

Waterworks Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Sydnor Hydro, Inc.
2111 Magnolia St,
Richmond, VA 23223

10:04 am – 12:44 p.m.

Chair: Elmer Handy, Vice Chair, Virginia Rural Water Association
Secretary: Mark Anderson, Virginia Department of Health
Timekeeper: Elmer Handy, Vice Chair, Virginia Rural Water Association
Members Present: Jay Armstrong, Virginia Department of General Services (on behalf of Grier Mills)
Greg Boardman, Virginia Tech (Academia)
Steven Herzog, Virginia Water Environment Association
Jerry Higgins, American Water Works Association – Virginia Chapter
Craig Nicol, Department of Environmental Quality (on behalf of Scott Kudlas)
David Raines, Virginia Association of Counties
Chip Dunn (on behalf of Jesse Royall, Sydnor Hydro, Inc. (Community waterworks owner)
David Van Gelder, Hanover County DPU (Class 1 operator)

Guests in Attendance:

Jason Early, Clear Creek Associates
Howard Eckstein, Virginia Department of Health
Diedre Forsgren, Virginia Department of Health
Renee Munford, Virginia Department of Health
Steve Pellei, Virginia Department of Health

Minutes

Agenda Item: Call to order

Discussion: Mr. Handy convened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
Conclusions: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: Agenda Adoption

Discussion: There was a motion to adopt the draft agenda and the motion was seconded. There was no discussion. Draft agenda was adopted unanimously.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: Agenda Adoption/Adoption of November 2014 Meeting Minutes

Discussion: There was a motion to adopt the draft minutes and the motion was seconded. There was no discussion. Draft minutes were adopted unanimously.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: **Mr. Anderson to distribute November's minutes as approved.**

Agenda Item: Public Comment

Discussion: There were no comments.
Conclusion: Move to next item
Action items: None

Agenda Item: Chairman's Report

Discussion: Mr. Handy had no report.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: None

Agenda Item: Technical Assistance Fees Update:

Discussion: Mr. Eckstein reviewed reported fee revenues for the last five years FYs 2010-14) breaking out the revenue stream breaking down revenue by waterworks paying at the fee cap and waterworks paying at the per connection rate. He and Ms. Munford discussed expenditures and debit/balances for each of the five years reported. Mr. Pellei provided the committee members with the language on the Technical Assistance Fees contained in §32.1-171.1 COV and sections 12VAC5-600-50 and 12VAC5-600-60 of the Regulations. After deliberation, a motion was made by Mr. Herzog that ODW explore the option of having the Technical Assistance Fees and the state-match to ODW's federal EPA grants be deposited into accounts at the Virginia Resource Authority. It was seconded by Mr. Higgins. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pellei reported that the DWSRF allocation will be the same as last year.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action items: **Ms. Munford is to research when, if ever, and under what circumstances technical assistance fees were swept. She is also report on the budget appropriations at the next meeting.**

Agenda Item: New Business

Discussion: Professor Boardman covered the VT-VDH operator training activities for the calendar year. There were 838 participants that attended the nine CPE lectures and 258 participants in the ten short courses..

Conclusions: None

Action items: None

Discussion: Mr. Herzog raised questions on DEQ's draft VWP Regulations and on safe yield of water intakes. Mr. Herzog related that there has been a lot of discussion on the draft VWP regulations at the DEQ Citizen Advisory Group meetings. The last meeting of the CAG was the week before this WAC meeting. Some areas of discussion at the DEQ CAG have included:

- How will safe yield be determined for intakes requiring a VWP permit?
- How will safe yield be determined for grandparented intakes not requiring a VWP permit?
- With VDH proposing to eliminate "safe yield" from the waterworks regulations but safe yield still being a component of "permitted capacity", how will the source capacity be determined for waterworks with grandfathered intakes that do not require a VWP permit?
- Has VDH already established safe yields for grandfathered intakes?

Conclusions: None

Action items: **VDH and DEQ staffs to collaborate on discussed concerns over safe yield and report to WAC by the May meeting.**

Agenda Item: Update member Contact Information

Discussion: A reminder was made to notify Mr. Anderson or Ms. Hewlett, ODW, of changes in members' contact information.

Conclusions: None
Action items: None

Agenda Item: Next Scheduled Meeting

Discussion: The next WAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2015. Meeting will be in person at Sydnor Hydro, Inc
Conclusions: None
Action items: None

Agenda item: Adjournment

Discussion: Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
Conclusions: None
Action items: None

Mark C. Anderson,
Secretary

Elmer Handy
Vice Chair