made a motion to adopt the document as modified. Mr. Halloran Seconded the motion.
- The vote passed with most members voting for and Richard Meskill of the Wallingford Water Division and Mr. Kearney each voting against.

6. Integrated Report Overview

- Ms. Gouin presented an overview of the elements that will be covered in the Integrated Report, including the following:

- Introduction
 - Population, Consumption, and Safe Yield Projections
 - Interconnections, Joint Use Facilities, and Satellite Management
 - Minimum Design Standards
 - Water Conservation
 - Analysis of Alternative Future Water Supplies
 - Potential Impact of the Coordinated System Plan on Other Uses of Water Resources
 - Land Use Compatibility
 - Financial Considerations
- The integrated report will address all of these elements, including in areas of new or expanded ESAs relative to future needs and potential deficiencies. The report will look at where interconnections make the most sense. This document is essentially the water supply plan for the region and it will be completed by the deadline of June 2018.

7. Public Comment

- There was no public comment

8. Other Business

- Mr. Radka made a point to acknowledge what a phenomenal job Milone & MacBroom Inc. and the CT Health Department have been doing.
- There was no further business.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC