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Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply Planning Group

September 22, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
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Delegates Present: Robert Abboud, President, Village of Barrington Hills; Lenore Beyer-Clow as proxy for Joyce O'Keefe, Deputy Director, Openlands; Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington; Jeffrey Edstrom, Senior Scientist, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.; Scott Goldstein, Principal, Teska Associates, Inc.; Jeff Greenspan, Attorney-at-Law; Howard Hamilton, Chief Subdivision Engineer and Stormwater Director, Will County Land Use, Will County Government; Jim Holland, Mayor, Village of Frankfort; Martin Jaffe, Director and Associate Professor, University of Illinois Chicago; Alan Jirik, Director of Corporate Regulatory Affairs, Corn Products International, Inc. **and** as proxy for Jeffrey Schuh, Senior VP, Patrick Engineering, Inc.; Mike Kenyon, Farmer **and** as proxy for William Olthoff, Farmer; Mark Knigge, Village of Wauconda; Ken Koehler, McHenry County Board Chairman; Robert Martin, RWSPG Vice-Chair and General Manager, DuPage Water Commission; Daniel McLaughlin, Mayor, Village of Orland Park; S. Louis Rathje, Chairman, DuPage Water Commission; Lynn Rotunno, Sierra Club Illinois Chapter; Paul Schuch, Director Water Resources, Kane County Government; Sergio Serafino, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; Jack Sheaffer, Ph.D., Principal, Sheaffer Consulting, LLC; Patrick Smith, Attorney-at-Law; Ruth Anne Tobias, DeKalb County Board Chairman; Bob Walberg, Boone County Board Chairman; Peter Wallers, President, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.; Thomas Weisner, Mayor, City of Aurora.

Delegates Absent: Mike Bossert, Kankakee County Board Chairman; Frederic Brereton, Mayor, City of Belvidere; Jerry Dudgeon, Director, PB&Z, Kendall County Government; Charlie Eldredge, Richmond Development Corp.; Heidi Miller, Grundy County; John Spatz, Jr., Commissioner, City of Chicago; Bonnie Thomson Carter, RWSPG Chair and Lake County Board.

RWSPG Vacancies: Cook County Government.

Others Present: Allen Wehrmann, Dan Injerd, Jessica Dexter, Tom Weigel, Chris Staron, Mike Klemens, Danielle Ghalayini, Kama Dobbs, Leilah Lyons, Moira Zellner, Chandan Dasgupta, Cassandra McKinney, Amy Novotney, Ken Klick, Chris Johnson, Bona Heinsohn, Larry Thomas, Cathy White, Jill

Leary, Tim Loftus, Jesse Elam, Margaret Schneemann, Hala Ahmed, Megan Elberts, Amy Talbot.

I. Welcome and Roll Call:

Co-chairman Bob Martin called the meeting to order shortly after 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Cook County Conference Room located at 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes and three announcements.

CMAP has recently changed its policy on mass distribution emails. Constant Contact, an email marketing software company, will be used to communicate with the larger RWSPG mailing list for the remainder of the planning period. The initial mailing through this program took place on September 15, 2009. Please let Dr. Loftus know if you did not receive the customary email one week prior to the RWSPG meeting.

Dr. Loftus requested ideas for and examples of imagery to be included in the plan. Please email all requests to Dr. Loftus.

Dr. Loftus welcomed back Dr. Moira Zellner, Chandan Dasgupta, and Leilah Lyons from the University of Illinois Chicago. At the July RWSPG meeting, Dr. Moira Zellner invited the attendees to participate in the pilot program, *Participatory Modeling and Solution Building Around Issues of Urban Sustainability*. She and her colleagues attended today's meeting to observe and learn about the RWSPG process.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve last meeting's (July 28, 2009) minutes.

IV. Draft NE IL Regional Water Supply Plan – Version 8

The current draft was posted on the RWSPG website (http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/watersupply/minutes.aspx) in preparation for today's meeting. Discussion will continue today in the same manner as previous meetings, organized into sections in order to cover the draft in a timely manner.

Section 1: Chapter 1, no comments. Section 2: Chapter 2 comments included clarification needed on water budget as a rate structure on page 37, add Lake Michigan service area expansion layer to map on page 58, add text to make connection between recharge area and ecosystem protection on page 7, add recommendation to support planning and policies that identify and preserve critical recharge area on page 7, and general comment to promote positive existing policies. Section 3: Chapter 3, pages 82-91 comments included modify text on page 82 to include the possibility of groundwater communities to stay on groundwater, revise text surrounding results of developments that proceed without consideration for water resources on page 83, the need to reevaluate figure 14 and associated text on page 85, and the need to revise data for figure 15 on page 88 including population and density data. Section 4: Chapter 3, pages 92-99 comments included clarification on "higher priority" terminology on page 92, the need for a complete section on conservation design including comparative site design diagrams and recommendations, modify state recommendation #1 on page 93 to include effective new plants as an option, clarification to the DRI process on page 94, additional recommendation for DRI aimed at the local level on page 94, additional recommendation for DRI to include review of water supply at the county level on page 94, add "where appropriate" and soften language in regards to "adopt" in county government recommendation on page 97, request to delete "fee" references to be replaced with "funding mechanisms" on page 98, and the need to edit the stormwater retention section to include only the original diversion Lake Michigan communities on page 99. Section 5: Chapter 3, pages 100-108

comments included modify #2 recommendation under public water supplier on page 101 to read "county governments and same source communities," the need to update OSLAD criteria for state funding on page 103, add "and natural areas" to open space references where appropriate on page 103, and the need clarify zero water footprint should be used as a water use evaluation tool. Section 6: Chapter 4, pages 109-201 comments included the need to further define evaluation measures in terms of the ecosystems component and concerns about thresholds for economic component of goal #3 on page 110, the need to expand upon economic benefits and business concerns in the plan, concerns about including the Q7/10 standard in goal #5 on page 110, concerns about including tax or fee in text on pages 121-126, expand on conservation measures in Table 11 on page 149, expand nutrient section to include recommendations for the state level and inclusion of discussion about Phosphorous on page 188-189, concerns about nutrient trading implementation details including need to include other "market-based solutions" on page 188, add footnote to item #1 on page 188 to add exceptions, add "biological integrity and biodiversity" to last sentence on page 190, add text about continuing to monitor Lake Michigan water use on page 197, and the need to mention the drought and climate change study on page 198. General comments included the importance for the state not to lean on local government to fund water supply planning and the need to add a supply augmentation section. Section 7: Chapter 5 and Appendices, pages 202-211 comments included the need to tone down legislative references on page 202-203 and concerns text on SB2184 and associated agencies on page 202.

Additional comments may be emailed to Dr. Loftus at tloftus@cmap.illinois.gov .

V. Other Business

Mayor Thomas Weisner purposed a revised schedule for the remainder of the RWSPG plan in order to allow more time to review plan materials and receive comments from constituents. He suggested that the RWSPG not meet in October and resume meeting in November with the final meeting in January 2010. The RWSPG reached a consensus and agreed to this revised schedule. Dr. Loftus will send out a detailed revised schedule via email. It was requested that any dissenting view be submitted to Dr. Loftus before the last meeting so that the RWSPG delegates be allowed to view them.

Bob Martin called for comments about the funding support letter (posted on the RWSPG website under the September 22, 2009 meeting date). Minor edits were discussed. Dr. Loftus will revise and email to the RWSPG next week. The RWSPG was asked to reply to the email whether their signature should be included in the final letter.

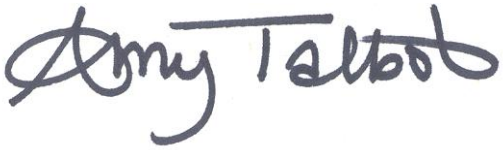
VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Adjourn

Today's meeting adjourned shortly before 12:30 p.m. The RWSPG will not be meeting in October. The next monthly meeting will be held on November 24, 2009 from 9:30-12:30 at the offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning located at 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, 60606.

Respectfully submitted,



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