



**OHIO WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES**

Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Lazarus Government Center, Center for Excellence
50 W. Town Street, Columbus, OH

1. Welcome & Introductions Director Scott Nally, OEPA; Chairman

Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order by Director Nally. • Introductions around the table
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2. Brief Overview of OWRC & Strategic Plan Budget (power point presentation)
Brian Hall, OEPA; SACG Leader

Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation was given by Brian Hall. • Steve Grossman gave an historical perspective for OWRC (with input from Mike Baker). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Council has had a positive impact on water resources, due to the stronger relationships between the agencies on the Council. ○ The Council has traditionally met yearly & the sub-groups have traditionally met every other month. ○ Although policy development has not occurred at the Council level, the State Agency Coordinating Group has developed policy as a result of the existence of the Council. ○ The Council is a good vehicle for providing a venue for all the agencies to coordinate.
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3. Ohio Balanced Growth Strategy & Ohio River Basin Planning Projects
(Briefing enclosed)
Brief overview of BG program Brian Hall, OEPA; SACG Leader

Action Request	Final Action	Notes
a. Approval Of The Ohio	Approved	• Brian Hall gave an overview of BG &

Balanced Growth Strategy		<p>BLLUPs and an addendum was provided as a handout that included some additional background information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Nally made a motion to adopt the BG Strategy. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.
b. Endorsement Of Ohio River Basin BG Planning Project for Middle East Fork (Clermont County SWCD)	Approved	Director Nally asked for a motion. A motion was offered and seconded. The motion carried.
c. Endorsement Of Ohio River Basin BG Planning Project for Lower Mosquito Creek (Trumbull County)	Approved	Director Nally asked for a motion. A motion was offered and seconded. The motion carried.

4. Regulatory Changes Addressing Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems in Ohio
Brief overview Geothermal Initiative Rebecca Fuggitt, ODH

Action Request	Final Action	Notes
Adoption of the Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Guidance Approved. • Framework Development Approved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Fuggitt gave an overview of Geothermal Heating & Cooling and a briefing document was also provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Although there isn't an organized "group" of interested parties, these concepts were presented to smaller groups (well installers/HVAC installers, etc.). ○ Any fees would be addressed through the CSI process, should rules be drafted and proposed. • Motion to approve technical guidance was offered and seconded. Motion was carried. • Motion to develop framework for discussion was offered and seconded. Motion was carried. • Council asked that SACG come back to the Council for approval to go forward with rule development.

5. OWRC Budget & Authorization for Assessments (briefing enclosed)

Brian Hall, OEPA; SACG Leader

Action Request	Final Action	Notes
Approval of the Budget and Authorization Assessments	Approved	<p>Motions being considered for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of budget with an agency contribution of \$12K (20% reduction to each agency). This contribution is slated for FY12 & 13.• Approval for Director Nally (Grant Chair) to have authority to enter into sub-grant agreement on behalf of OWRC Council <p>Motion was offered and seconded. The motion was carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As an aside, Director Nally indicated that two funding alternatives being considered include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Funding b/w OEPA & ODNR regarding oil and gas technologies; or○ Funding regarding nutrient Ag reduction strategies.

6. Appointment of Advisory Group Members (briefing enclosed)

Brian Hall, OEPA; SACG Leader

Action Request	Final Action	Notes
a. Vote on the Appointments for Advisory Group member appointments for terms ending July, 1, 2014	Approved	<p>Per the statute, the appointments are individuals.</p> <p>ODOD would like to see some mayoral or municipal representation on this group and will forward some suggestions.</p>
b. Vote on the Appointments for Advisory Group member appointments for terms ending July, 1, 2013	Approved	

7. Meeting was adjourned.
