

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

January 15, 2014

9:30 AM

OWDA Offices

MEETING CALLED BY	Brian Hall, OEPA- DSW
TYPE OF MEETING	OWRC SACG Bi-monthly
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Grossman, OWDA • Brian Hall, OEPA-DSW • Marie Barnett, OEPA – DSW • Mike Baker, OEPA-DDAGW • Scott Jackson, USGS • Greg Nageotte, ODNR • Denise King, ODA • John Lenhart, OSU-OWRC • Dick Lorenz, Westerville • Steve Ferryman, Ohio EMA • Ashley Ward, EPA-DSW • Gail Hesse, Lake Erie Commission • Cathy Alexander, OEPA-DSW • Anthony Sasson, The Nature Center • Mike Eggert, DDAGW • Matt Parrill, ODOT • Sue Daly, PUCO • Joe Bonnell, OSU • Dick Bartz, USGS • Steve Wright, Frontz Drilling

AGENDA TOPICS

REVIEW LAST MEETING NOTES

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	Brian Hall conducted meeting starting at 9:30AM, Brian welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None			

AGENDA TOPICS

WATER QUALITY MONITORING SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	Water Quality Monitoring Subcommittee- State WQ Data Management Next Steps – Cathy Alexander Presentation		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Purpose of WQMSC: To develop an evolving action plan to enhance the effectiveness and use of surface and ground water quality data collection within Ohio, Lake Erie and the Ohio River which will minimize duplication of efforts and ensure the good use of public expenditures, while meeting the needs of the agencies involved and the public. • Priority 1: Identify who is currently collecting water quality data and where to access it and make that information available in a simple, user friendly format (“overview”). • Priority 2: Evaluate current efforts to share and synthesize actual water quality/quantity parameter data being collected. • Priority 3: Make recommendation for improving the data sharing and synthesizing in Ohio. . 		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

WORK GROUP UPDATES

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	Each workgroup presented an update on their action item revisions.		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Hall met with Carolyn Watkins (OEPA, chief of Environmental Education). Education and Outreach used to be an OWRC subgroup. Carolyn is working on drafting revisions. Each Agency does outreach, how much coordination should there be? OSU would be a good partner. 2. Watershed Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Nageotte ODNR, Russ Gibson OEPA, Sandra Kosek-Sills OLEC. Three carry over action items from the previous strategic plan and one new one (#3 is new). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop necessary programs, policies, and initiatives to achieve full Federal approval of the Ohio Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program. 2. Collaborate with the Balanced Growth State Assistance Work Group on state support for watershed planning projects and improvements to the Ohio Balanced Growth Program as identified in the Ohio Balanced Growth Strategy. 3. Maintain relevance and integrity of “state endorsed” watershed action plans through systematic re-review and dissemination of endorsement continuation conditions, including an annual implementation reporting requirement. 4. Assure appropriate state agency involvement in regional initiatives for the management and protection of the Ohio River and Lake Erie basins, e.g. Harmful Algae Bloom 		

committees, Ohio River Basin Alliance.

- There have been more than 60 Watershed Action Plans endorsed and previously there has been no reporting.

3. Water Quality

- Mike Baker OEPA, Brian Hall OEPA, Mike Eggert OEPA have had discussions and have some ideas.
- Some items can be removed because they have been completed such as the salt pile guidance.
- They are thinking about how to incorporate ground and drinking water into nutrient strategy.
- Well guidance update is a possible action item.
- HABs should remain on the list.

4. Water Quantity

- The team believes the action items are still relevant.
- They want to add the Great Lakes Compact and natural gas extraction.
- Collaboration with interested people would be beneficial.
- There is a lag between requests to ODNR. They won't have a good picture of demand until 90 days to a year later, which is a problem.
- There is a lot of dairy in areas where there is extraction; there may be competition for water.
- The current action items, while relevant, are broad and should be narrowed.
- The group would like to add a person from ODNR.

5. Data and Information

- Dick Bartz USGS and Cathy Alexander OEPA.
- There isn't support from ODNR to continue ERIN. Data isn't being refreshed. However, a lot was learned in the process of putting ERIN together and people still use it.
- It is suggested that OWRC work more on data needs next cycle. After Cathy is further along with the Water Quality Management Data project it will be easier to tell what data is missing.

6. Water Resource Infrastructure

- Steve Grossman OWDA, Alauddin Alauddin OEPA, Mike Baker OEPA have drafted revised action items.
- Revised action items have a new approach to objectives; to encourage local communities to figure out what they have in order to partner resources.
- Implementation is challenging.

7. Water Related Natural Hazards

- Steve Ferryman OEMA and Gail Hesse OLEC would like to incorporate climate change.
- USGS has already sifted through models to determine what models work best in the Midwest.
- OSU Jeff Rogers is a climatologist who would be a good resource.

CONCLUSIONS

The groups need to work on updating tasks. It would be beneficial to request PAG input. SACG is hoping to get Council approval of revised action items in May 2014.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Complete action item revisions and work on updating tasks. Compile updated action items into format of current version and send out to SACG for review. Request PAG input on revised action items and invite them to March SACG meeting.	Action Item work groups Brian Hall Brian Hall	Next meeting Mid February

PROGRAM UPDATES

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	Ted Lozier is now working for the Muskingum Watershed Conservatory. Craig Butler is now the interim Director for Ohio EPA.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None.		
