

Meeting Minutes  
 Central WUCC Meeting #12  
 MDC Training Center – 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT  
 May 17, 2017 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on May 17, 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
Mary Ellen Kowalewski	Capitol Region Council of Governments
William Jarzavec	Cromwell Fire District
Bill Milardo	Town of Durham
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
Raymond Esponda	Town of New Britain
David Kuzminski	Town of Portland
Rose Gavrilovic	Regional Water Authority
Sam Gold	River Council of Governments
Eugene Koss	Tolland Water
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
Melissa Czarnowski	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Corinne Fitting	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Eric McPhee	CT Department of Public Health
Jeanine Armstrong Gouin	Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
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 April Meeting Minutes**

- The meeting minutes for the March meeting were unanimously approved. Eugene Koss from Tolland Water abstained from voting, as he was not present at the March meeting.

**3. Review of Formal Correspondence**

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

- April 19, 2017 – The University of Connecticut sent a letter to the Central WUCC Co-Chairs clarifying the definition of its existing system boundaries.
- April 27, 2017 – Connecticut Water Company sent a letter to the town of Bolton modifying its proposed ESA boundary with the town.
- May 1, 2017 – Aquarion Water Company sent a letter to the Central WUCC Co-Chairs withdrawing its request for an ESA in the town of Bolton.
- May 9, 2017 – The Rivers Alliance sent an email to all three WUCCs with numerous questions on a variety of topics.
  - i. Jeanine Gouin of Milone & MacBroom, Inc. stated that most of the comments relate to the statutes and regulations. The letter asked the difference between an ESA and an esa, where there is no distinction between the two. The majority of questions raised in the email

correspondence appear to be directed at the Department of Public Health and the WUCC is not in a position to give a legal response to the questions.

- ii. Mr. Radka asked David Banker of the Metropolitan District Commission and the secretary of the Western WUCC if he thought the Western WUCC intended to send a collective response from all three WUCCs.
    1. Mr. Banker stated that while Rivers Alliance's e-mail contained some questions specific to the Western WUCC, there should be some sort of a collective response.
    2. Eric McPhee of the CT Department of Public Health stated that DPH was drafting a response as well.
- May 11, 2017 – David Cooley of the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection sent a letter to Milone & MacBroom, Inc. along with the Central WUCC Co-Chairs clarifying the definition of DEEP lands with regard to ESAs.
  - May 11, 2017 – The University of Connecticut sent a letter to the Central WUCC Co-Chairs revising their system boundaries based on the town of Mansfield's request.
  - May 16, 2017 – The Central WUCC sent a letter to all Central WUCC members requesting a signed copy of the confirmation letter by June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

#### **4. Discussion of Final Claims/Changes**

- Ms. Gouin stated that the Central WUCC will continue to make minor modifications to the ESA document as more information comes in from Water Companies. In the town of Bolton, Connecticut Water Company has agreed to extend its ESA claim and Aquarion Water Company has withdrawn its claim.
  - Mr. Radka elaborated that the town of Bolton asked Connecticut Water to take the area around route 6 in addition to the area around route 44. Connecticut Water reached out to Aquarion Water Company and all parties agreed amicably to accept this proposal.
- Ms. Gouin stated that Windham Water Works has confirmed (verbally) that they do not wish to modify their ESA claim in the town of Mansfield.
- Ms. Gouin stated that Valley Water Systems requested clarification from DEEP on DEEP owned land in the town of Farmington. DEEP clarified their claim for DEEP owned land within the state via email correspondence to Milone & MacBroom, Inc. The email was forwarded to Valley Water representatives.
- Ms. Gouin noted that all ESA conflicts have been resolved.

#### **5. Statement of Confirmation Submissions – Status Updates**

- Ms. Gouin indicated that the Statements of Confirmation had been electronically sent to all ESA holders and requested that the signed statements be returned as soon as possible, recognizing

that the June 2, 2017 deadline would not likely be attainable by all members. The goal will be to include all signed statements within the appendix of the ESA document.

- A number of incorrect references were noted in the Statement of Confirmation. Ms. Gouin indicated that these would be corrected and redistributed within 24 hours. Members that had already submitted their signed statements were asked to update to the newer revision.
- Mr. Radka asked if anyone would put forward a motion to vote on the ESA Statement of Confirmation as it stands.
- Peter Hughes from the town of Marlborough made a motion and Tim Smith of East Hampton WPCA seconded the motion.
- The Motion was passed unanimously.

#### **6. Review of draft Final ESA Document and Vote**

- Ms. Gouin presented the statewide ESA map, and indicated that that, in addition to the most recent adjustments in Mansfield and Bolton, numerous minor boundary edits were in process to correct minor discrepancies around existing system boundaries. She noted that advances in mapping technology and scale make it easier to identify these minor border alignments. There is an expectation that additional adjustments will be made through and following the ESA process.
- The attending members unanimously voted to accept the ESA boundaries, with modifications in Mansfield and Bolton as presented earlier in the meeting and in recognition that additional minor boundary adjustments would be made to accurately reflect current system boundaries.
- Ms. Gouin reported that the May 9, 2017 draft of the ESA report had been distributed to WUCC members prior to the May meeting; however, there was a delay in notification of the document's availability. Additionally, web link expired the day before the meeting. As a result, many members were unable to download and review the document. Ms. Gouin indicated that additional edits would be made to reflect the most recent developments and a new draft would be distributed to the members within a day or two following the meeting. Members were asked to provide final comments to Milone & MacBroom prior to the June 14, 2017 meeting such that a vote could be taken to forward the document to DPH by June 15, 2017 in order to meet the regulatory deadline.

#### **7. Discussion of Potential Schedule and Priorities for Integrated Report**

- Ms. Gouin reviewed the required Integrated Report topics to be evaluated as well as those issues that were identified as part of the Water Supply Assessment. She also reviewed the schedule and interaction of the State Water Plan, Coordinated Water System Plan, and the Drinking Water Vulnerability Assessment and Resiliency Plan. She reported that the Water Planning Council has requested an opportunity to present a summary of the State Water Plan in June, July, or August.

- Ray Esponda from the town of New Brittan stated that the state water plan was over 600 pages in its current form and it addresses many things such as climate change and environmental protections.
- Ms. Gouin asked the WUCC if they would like to discuss this document in either the June or July meeting.
- Mr. Radka suggested discussing the document at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Jon Avery from the Hazardville Water Company stated that this meeting is in conflict with the Eastern WUCC meeting on the same date.
  - Ms. Gouin stated that this should not be a problem, but it is worth noting. She agreed to get additional details on the presenters and required time allotment needed and work towards a June presentation. Specific details information will be included on the next meeting agenda.
- Ms. Gouin presented a potential topic schedule for the next year, focused on the Integrated Report. She reminded everyone that this report will be the subject of public review and final adoption, which will take several months. As a result, most of the report needs to be completed by the end of December 2017 to allow for that review time in January, February, March, and April. The final WUCC meeting is scheduled for May 2018.
  - Mr. Radka asked if the expectation was that each meeting would assess a new task as is stated on the calendar.
    - Ms. Gouin replied that one or more new topics will be taken up at each meeting, but that does not imply there needs to be a vote at each meeting.
- Mr. Avery asked when the list of requirements for ESA holders is going to be released and when will it be due back.
  - Ms. Gouin replied that it will probably be released in June and will likely include data requests such as future service area population, anticipated demands, and plans for development of future sources. Individual utility Water Supply Plans will be brought into the fold and this will be the time to update all information that is not up to date.

## **8. Public Comment**

- There was no public comment.

## **9. Other Business**

- Mr. Radka made a point to acknowledge all WUCC members for their continued attendance and congenial participation throughout this process.
- There was no further business.

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC