

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

July 15, 2015

9:00 AM

OWDA Offices

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 • Gail Hesse, OLEC • Marie Barnett, OEPA-DSW • Ashley Ward, EPA-DSW • David Straub, USGS • Mike Hallfrisch, ODNR • Lincoln Stanley, USDA • Pejmaan Fallah, OEPA- DEFA • Beth Messer, OEPA- DDAGW • Steve Grossman, OWDA • Denise Franz King, ODA • Annie van Blaricom, ODSA
	Next meeting September, 2015, OWDA 9:00am

AGENDA TOPICS

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<p>Brian Hall conducted the meeting which started at 9:00 AM; Brian welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the OWRC.</p> <p>The meeting notes from May need sent to SACG members and posted on the website.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Send out May 2015 SACG meeting notes and post them on the OWRC website.	Brian Hall	ASAP	

PROJECT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<p>The OWRC has \$72,000 per fiscal year to give away to grants. PUCO was unable to submit their proposal, OH20 by the deadline. PUCO is planning to submit their proposal at a later date. The proposals that were received span two years, so two years' worth of grant money could be given, which would total \$144,000.</p>
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	<p>a. ODNR, Water Withdrawal Model Pilot Study All facilities with the capacity to withdraw more than 100,000 gallons of water per day must register with ODNR. ODNR is requesting \$50,000 to give to hire a consultant for the development of a pilot scale “Proof of Concept” demonstration for a tool that would evaluate ecological impacts from water withdrawal.</p> <p>Michigan has a similar model. ODNR has talked with Michigan but their approach is too simple to use in Ohio because we have more biological data.</p> <p>b. OLEC, Balanced Growth Technical Support for Ohio River Basin OLEC is requesting \$25,574 to provide 24 hours of direct technical assistance, provide 2-3 workshops on in-depth subjects to stakeholders in the Ohio River Basin, consult with existing and new partners in the Ohio River Basin, and to collect information on community implementation of BLLUP in Ohio.</p> <p>BLLUP has been on hold in the Ohio River basin. Examples of technical assistance are updating zoning codes and comprehensive plans. The previous Ohio EPA Director liked the program, but Ohio River basin funding has run out. OLEC continues to fund Balanced Growth in the Lake Erie Basin. CSU continues to get technical assistance requests from communities in the Ohio River basin. The Balanced Growth website is maintained by OLEC. There needs to be a planning component. Where is it best housed? How is success measured?</p> <p>c. OEPA, DDAGW, GLOS sonde network reporting OEPA DDAGW is requesting \$30,000 to support quality assurance and quality control of measurements, as well as coordination across the Lake Erie HABs Monitoring Network for effective data management and easy access to vital data and information for the region.</p> <p>This project will enable PWS to better plan and respond to HABs, resulting in cost savings and public health protections. This grant would also make data easier to use. The project has three phases spanning over two years. The ongoing issue will be calibration.</p>	
	<p>There was \$105,000 requested in projects and OWRC has \$144,000 to give out over two years, so the group can fund all three and still have some leftover for a future RFP. There were no objections to any of the projects. Gail emphasizes that she wants Director Butler’s input before moving forward with the Balanced Growth proposal.</p>	
<p>ACTION ITEMS</p>	<p>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</p>	<p>DEADLINE</p>
<p>Discuss the Balanced Growth proposal with Director Butler at DSWs next 1:1. Write up a recommendation to send to OWRC</p>	<p>Brian Hall</p>	<p>8/7/15</p>

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2015-2019 STRATEGIC ACTION ITEMS

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	The Strategic Action Plan outlines focus areas which are detailed in the Action Items. The Action Items are still draft. Are there any that need changed? There is some missing information.	
CONCLUSIONS	Add Grossman as the lead to Water Resources Infrastructure action items and remove Mike Eggert and Scott Jackson.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send out an electronic copy of the Action Items	Brian Hall	8/7/15
Look over the Action Items and send updates to Ashley Ward.	SACG Members	8/21/15

UPDATES/OTHER BUSINESS

B. HALL

	<p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>OEPA DDAGW DDAGW was unsuccessful and getting their initiatives included in SB1. They tried to get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capability legislation - currently only applies to new PWS or ones that are getting a loan. • Escrow provision - the current one is outdated and excludes mobile home parks. • Chemical disclosure for PWS • Lead free - which is an act of Congress <p>They do have rules up for review, so they may be able to get some of these provisions in the OAC.</p> <p>DDAGW is busy with HABs and is currently revising Ohio's HAB strategy to be consistent with the new USEPA HAB advisory.</p> <p>ODA ODNR is transferring staff from Soil and Water Conservation to ODA. The storm water staff from ODNR is going to Ohio EPA.</p> <p>USGS USGS built 31 new gages this year and has been busy sampling the Western Lake Erie basin and with the Hoover Reservoir project.</p> <p>OLEC Algal forecast - was doing great until June 1st, now it is 8.5/10 on the HAB forecast. OLEC has</p>
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	<p>been busy collaborating to put together a monitoring summary including nutrient loading data.</p> <p>OLEC has a call for nominations for stewardship awards.</p> <p>OWDA Business as usual at OWDA. They just gave out a large loan to Akron for CSO work.</p> <p>OEPA - DSW SB1 included a requirement for POTWs with design flows greater than 1 MGD would need a phosphorus optimization plan and monthly monitoring of ortho-phosphate and total phosphorus. It also included a water quality certification program for professionals doing 401 site assessments.</p> <p>Western Lake Erie basin is being monitored to measure the success of BMPs.</p> <p>The waters of the US rule generated over a million comments, and US EPA did over 400 outreach sessions. The rule has a 60 day comment period and then the rules will be effective. Ohio's Attorney General Office and 22 other states have filed suit.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
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