

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

November 18, 2015

1:00 PM

WMAO Conference

MEETING CALLED BY	Brian Hall, OEPA- DSW
TYPE OF MEETING	OWRC SACG Bi-monthly
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Hall, OEPA -DSW • Ashley Ward, EPA -DSW • Tiffani Kavalec, EPA -DSW • Carolyn Watkins, EPA -Education • Dennis Clement, EPA -Education • Jim Morris, USGS • Keith Banachowski, USGS • Katie Salvator, PUCO • Greg Nageotte, ODNR • Steve Grossman, OWDA • Denise Franz King, ODA • Allauddin Allauddin, OEPA -DEFA • Pejmaan Fallah, OEPA- DEFA • Larry Antosch, Ohio Farm Bureau • Dick Lorenz, Westerville • Rick Schaffer, Norwalk • Terry Van Offeren, Rural Action • Sue Daly, PUCO • Zuzana Bohrerova, OSU Extension • John Hoornbeek, Kent State • Larissa Trindade, Kent State • Joe Bonnell, OSU Extension
	Next meeting November, 2015

AGENDA TOPICS

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE MEETING NOTES

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	Brian Hall conducted the meeting which started at 1:00 PM and was held as a session of the annual WMAO Conference at the Doubletree -Worthington; Brian welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the OWRC. Introductions were made around the table. The 2016 meeting dates are scheduled and are available on the OWRC website.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

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OHIO EPA OFFICE OF EDUCATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

C. WATKINS

DISCUSSION	<p>Carolyn gave an overview of Project WET (water education for teachers). They have a new logo and a new video, which Carolyn shared. Workshops and books are provided to teachers through the program. The Office of Education is fairly successful at advertising through e-blasts and tweets. They don't like to fund new curriculum when there is good existing curriculum. They have been having some success with sampler workshops. The idea is that if teachers like the sampler workshop they will come to a full workshop. The Office of Education would like to start a teacher of the year award. They are also working to align their program with science standards.</p> <p>What message does the group want to have? What messages does project WET already cover?</p> <p>Project WET and Healthy Water, Healthy People have good conservation activities, they are looking for good HAB and fracking activities.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	None.

REVIEW 2015-2019 STRATEGIC ACTION ITEMS

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<p>1. Education and Outreach All of the tasks for education and outreach are ongoing and progress is being made.</p> <p>2. Data and Information - Ohio EPA and USGS have been discussing water resource issues, data needs and gaps and support of data networks for years. Cathy did a census of data collected and data needs. - The OWRC website is up to date. - Greg Nageotte and Steve Ferryman are assigned to investigate means to centralize and serve geospatial data for emergency response, preparedness, and mitigation. Greg will now be in ODA, and is unsure if he will be able to continue working on this. ERIN has been dismantled.</p> <p>3. Water Resource Infrastructure - The October 2015 Partnering/Resource Sharing Workshop was cancelled. It will be rescheduled for the spring.</p> <p>4. Water Related Natural Hazards - Gail Hesse was assigned to two of the three action items and is no longer with Ohio Lake Erie Commission. Brian will talk to Steve Ferryman about the status of the action items, how the SACG can assist in incorporating climate change into the State Hazard Mitigation Plan, and ask if he would be willing to give an update and the January SACG meeting. - Do higher temperatures increase HABs? Algae like warm, stagnant, nutrient rich water.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Contact Steve Ferryman.	Brian Hall	12-1-15
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PROGRAM UPDATES

SACG MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	<p>OEPA - DEFA DEFA held their first package plant initiative free training session in October. They provided free training and a \$300 kit. They are targeting plants in non-compliance. They are starting to work on the next training event which will likely be held in the southwest. They have been getting requests for a second session. There are new affordability criteria for 0% loans for fiscal sustainability plans or anyone looking to supply back up power. There may be another \$100 million available for nutrient removal at 0% interest.</p> <p>ODA Denise is retiring at the end of November.</p> <p>USGS Scott Jackson retired.</p> <p>OSU Extension - There will be a new director from OSU (the Oregon OSU) starting in January.</p> <p>OEPA - DSW Working to update nutrient reduction strategy. A barge sunk in Lake Erie eighty years ago containing barrels of benzene. It has recently been found under 50 feet of water and plans are being set in motion to retrieve the benzene.</p> <p>Advisory Group A meeting should be set up in the near future.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Work with PAG to set up meeting	Brian Hall	12-1-15