



## Technical Advisory Committee

May 22, 2012

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Ed Coggin of HR Green, representing MCCOG; Josh Ellis of MPC; Abby Crisostomo of MPC; Ken Schroth, City of Aurora; Dave Schumaucher, City of Aurora; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Angie Ford, EEI; Mary Randle, MWCOG; Victor Ramirez, City of Crystal Lake representing MCCOG; Joe Munder of City of West Chicago; Dave Lawry representing MWCOG; Jon Hortness, USGS; Rebecca Von Drasele, DeKalb County; Tim Loftus, CMAP; Margaret Schneemann, IISG/CMAP; Sahana Rao, IISG/CMAP; Scott Trotter of Trotter and Associates representing LCML; Jon Schmitt of City of McHenry, representing MCCOG; Scott Meyer of Illinois State Water Survey.

Peter Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:11 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 April 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes** – Minutes of the April 24, 2012 meeting were presented. The motion was made by Scott Trotter and seconded by Dave Lawry.

**Full Cost Water Pricing Presentation:** Margaret Schneemann from CMAP gave an overview of the full cost water pricing program. She went through the process of the rate design and all of the elements that are involved in figuring out how to set the price. She discussed the idea of including scarcity cost in order to help us control the demand of water.

They are rolling out a series of pilot workshops that will get communities on board with asset management, leak detection, sustainable water use – Getting your Project to Flow Smoothly; June 18-19<sup>th</sup> at McHenry County Government. There is a great deal of information located on the CMAP website for Sustainable Water Financing (<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/sustainable-water-financing>). Check it out for more information. There will also be a series of outreach programs that will be worked on this summer and will start being rolled out.

There is nobody in the US that does the full cost water pricing at the moment; it is only done in Europe and Australia.

**Education** – *Municipal Ordinance Review:* Josh Ellis from MPC continued the discussion regarding water conservation ordinances in order to make a recommendation from the TAC to take to the Executive



Committee. MPC did send out a survey that we would like you to complete. Today's presentation will be on the questions from the survey so that everybody understands the questions. At next month's meeting we will come back with the results and the ordinance to approve to take to the Executive Committee for their review.

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/NWPA\\_lawnwatering](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NWPA_lawnwatering)

18 questions, 10-15 minutes

#11 – Tim Loftus would like to include the CMAP Model Ordinance or an *Other* box. Josh will go back and add an *Other* box to the survey.

#14 – Should change two hours language to only give their grass what it needs; 1"/1 week. CMAP ordinance states that they can have two hours per two days; so they could have an option for four days.

Josh encouraged everyone in attendance to take it within the next two weeks so that we can come back with a recommendation. Peter Wallers suggested that the target audience would be Director of Public Works, Water Superintendent's that would respond from each community; the people that would have to implement it. Once we get something that we are comfortable with we will need to put together an educational, outreach program to take to the communities. A target goal of next Spring would be ideal.

**Executive Committee:** Peter Wallers gave an update on the last Executive Committee meeting. Margaret Schneemann gave her presentation to the group and they are anxiously awaiting our lawn watering ordinance.

**Goals and Strategies:** *CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program* – Tim Loftus gave an overview on the LTA Program that has been a three year project in the making. For more information please visit our website <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/lta/2012>. There will be an Ideas Exchange on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – new ideas or past projects. Deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>, projects will be announced at the October 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting and then they will get going right away. Eligibility requirements – tend to favor multijurisdictional applications.

Peter Wallers stated that the NWPA will be submitting for Technical Assistance. He will send out this flyer and we will be having a brainstorming session at June's meeting. Applications will have to go to the Executive Committee and then decide which applications will be submitted prior to the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

*Water Loss* – On-hold at the moment; this topic will be taken up after we get through the lawn watering ordinance.

**Other Business ~ Plumbing Codes Update:** Working with the Illinois Department Health to update the manual by May 2013. HB4496 passed in the House 100-14 and the Senate. MPC is hosting stakeholders



meetings to discuss grey water and rainwater harvesting. Next one is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 – 11:00 AM at the MPC office in Chicago. If anyone is interested in participating please feel free to attend.

Scott Meyers, ISWS – RWSPG Final Report will be presented at the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Everything is available on their website.

<http://www.isws.illinois.edu/pubs/pubdetail.asp?CallNumber=ISWS+CR+2012-03+sum> (executive summary)

<http://www.isws.illinois.edu/pubs/pubdetail.asp?CallNumber=ISWS+CR+2012-03> (full report)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Angie Ford, Recorder