



Technical Advisory Committee

January 24, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; John Sterrett, representing Kendall County;; John Dillon, City of Batavia, representing MWCOG; Bryan Faivre of City of DeKalb, representing MWCOG; Kurt Thomsen, KDT Environmental, representing BACOG; Jon Schmitt of City of McHenry, representing MCCOG; Cassandra McKinney representing McHenry County; Scott Trotter of Trotter and Associates representing LCML, Dennis Burmeister of Village of Barrington representing NWMC David Lawry of City of Elgin, representing MWCOG; Victor Ramirez, City of Crystal Lake representing MCCOG; Larry Thomas, Baxter and Woodman, representing Lake County; Paul Miller representing DeKalb County, Dan Dinges and Bob Van Gysegghem of City of Geneva, representing MWCOG.

Also Present: Scott Meyer and Walt Kelly of Illinois State Water Survey; Josh Ellis and Abby Crisostomo of MPC; Kelly Borman of CNT; Ken Schroth, City of Aurora; Dave Schumaucher, City of Aurora; Ed Coggin of HR Green, representing MCCOG; Kyla Jacobsen, City of Elgin; Mark Emory, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Joe Munder, City of West Chicago; Greg Buffington of Layne Christensen & Company; Jeff Freeman of E.E.I. Inc.; Dan Mann, City of South Elgin; and Mary Randle of Metro West Council of Government.

Delegate Absent: Paul Schuch representing Kane County

Chairman Peter Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions – Peter Wallers welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were given by those present.

Agenda Changes and Announcements – None at this time.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes – Minutes of the November 22, 2011 meeting were approved as presented after a motion Brian Faivre and a second by Larry Thomas.

Education – *Municipal Ordinance Review* ~ Josh Ellis, MPC gave a brief overview of the Municipal Ordinance Review project. MPC developed a survey and sent it out to all TAC members. He revised the survey purpose and format. The survey has now been sent out. Responses will be used to craft model water conservation ordinances for the Northwest Water Planning Alliance. Twelve entities have responded thus far. Some of the areas to be addressed include lawn watering and new sod requirements. We want to know how the ordinances are implemented, who they are aimed at, the reasoning behind any new ordinances and how they are enforced. They also asked if any of their



ordinances were coordinated with other municipalities or counties. Josh Ellis shared some of the initial survey results. Few municipalities have developed any metrics to measure the success of the ordinances. The number of citations is dropping off but that could be related to staff cuts. Survey results must be returned by February 3. Go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NWPA_MPC.

Paul Miller noted that DeKalb County doesn't have water conservation ordinances but they have many stormwater ordinances. John Dillon asked if the counties are interested in addressing county subdivisions. Are those homeowners with private wells with declining water levels interested in addressing the issue? Pete Wallers stated that we may need to use education to address that population group. Cassandra McKinney noted that non-home rule counties don't have the power to enforce ordinances in the unincorporated areas.

CMAP Bill Inserts and Newsletters Inserts ~ John Dillon reported on the use of one of the CMAP water inserts in Batavia's newsletter. Batavia also has this on their website and will use it in their annual water quality report. There is a possibility that CMAP may be able to do a mass printing and provide them to NWPA for pennies each. Abby Crisostomo noted that the advantage of using the CMAP inserts is that it provides consistency across the region. There are five inserts available now. They are also available electronically. Cassandra McKinney stated that McHenry County has also used the inserts including on their Facebook page. Pete Wallers said it would be helpful if all members could use the same insert at about the same time. It was noted that Fix-a-Leak Week would be a good time to do this.

Water Level Measurements ~ Walter Kelly of the Illinois State Water Survey was introduced. He will be replacing Al Wehrmann, who has now retired. They have received measurements from 150 wells and are now compiling the results and analyzing the data. They can still accept data. Mr. Kelly stated that they would like to do the measurements annually. John Dillon noted that the NWPA can assist small communities that may need help with the measuring process.

Mr. Kelly said that the ISWS has put together ground and surface water modeling for Northwest Illinois. They need funding for simulation modeling. The Prairie Institute has received \$30,000 for the water inventory program. It is a law that the well measurements must be done. They need a steady level of funding for the Illinois Water Inventory Program. Scott Meyer will send out a list of funding needs for the ISWS. Pete Wallers suggested that the COGs and counties could include this in their drive down messages for legislators. Mr. Meyer stated that the technical report for the surface and groundwaters is close to being completed. They will present a report at the next TAC meeting.

NWPA Executive Committee Update – *Water Sense Partners* ~ Peter Wallers stated that the NWPA executive committee received a presentation on the WaterSense Program. They approved joining as WaterSense Partners. They are asking all of the member COGs and counties to join. Each COG will request that its member communities join as well.



Drought Management Plan ~ Peter Wallers stated he would discuss this with Paul Schuch.

Other Business – None at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Next Meeting: The next TAC meeting will be held on February 28, 2012.

Submitted by _____

Mary Randle, Recorder