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Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply Planning Group

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DeKalb County Legislative Center
200 N. Main Street Sycamore, Illinois

Delegates Present: Robert Abboud-President, The Village of Barrington Hills; Karen Darch-President, Village of Barrington; Joe Deal-City of Chicago; Jerry Dudgeon-Director, PB&Z Kendall County; Jeffrey Edstrom-Project Planner, Geosyntec Consultants; Scott Goldstein-VP for Policy; Jeff Greenspan-Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land Metropolitan Planning Council; Tom Hyde - Mayor, Village of Island Lake; Martin Jaffe-Director and Associate Professor, University of Illinois Chicago; Alan Jirik-Director of Corporate Regulatory Affairs, Corn Products International, Inc.; Mike Kenyon-Farmer & Kane County Board; Ken Koehler-McHenry County Board Chairman; Robert Martin-General Manager, DuPage Water Commission; Karen McConnaughay-Kane County Board Chair and RWSPG Chairman, Daniel McLaughlin-Mayor, Village of Orland Park, Joyce O'Keefe-Deputy Director, Openlands Project; S. Louis Rathje-Chairman, DuPage Water Commission; Jeffrey Schuh-Senior VP, Patrick Engineering, Inc.; Sergio Serafino-Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; Jack Sheaffer-Principal, Sheaffer International; Patrick Smith-General Counsel, Deer Point Homes; Ruth Anne Tobias-County Board Chairman; Peter Wallers-President, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.; Thomas Weisner-Mayor, City of Aurora

Delegates Absent: William Borgo-Mayor, Village of Manhattan; James Bilotta-Will County Government; Conor Brown-Government Affairs Director, Illinois Assoc. of Realtors; Bonnie Thomson Carter-Lake County Government; Karl Kruse-Kankakee County Government; William Olthoff-Farmer; Lynn Rotunno-Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter & McHenry County Defenders; Catherine Ward-Boone County Government

RWSPG Vacancies: Cook County Government, Grundy County Government, Boone-Grundy-Kankakee County Mayors

Others Present: Randy Blakenhorn, Tim Loftus, Amy Talbot, Sandy Perpignani, Larry Thomas, Lorence Brown, Bill Nicklas, Chalen Hunter, Curt Blankley, Carl Simonson, Don Keefer, Tony Speciale, Deborah Stone, Clays Dunkelberg, Clyde Wakefield, Bill Blecke, Kevin Bolgard, Bryan Faivre, Philip Rovang, Candace Billek, Patricia Kennedy, Ersel Schuster, Mary McCann, Cassandra McKinney, John Berry

I. Welcome:

Chairman McConnaughay called the meeting to order shortly after10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in a conference room of the DeKalb County Legislative Center at 200 N. Main Street in Sycamore, IL. DeKalb County Board Chair, Ruth Anne Tobias, provided a welcome message and her hospitality was acknowledged.

II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

III. Approval of Minutes

The June 26th meeting minutes were unanimously passed without any requests for changes.

IV. Wastewater and Nonmunicipal Water Suppliers

Jack Sheaffer and Sergio Serafino lead a presentation for the Wastewater and Nonmunicipal Water Suppliers interest group. The presentation focused on possibilities of water reuse in the region and including specific Illinois requirements and USEPA nutrient standards, referring to a MS-PowerPoint presentation.

V. Water Resources 101

Derek Winstanley, Illinois State Water Survey, gave a presentation on Climate Variability and Change in relation to water supply planning and management, referring to a MS-PowerPoint presentation. Dr. Winstanley's presentation was well received and led to a good discussion.

VI. Outreach and Education

Tim Loftus updated the group on outreach and education efforts undertaken thus far in the process. He highlighted current outreach efforts that include weekly email-message updates to the CMAP Board, CMAP committee members, and the Planning Liaisons, monthly "email blasts" to members of a new and evolving database of organizations and other interests in regional water supply planning, and distribution of a proposed series of three informational regional water supply planning brochures. The additional two brochures in a potential series of three could summarize results of the water demand scenarios study (summer 2008), and water availability scenarios report (early 2009). The possibility of a CMAP-conducted survey was introduced and brief discussion followed. Dr. Loftus also

reminded the delegates to maintain communication with their interest groups encouraged them to help CMAP Staff develop the "email blast" database with any relevant contacts. He noted that the DuPage Water Commission has developed a publication specifically to inform their customers about the RWSPG's efforts.

VII. Planning Principles

Dr. Loftus presented a list of sixteen Planning Principles to round out the planning structure first introduced during the May meeting. These principles reflect the best professional judgment of CMAP planning staff. They will maintain a "draft" status and can be revisited as necessary at a date further into the planning process. Interest groups, via their delegates, are welcome to submit comments and suggestions to the CMAP Project Director for consideration and synthesis for a revised draft when the RWSPG Chairman calls for such.

VIII. DeKalb County Presentation

Paul Miller, Director of Planning for DeKalb County presented on efforts the county has undertaken in terms of stormwater management and regional planning. Terry Hannan, Forest Preserve District Superintendent, debriefed the group on the DeKalb County Forest Preserve's 57 acre Wetland Mitigation Bank prior to a field trip to the site immediately after the meeting.

IX. Other Business and Public Comment

Joyce O'Keefe, Openlands, announced there will be a Water Conference planned for early next year (Jan/Feb 2008). The conference will be designed primarily for public officials, but will be open to other stakeholders and the general public and will be done in partnership with MPC, CSG and Southern Illinois University.

Joyce also announced that Openlands and the Metropolitan Planning Council will host a social gathering for RWSPG delegates at The Metropolitan Club of Chicago immediately following the September meeting.

There are newly updated CDs available from the May 22nd meeting hosted by Lake County at the Ryerson Woods Welcome Center. The CDs highlight Lake County's concern for water resources and actions they are undertaking in reponse.

The Illinois State Geological Survey has a new staff geologist, Curt Blakley, who will support regional planning efforts.

Scott Goldstein, currently with the Metropolitan Planning Council, announced that he has accepted a new position as Principal with Teska Associates Inc. effective August 13th.

X. Adjournment

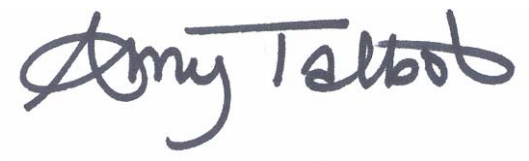
Dr. Loftus announced that their will be a break for the month of August. The next meeting will be held on September 25, 2007 at the offices of Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois from 2:45 to 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1:00 pm.

XI. Field Trip

Terry Hannan was joined by 20 meeting attendees on an education visit to the Wetland Mitigation Bank. DeKalb County Forest Preserve's 57 acre Wetland Mitigation Bank is designed to filter and clean surface water as it contributes to groundwater recharge. While serving this very important function, the Afton Forest Preserve wetland area adds to habitat diversity and recreational opportunities for residents and adds funds to the Forest Preserve District for future enhancements.

Respectfully submitted,



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