

STATE WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 3, 2007
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ATTENDEES:

Members/Alternates: Linda Hanifin Bonner, Dave Duree, Senator Dyson, Jan Graham, George Hanson, Louise Lawrence, Shannon Lucas, Ed Merrifield, Matthew Pajerowski, Nancy Pentz, Fred Samadani, Bill Stack, Karen Wiggen, George Wilmot, Frank Wise, Victoria Woodward

Excused Absences: Mary Marsh, Anne Pearson, Ed Singer, Burt Sklar

Others: Secretary Shari Wilson (MDE), Ginny Kearney (MDE), Sherm Garrison (DNR), Kathy Brohawn (MDE), Quentin Forrest (MDE), Jay Prager (MDE), John Backus (MDE), Jim George (MDE), Heather Morehead (MDE), Chris Thomas (MDE), Terry Matthews (Charles Co.), Norman Meadow (Md. Conservational Council)

Frank Wise opened the meeting with introductions at 9:30 a.m. **Motion** to approve the April 6, 2007 minutes approved.

News from MDE – Ginny Kearney (*attachment*)

- **Bay Restoration Fund Update** – Jay Prager
 - First 2 system upgrades completed in St. Mary's County critical area
 - Over 140 applications received – bulk in Anne Arundel County
 - 3 are for upgrade of large systems
 - Procedural problems with large systems getting thru State Clearinghouse and Board of Public Works
 - Tedious process, but working on it to go more smoothly
 - Website to be upgraded next week
 - New septic system video will be out soon

- **HB 1141**
 - Work is predominately with planning guidance for how to complete
 - Hope to have Guidance out by late June
 - Md. Department of Planning (MDP) taking lead on sample element
 - Local government have until Oct. 2009 to include element in Comprehensive Plans
 - Two 6 month extensions may be approved by MDP

- **Stormwater – HB 786**
 - Internal meeting this afternoon
 - HB 787 – entails a change in regulations and development of model ordinance:
 - With maximum use of environmental site design

- **Capital Project Solicitation**
 - Project priority list – for drinking water and water quality projects
 - Demand again greater than available funding
 - Intended Use Plan (IUP) public hearing scheduled for Friday, June 22, 2007
 - IUP and priority list are posted on website

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- **AMD Projects Under Construction**
 - **Crellin Bore Hole** remediation project is working on installation of doser where construction is under way. Project is in West Virginia, but major impact is in Maryland.
 - **Jay Rice** AMD project – Using passive treatment system to abate 50 gpm of AMD.
 - **Aaron Run Watershed** remediation project – total cost of project is estimated to be \$1.2 million. This will cleanup a good part of Aaron Run and the lower portion of Savage River, which has been impacted.
 - With the increase of new projects there is less money for old projects.
- **McDonald Mine**
 - The Bureau continues to monitor the situation and collect water quality samples.

Request Mining Program to give presentation at the next meeting on financial aspects of AMD program.

News from DNR – Sherm Garrison (*attachment*)

- **Wade In**
 - There is a month of opportunities on schedule through June
- **DNR Reorganization**
 - Went from 5 Assistant Secretaries to now 3, which are:
 - Aquatic Resources – old Chesapeake Bay and Fisheries programs
 - Land Resources – includes Park Service, land acquisition, forestry and wildlife
 - Mission Support – Human resource, IT, etc.
 - Natural Resource Police – will report to Deputy Secretary Eric Schwaab
 - New Office of Sustainability – includes Bay State and State Stat
- **Corsica River**
 - Several Stormwater management projects awarded funding
 - Additional work to be done in shallow groundwater
- **Maryland Shoreline Online**
 - Registration for web-based training class for interested persons
 - Workshop offered by DNR and VA Institute of Marine Science
 - Free workshop to be held at DNR on June 21 and Caroline County Library on June 26th
- **2006 Chesapeake Bay Health Restoration Report**
 - This replaces old State of the Bay Report
 - Copies of the Report handed out
- **Wicomico Run Assessment** (handout)
 - Intend to do for each watershed
 - Questions or comments or additional copies – contact Jane Ballentine 410-260-8740/

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SSA Administration – (formerly TARSA) – John Backus

- **Triennial Review**
 - Advance notification before putting out regulations this month
 - MBSS – The way regulations read now – If stream is impaired by anything, it cannot be Tier II.
 - Met with DNR Fisheries to get designated uses right
 - Staff has marked designated uses of stream on map

- **State Continuous Planning Process** - Jim George
 - Required by Clean Water Act
 - Describe each of the Water Quality programs and who is responsible for what
 - Next year will continue to update document
 - Trying to finalize trip on website by June.

319 NPS Program grant – some to go out to western Maryland – have been funding Aaron Run Project. Victoria Woodward, Dave Duree, Ed Merrifield, Linda Hanifin Bonner and Matt Pajerowski to meet on this.

Special Presentations

Beaches – Quentin Forrest (Powerpoint presentation)

- Go to EPA website – epa.gov/beaches – State of Maryland Summary Report

SWQAC to send letter to MDE commending the program on their efforts – **Motion** made by Senator Dyson – seconded Louise Lawrence - **approved.**

Subcommittee Reports

Watershed Subcommittee – No report

Water Resources Subcommittee – No Chair – No report

- Hope to re-energize committee

Wastewater– Victoria Woodward

- Working on intermittent stream regulations and will go on to mixing zones
Matt Pajerowski -
- Wolman committee's Water Quality Subcommittee is very active
 - Trying to put together drinking water quality issues
 - Identifying existing regulations and problems
 - First draft of report – needs to get through one round of revisions
 - July 12th next meeting – will review draft of water quality & have something in print by August.

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Election of Officers

- Louise Lawrence made **motion** to close nominations – Dave Duree seconded – unanimously passed. **Motion** to approve slate: Chair Victoria Woodward, Steve Witt, 1st Vice Chair and Frank Wise 2nd Vice Chair – vote passed unanimously.

To Do List:

- Secretaries be invited to meetings, include Departments of Planning and Agriculture
- Report on AMD
- Report critical area laws – look at MDE
- Letter to Secretary of MDE regarding Beach Program
- Presentation by Pete Dunbar on power plants.

Meeting Adjourned 12:15 p.m.