

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC/Guidance Team Work Session Summary March 7, 2012

Attendees:

Rosetta Mann
Matt Candland
Gale Engles
Mike Haufler
Perry Jones

Brad Plante
Jim Wieprecht
Ed Singer
Sheree Lima
Glenn Edwards

Brenda Dinne
Dan Riley
Steve Miller
Hugh Murphy
Jeff Glass

Frank Schaeffer
Jon Richardson
Marge Wolf

The WRCC meeting was called to order at 2:35 by Matt Candland. Minutes from the February 1st WRCC Meeting were approved.

Draft Water Withdrawal Impact Letter – Hugh Murphy

A letter to John Griffin, Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Robert Summers, Secretary, Maryland Department of Environment (MDE), about the Hydroecological Assessment of Maryland streams for State Fractured Rock Study, was drafted for Matt's signature. Hugh said the letter gave a brief summary of the Water Resource Coordination Councils February 8th meeting with Scott Stranko. The letter voiced some concerns the Council had on the study and requested a response to those concerns. Matt summed it up by saying "we just wanted to make sure that this was being done based on correct science". The WRCC is supportive of the research but want to make sure it is sound before we start basing public policy on it. The letter was approved and signed by Matt Candland, Chair.

Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Comments, Draft Letter – Brenda

Brenda drafted a letter to MDE with comments on the draft WIP. She sent a bulleted list of concerns and questions that were voiced in the letter to the WRCC Members for their review and comments. She reviewed the key points in the letter with the Council and briefly discussed each item. Comments are due to MDE by March 9th, MDE will then finalize the draft based on comments they received and send them to EPA by March 30; we will have until July 2nd to send comments to EPA. The letter was approved and signed by Matt Candland, Chair.

Gale said a meeting will be scheduled with the municipalities to discuss possible future shared projects between the municipalities and the County. Gale has requested a copy of the new Phase II NPDES Permit to see what the municipalities' new requirements will be.

NPDES Update – Glenn Edwards

Glenn reported that the storm drain outfall mapping in the municipalities was near completion and the County's NPDES Web page should be completed July 2012. Glenn also reminded everyone of the public information booth that was manned by the Bureau of Resource Management at local functions was in need of assistance. These events are used

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toward the public education and outreach portion of the NPDES Permits. He also requested that the municipalities document anything they do that would qualify for credit in their permit.

Union Mills Update – Hugh Murphy

The Water Resource Element (WRE) had a three step approach to water supply development in Union Mills and the first step was to develop a ground water resource. Hugh is in the process of doing geophysics work to determine the availability of water in Union Mills area and identify favorable drilling sites. He is also looking at contracting someone to identify and evaluate any water quality issues linked to John Owings Landfill. These efforts should be completed by the end of 2012 or the beginning of 2013.

Legislative Update – Brenda Dinne

Various bills on PlanMaryland have been introduced but none have passed thus far.

Septic Bill SB236 – Hearings have been held in both houses with several proposed amendments but so far not been filed.

Two storm water bills are proposed; one that mandates counties to create a storm water utility fee to help pay for retrofits and the other changes inspection process and their frequency. Neither bill has moved through the house.

Maryland Annotated Code Article 66B and 28, land use article, are to be combined. This bill is expected to go through this year.

Open Discussion

Gale Engles said there are new standards for sediment control and the municipalities should have received a letter from MDE stating that the municipalities need to adopt the new codes recent changes. The County is in the process of writing a new code for grading and sediment control. It should be completed and ready for review by the County Attorney's office in the next few weeks; then sent to MDE for their approval. After receiving approval from MDE it will go out for public review, then public hearing and the final approval from the Board of County Commissioners. Municipalities will be required to adopt their own or the County's code and send a letter to MDE stating which they adopt. There is a grandfathering clause for anything prior to January 13, 2012.

In the fall of 2012 MDE will be conducting their bi-annual review for the sediment control program. This year they will be bringing a team for the bi-annual review and adding inspections of the stormwater management and NPDES programs. The sites will be selected by MDE and will include sites in the municipalities so everyone needs to review their sites for potential problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2012 at 2:30 in Room 003.