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## Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply Planning Group

February 27, 2007 10:00 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

**Present:**

Robert Abboud-President, The Village of Barrington Hills, Conor Brown-Government Affairs Director, Illinois Assoc. of Realtors, John Church-County Board member, Karen Darch-President, Village of Barrington, Jeffrey Edstrom-Project Planner, GeoSyntec Consultants, Scott Goldstein-VP of Policy and Planning, Metropolitan Planning Council, Jeffrey Greenspan-Senior Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land, Martin Jaffe-Director and Associate Professor, University of Illinois Chicago, Alan Jirik-Director of Corporate Regulatory Affairs, Corn Products International, Inc., Ken Koehler-County Board Chairman, Karl Kruse- County Board Chairman, Robert Martin-General Manager, DuPage Water Commission, Daniel McLaughlin- President, Village of Orland Park, Joyce O'Keefe-Deputy Director, Openlands Project, William Olthoff, Farmer, S. Louis Rathje-Chairman, DuPage Water Commission, Lynn Rotunno- Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter McHenry County Defenders, Jeffrey Schuh-Senior VP, Patrick Engineering, Inc., Sergio Serafino-Supervising Civil Engineer, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of GC, Jack Sheaffer-Principal, Sheaffer International, L.L.C., PatrickSmith- General Counsel, Deer Point Homes, Bonnie Thomson Carter-County Board member, Catherine Ward, County Board Chairman, Peter Wallers-President, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

**Others Present:**

Daniel Clark, Ed Glatfelter, Tim Loftus, Don Keefer, Derek Winstanley

**I. Welcome and Overview of Agenda:**

CMAP Project Manager Tim Loftus called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced that Chairman McConaughay was out-of-town and unable to preside over today's meeting. The meeting was held in the Cook County Conference Room at the office of Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois.

## **II. Objective #1: RWSPG Operational Guidelines:**

Drafting Committee Chairman Patrick Smith reported that the Committee had met once and had intended to meet another time prior to the RWSPG meeting, but had been unable to do so. The purpose of the Committee is to distill the RWSPG Operational Guidelines drafted by CMAP down to a more functional state. The Committee is excising the goals from the Operational Guidelines as the Goals Committee is addressing them. Dr. Loftus agreed to send the Committee's draft of the Operational Guidelines to the entire RWSPG for review.

## **III. Objective #2: RWSPG Strategies, Objectives, and Tactics:**

Goals Committee Chairman Robert Abboud reported that the Committee had met once with about half of the members present. The three goal areas that the Committee is addressing are: (1) what the RWSPG wants to achieve; (2) what the RWSPG expects local government and public agencies to do; and (3) what the deliverable will be. Mr. Abboud said the Committee expected to have a draft prepared for the RWSPG by its March meeting.

Dr. Loftus noted that CMAP had prepared five general strategies (included in the RWSPG meeting packet) to help guide the Committee. Several questions were asked about the types of goals being developed with regard to education and stakeholders. Mr. Abboud said the focus would be on measurability and providing actionable objectives for municipalities, agencies, the general public, etc.

Dr. Loftus noted that it seemed the committees were having difficulty scheduling meetings and offered CMAP's conference call service for their use.

## **IV. Objective #3: ISWS / ISGS Information Delivery**

Dr. Loftus introduced Derek Winstanley, Chief of the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS), to make a presentation on the focus of the ISWS's research as part of the regional planning process. Dr. Winstanley was not originally on the agenda. Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, he described the general overall goal of water supply planning as providing adequate supplies of clean water at reasonable cost. The key research items the State Water and Geological Surveys will be addressing include: (1) the quantity of water that can be withdrawn from aquifers and rivers; (2) the impacts of additional withdrawal; (3) the potential of Lake Michigan to serve needs; and (4) the resistance of the water supply to climate change and drought. Dr. Winstanley characterized the Surveys' role as to offer technical and scientific support to the RWSPG.

Dr. Winstanley was asked to recapitulate why the demand projections were being run to 2050. He said that if the group was going to address sustainable development, it had to take the long view. RWSPG delegates commented that the Surveys' modeling needed to have all assumptions stated explicitly and that the uncertainty estimates should not just be numerical expressions of confidence, but estimates of the consequences of being incorrect. A delegate asked whether the RWSPG should plan for a worst case drought scenario.

Another delegate asked whether the Survey's models would be made available to local

communities and firms to use as floodplain models are. Dr. Winstanley reported that the regional model would not necessarily be directly useable at the local level. Finally, another delegate recommended that the Survey's modeling, especially related to climate change, not get too caught up in a time-intensive "academic study of nature," as the RWSPG has a defined task and needs to have specific products made available to it in order to make decisions.

Ed Glatfelter of the ISWS then presented an initial version of the website the agency is developing for the project.

#### **V. Objective #4: Planning Process / Program Development**

Daniel Clark of CMAP presented a proposed information and outreach strategy. He described it as having two prongs, one outreach to organizations and decision-makers and the other outreach to the general public. Mr. Clark said that CMAP would chiefly be working through its existing contacts, and especially through associations of governments. CMAP outreach to the general public would be chiefly through media outreach such as presentations at editorial board meetings and strategies such as getting a lead story and securing a follow-up. Mr. Clark said that CMAP may come to the group for possible contacts and advice on how to proceed.

Dr. Loftus asked Robert Martin of the DuPage Water Commission to discuss the brochure it recently sent to its constituents. Mr. Martin explained that the brochure was targeted to local officials and emphasized that the Commission represented both Lake Michigan permittees and non-permittees.

It was noted that CMAP and the RWSPG need to tally the information channels potentially available to support outreach. A delegate asked whether there were any plans for getting public feedback to RWSPG recommendations. Dr. Loftus suggested that having time on the agenda for the public to give feedback during RWSPG meetings outside of downtown was one means of doing so. It was suggested that CMAP also urge the public to offer comments by mail, email, or telephone.

Dr. Loftus suggested that it would be useful to have each stakeholder caucus group give a summary presentation of its issues and expectations of the process. He asked to have these presentations over the next few meetings.

#### **VI. Objective #5: CMAP Water-Demand Scenarios**

Dr. Loftus reported that he was close to having a completed intergovernmental agreement for Dr. Dziegielewski of Southern Illinois University Carbondale to generate the water demand scenarios to 2050 for the RWSPG. An abstract of Dr. Dziegielewski's proposed work was contained in the meeting packet. Dr. Dziegielewski will be making a presentation to the RWSPG at the March meeting at CMAP in Chicago.

A delegate suggested that CMAP was in the best position to prepare the demand scenarios considering its expertise in regional demographic projections. Dr. Loftus answered that NIPC's population and employment forecasts would be used in the

preparation of the demand scenarios, thus involving CMAP staff considerably in the process. Another delegate asked how the projections would account for changes in the water supply service area – how the scenarios would be comparable with impermanent geographies. It was recommended that this question be put to Dr. Dziegielewski at the March meeting.

#### **VII. Closing Comments:**

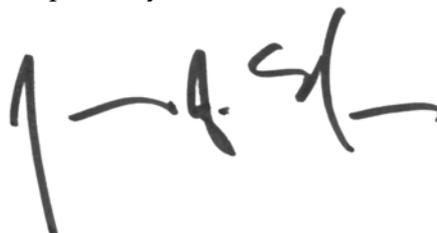
In reference to comments at the January meeting to the effect that Illinois could pursue an increase in the Lake Michigan diversion if it met the conditions of conservation, etc. outlined in the 1967 special master's report, Dr. Loftus reported that he had discussed the possibility with Dan Injerd, Chief of Lake Michigan Management Section for IDNR's Office of Water Resources, who felt attempting to get more water from the lake would be "a waste of time." Other delegates present concurred. It was felt that the other states and Canadian provinces party to the agreements under the Great Lakes Charter Annex would look unfavorably upon a request by Illinois to increase its diversion.

Dr. Loftus asked that RWSPG meetings outside downtown be conducted in venues large enough for attendance by the public and suggested that the hosts could publicize the meetings. CMAP will issue a press release in advance of the meetings that take place at non-CMAP locations in order to help generate local interest in the planning process.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

At Noon, the meeting of the Regional Water Supply Planning Group adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Elam', written in a cursive style.

Jesse Elam, AICP  
CMAP Staff Liaison

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