



Water Resources
Council

PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

October 17, 2012

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location:

Ohio Department of Agriculture

8995 East Main Street

Reynoldsburg, OH

Bromfield Building Room 308

I. Welcome & Introductions

Brian Hall, SAGC welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table.

II. Nutrient Water Quality Issues in Ohio and Surrounding States

A presentation on nutrients was given by Dan Dudley, Ohio EPA.

- a. Current Ohio nutrient issues
- b. National and regional nutrient issues
- c. Ohio's draft nutrient strategy
- d. NPS workgroup recommendations
- e. PS/urban workgroup recommendations
- f. What the future holds

III. OWRC Updates

a. Draft OWRC Bylaws

Brian wants to present the draft OWRC Bylaws to the Council in February, get them approved and post them on the website. He summarized the draft OWRC Bylaws to the group and solicited comments. He would like the members of PAG to look the Bylaws over and give him comments before the February Council meeting.

b. Active Contracts

i. Grand Lake Fish Tissue Samples

This is the second year of the contract. Sampling will continue throughout October. Preliminary results are similar to last year. Once all the results have been analyzed they will be shared.

ii. Shale Gas Wastewater Treatment Evaluation

Brian is working on a contract with Battelle to have them design a matrix to see what the viability is of backflow treatment. Hopefully the contract will be signed within the next couple of weeks and the study will be completed by spring.

iii. Best Local Land Use Practices

The contract with Kirby at CSU ends in April. She has updated the local land use document, updated a video on Lake Erie to include the entire state and is hosting a workshop in January. Is the OWRC interested in entering into another agreement?

c. Publications Update

- i. Geothermal
 - The workgroup has put together two publications; a regulatory document and a technical guidance document. The technical guidance document was endorsed by the Council while the regulatory document is being modified and will be presented at the next Council meeting
- ii. Salt Pile
 - The workgroup provided a final draft document to the OWRC on October 5, 2012. Outdoor salt piles are going to require a PTI from OEPA a summary of how other states deal with this issue was handed out at the meeting.
- d. Subcommittees
 - i. State Coordinating Committee on Ground Water
 - The SCCGW is finishing the geothermal and salt pile publications. It was suggested that the SCCGW revisit the water well abandonment document that was published in 2000.
 - ii. State Water Monitoring Workgroup
 - The SWMW is planning their annual conference, likely to occur in March. There is a desire to know what is going on with all of the monitoring in Ohio. Who is collecting data, where and what is the best way to compile this information and publicize it? A workgroup has been put together that will work on trying to answer these questions. They plan on looking at major networks first.
- e. Meeting Schedules
 - i. Council – February 20, 2013, 1-3 pm at OEPA
 - ii. SACG – 1/16, 3/20, 5/15, 7/17, 9/18, 11/20
 - iii. PAG – What should be the focus of the next meeting? It was suggested that shale gas be the topic for the next meeting. Meeting will be scheduled for April or May, Brian will send out information.
- f. Public Advisory Group Membership
 - The statute allows PAG to have 24 members, there are currently 19. Should membership be expanded? Brian did not get confirmation back from a few groups and needs assistance making sure that he has up to date information.

IV. Other

- a. 4-Year Action Plan (2010-2014)
 - Everyone needs to begin thinking about the next 4-year action plan so it can be discussed at the fall PAG meeting.
- b. Questions/Comments

*****End of Meeting Notes*****