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DRAFT Minutes **Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

February 7, 2007—9:30 a.m.
DuPage County Conference Room

Members Present:

Dr. Marty Jaffee-University of Chicago, Karla Kramer-US Fish and Wildlife Service, Lynn Boerman-IDNR Ecosystem Partnerships, Mike Rogers (by phone)- IEPA Bureau of Air, Amy Walkenbach (by phone)-IEPA Bureau of Water, Jim Van der Kloot-USEPA Region 5, Melinda Pruett-Jones-Chicago Wilderness, Mike Warner-Lake County Management Commission, Patricia Werner (alternate)-Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Patricia Young- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Joe Schuessler (alternate)-Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Kate Agasie (alternate)-Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Environmental Initiatives, Ken Anderson-County Representative Kane County, Lenore Byer-Clow-Openlands, Jack Darin- Sierra Club Illinois Chapter, Wallace Van Buren-Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies, Ingrid Ruttendjie-Fox Waterway Agency

Staff Present:

Holly Hudson, Don Kopec, Kerry Leigh, Tim Loftus, Joy Schaad, Amy Talbot, Ron Thomas, Dawn Thompson, Tom Vick, Ty Warner

Others Present:

Mindy Gould-Tetra Tech EM, Inc.

1.0 Welcome & Overview of the CMAP Structure and Role of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Kerry Leigh, who will chair meetings until Committee Chair and Vice-Chair are assigned, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Ms. Leigh distributed packets of background materials including the 2040 Framework Plan with CD, the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan, the 2005 Water Quality Activities Report and the 2007 Regional Snapshot.

Randy Blankenhorn welcomed new committee members, and explained the new organization (CMAP) and its committee structure. Blankenhorn also explained the function of the committee and the time commitment involved. The Committee will need to appoint a chair and vice-chair to serve on the respective planning and programming committees (advisory level committees of the CMAP Board) and he suggested that anyone interested in serving as Chair and Vice-chair should let him or Kerry know. Randy also introduced the 'Regional Snapshot' (a new CMAP publication) and indicated that the intent is to take the areas touched upon in the report and prepare quarterly reports that highlight individual areas in greater detail.

2.0 Introductions

Committee members, alternates, the public and staff were asked to introduce themselves and the organizations they represent.

3.0 Combining Land Use and Transportation Planning in the New

Agency - Ron Thomas, Ty Warner & Don Kopec

Ty Warner presented the interactive CD contained in the 2040 Regional Framework Plan and the new interactive planning tool, the Centers Toolkit. Don Kopec discussed the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan, and a discussion ensued on the integrated plan due in 2010. This presentation was an introduction to the planning process of the Agency. The topic of including air quality was raised and Kopec indicated that it would definitely be a subject that this committee would address, particularly as the CATS Air Quality Task Force was being disbanded.

4.0 Environment & Natural Resources Visioning & Charge to the Committee - Kerry Leigh

Kerry Leigh presented a powerpoint that looked at the environment and natural resource work plan based on several of the implementation strategies outlined in the 2040 Framework Plan. The visioning for this focus area was done when CMAP was first initiated a year ago, and the work of the committee will include updating this vision. Some of the work plan ideas are products/processes directly related to the implementation strategies, and some look beyond those to the future. Kerry reiterated that the charge to this committee is challenging, and will seek to implement the vision of environmental and natural resource based work becoming fully integrated into all the work of the agency, as well as keeping a strong environment and natural resource based work plan within the agency. This can be done through the formulation and development of regionally based policy suggestions to the CMAP board as well as potentially creating sub-groups to work on individual topic areas, perhaps across committees.

5.0 SAFETEA-LU compliant 2030 RTP Update – Joy Schaad

Joy Schaad briefly explained the federal regulations that govern the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), currently *SAFETEA-LU*, the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" and the normal three

year cycle for updating of the RTP. Currently only the policy, environment, objectives and strategies sections of the 2030 RTP will be updated since other major portions, including the capital element were updated last fall to meet federal air quality conformity regulations.

CMAP's larger effort to develop the region's first integrated land use and transportation plan is just getting started now, with a deadline of October 2010 for approval. Before leading the group through highlights of the update, Schaad advised that committee members are encouraged to suggest changes and additions individually over the next 3 weeks on the draft which will go out for public review, and as a group through April 25th, the end of the public comment period. There was some discussion of environmental mitigation beyond a roadway's "foot print" and the fact that recommendations can be made in such a plan but it's up to the locals and other agencies to implement in most cases. The value of providing guidance, costs and benefits to local implementers was also cited.

6.0 Regional Water Supply Planning – Tim Loftus

Tim Loftus began by referring to the Governor's Executive Order 2006-1 that calls upon the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) and Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) to "define a comprehensive program for state and regional water supply planning and management and a strategic plan for its implementation ...". There followed an explanation of CMAP's involvement in this initiative, at the invitation of IDNR, and the contractual obligations to IDNR associated with leading the new regional planning process. CMAP's obligations, in brief, include: 1) convene and facilitate a RWSPG, 2) generate water-demand scenarios to 2050, 3) work with the RWSPG in developing an evaluation of management options with recommendations for implementation and for inclusion in a regional plan to be submitted to IDNR, and 4) work with the RWSPG and state partners in developing outreach and education activities to inform the region of the need for and benefits of water supply planning.

Loftus described the structure and composition of the new Regional Water Supply Planning Group (RWSPG), the representative body for regional water supply / demand management plan recommendations and encouraged Environment and Natural Resource Committee members to participate in the regional water supply planning process through one of the interest groups that are represented on the RWSPG. Alternately, it was suggested that attending the monthly RWSPG meetings (that are open to the public) will be ideal for keeping abreast of the status of the planning process. For additional information, please visit the CMAP Water Supply website:

<http://chicagoareaplanning.org/watersupply/default.asp>

7.0 Discussion Items for Next Meetings

Items that came up in the discussion included interest in Air Quality, Facility Planning Areas, Infrastructure and Biodiversity Project, Coastal Management Program (IDNR), 2030 Plan update.

8.0 Annual Meeting Schedule

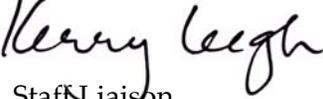
The committee set an annual meeting schedule of the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00am in the CMAP offices excepting July and December. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 7th at 10:00 am.**

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Staff Liaison

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