

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

September 17, 2014

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"> • Mike Eggert, OEPA -DDAGW • Brian Hall, OEPA-DSW • Marie Barnett, OEPA – DSW • Denise King, ODA • Ashley Ward, EPA-DSW • Dick Bartz, USGS • Steve Ferryman, Ohio EMA • Charles Dietz, USDA, Rural Development • Mike Baker, OEPA-DDAGW • Greg Nageotte, ODNR • Rebecca Fugitt, ODH • Linda Weavers, OSU-OWRC • Zuzana Bohrerova, OSU-OWRC

AGENDA TOPICS

REVIEW LAST MEETING NOTES

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	Brian Hall conducted the meeting which started at 9:00 AM; Brian welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves. There were no comments on the last meeting notes.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None			

REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF 2015-19 STRETEGIC PLAN AND ACTION ITEMS

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<p>An outline for the getting the new plan updated was discussed. Would like to have all comments back to Brian by October 3. Brian will compile the comments for the November meeting.</p> <p>Discussed the need to improve document formatting and the possibility of developing a marketing plan.</p> <p>Climate Change and HABs should be highlighted in the preamble.</p>
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CONCLUSIONS	Outline milestones for plan. Brian will investigate option for formatting and marketing with OEPA Interest Center. Get comments and suggestion for preamble.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Get final comments to Brian	All members	10/3/14
Compile into Final Plan and Action Items for November meeting	Brian	11/15/14
Share final Plan with Council members	All members	December
Clean up any issues	All members	1/21/15
Get plan endorsed by Council		Feb 2015

B. HALL

OWRC WEB PAGE CHANGES

DISCUSSION	The new website is up and running.	
CONCLUSIONS	Not easy to find new web site, would like if OEPA site had a link to easily find	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Add link to make site easier to find	Brian	10/1/14
Contact ODNR to deactivate old site	Brian	10/1/14

UPDATES

B. HALL

	<p>ODH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household Sewage Treatment Systems rule package going to JCARR next week. • Working on Water rules for human use of recycled water. • Looking into the effectiveness of discharging home sewage systems. Are all systems that have been approved able to meet permits conditions? <p>OEMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still recovering from Toledo drinking water issue from August • In the process of reorganizing field offices • Developing a grant proposal for a risk map that uses balanced growth <p>ODA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on implementation of SB 150 (fertilizer certification program) • Ohio is working with Indiana and Michigan to submit a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) grant. <p>USGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a part of the USGS Lecture Series, Jennifer Graham, Research Hydrologist from the Kansas WSC, will be here on Oct 16 at 10 am to speak about harmful algal blooms, her research and modelling efforts.
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- Meeting with OEPA about methods
- Through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding has been made available for 14 additional stations.
- Continue to study edge of farm field runoff. Two have been studied both are in the Blanchard watershed.

OSU, Water Resources Center

- Looking for scientific research that can assist state agencies
- On October 16, OSU, OWRC will be holding a seminar on removing microcystin from our waters
- RFP for state research grants is out and applications are due in November

PUCO

- Highlighted the Healthy Water Ohio collaboration that was recently announced as a non-governmental stakeholders group that is working on a 20 year management plan.

ODNR, DSWR

- ODNR will be receiving funding through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) for several agriculture practices to be used in the western Lake Erie basin

OEPA, Drinking and Ground Waters

- Have spent a lot of time on Toledo and Lake Erie water systems.
- Asking Water Plants to update spill contingency plans to include HAB action plan & source water protection
- Providing funding for algae toxin monitoring and treatment equipment.
- State Coordinating Committee on Ground Water is finalizing water well sealing guidance
- The US Forest Service issued a ground water directive and has asked for comments

OEPA, Division of Surface Water

- US EPA recently awarded GLRI grant as mentioned by ODNR for the western basin of Lake Erie. OEPA will be working with USGS to install about a dozen more monitoring stations.
- Ohio is also active in the Gulf Hypoxia and Annex 2 (Lake Management) and Annex 4 (Nutrients) of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.
- Ohio's 2014 Integrated Water Quality Report was submitted to US EPA for approval in April. The report has not yet been approved because of concerns about not listing Lake Erie as impaired.

CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		