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Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply Planning Group

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233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois 60606
Cook County conference room

Delegates Present:

Robert Abboud - President, The Village of Barrington Hills; Conor Brown - Government Affairs Director, Illinois Assoc. of Realtors; Karen Darch - President, Village of Barrington; Jerry Dudgeon - Director, PB&Z Kendall County; Jeffrey Edstrom - Project Planner, Geosyntec Consultants; Scott Goldstein - Principal, Teska Associates, Inc.; Jeff Greenspan - Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land; Tom Hyde - Mayor, Village of Island Lake; Alan Jirik - Director of Corporate Regulatory Affairs, Corn Products International, Inc.; Ken Koehler - McHenry County Board Chairman; Karl Kruse - Kankakee County Board Chairman; Robert Martin - General Manager, DuPage Water Commission; Joyce O'Keefe - Deputy Director, Openlands; 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 - Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; Jack Sheaffer - Principal, Sheaffer International; Patrick Smith - General Counsel, Deer Point Homes; Bonnie Thomson Carter - Lake County Board member; Ruth Anne Tobias - DeKalb County Board Chairman; Peter Wallers-President, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

Delegates Absent:

James Bilotta - Will County Board member; William Borgo - Mayor Village of Manhattan; Joe Deal - City of Chicago; Martin Jaffe - Director and Associate Professor, University of Illinois Chicago; Mike Kenyon - Kane County Board; Karen McConnaughay - RWSPG Chair and Kane County Board Chair; Daniel McLaughlin - Mayor, Village of Orland Park; Catherine Ward - Boone County Board Chairman; Thomas Weisner - Mayor, City of Aurora.

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

Others Present: Randy Blakenhorn, Tim Loftus, Amy Talbot, Jesse Elam, Don Kopec, Sandy Perpignani, Kerry Leigh, Colin Duesing, Lee Barrett, Stacy Meyers-Glen, Patti Donvoisin, Kindy Kruller, Karla Teasley, David Mullen, Ed Glatfelter, Ed Corgin, Mike Walczak, Daniel Injerd, John Kehoe, Anthony Speciale, Jack Knight, Paul Schuch, Philip Rovang, Debra Stone, Lenore Beyer-Clow, Derek Winstanley.

I. Welcome

In the absence of RWSPG Chair, Karen McConnaughay, Ruth Anne Tobias served as acting Chair for today's meeting. Ms. Tobias called the meeting to order shortly after 2:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Cook County conference room of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning located at 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

Tim Loftus made three announcements. The Alliance for Water Efficiency, a new national organization dedicated to promoting the efficient and sustainable use of water, is hosting a free one-day training workshop on October 18th. The workshop will be held at the Chicago Cultural Center. Members of the RWSPG had previously received an invitation and with this reminder were encouraged to attend.

In response to hearing a couple of people express concern for lack of communication from their delegates, Dr. Loftus offered to include (copy) all stakeholder groups with the email message sent to RWSPG delegates one week prior to a meeting. That message includes the next meeting's agenda, previous meeting's minutes, and other attachments for review. He also encouraged each delegate to call a meeting or conduct a conference call with their respective group before the end of the year to update the members with the status of activities and progress to date.

Dr. Loftus suggested that the delegate contact information (professional email and telephone number) be posted on the CMAP website under the RWSPG committee page. It was stated that the information will be posted for all delegate unless somebody objects.

Joyce O'Keefe, on behalf of Openlands and the Metropolitan Planning Commission, reminded the delegates and active participates in the planning process to join us at a reception immediately following the meeting at The Metropolitan Club of Chicago on the 67th floor of the Sears Tower.

III. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Alan Jirik requested a clarification to the language under Item VII – Planning Principles and moved to strike both the third and fourth sentences and replace them with: "The Planning Principles have not been vetted or approved by the RWSPG". This motion was

seconded by Patrick Smith. Following discussion regarding how the Planning Principles (PP) were addressed at the July meeting in Sycamore, Mr. Smith suggested that a recording of that meeting would help sort out what was said and agreed upon. (*note: meetings are not recorded*) Mr. Smith agreed with the change presented. Dr. Loftus responded to a question about the status of stakeholder comments and suggested that the Chairman and the Executive Director were discussing the appropriate timing to discuss a final version. The motion to amend the July minutes failed. A second motion to approve the July minutes as written was approved.

IV. Workplan and Timeline for Project Year 2 and 3

Dr. Loftus presented a workplan and timeline to the RWSPG, provided a few opening comments, and then requested feedback from delegates present. He emphasized to the group that the regional water planning process is not progressing in a vacuum but taking place at the same time as are other significant planning initiatives including the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Conservation and Efficiency Initiative and Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Water Conservation Framework. The 2008 workplan proposes that the RWSPG concentrate on exploring conservation measures for their applicability in the region and appropriateness for recommendation in the plan.

Feedback from the delegates included: noting that this is an aggressive workplan given the time remaining, but is very appropriate for what the RWSPG should be doing; an inquiry as where (plumbing) codes fit in the workplan; concern about tackling some of the BMP's prior to complete data issued by ISWS; the lack of an explicit place for agriculture to be addressed in the work plan, and the substantial amount of CMAP staff time indicated on the workplan that could be supplemented by RWSPG input.

Another comment inquired about the likeliness of this regional process proceeding in step with the Kane County effort. Kane County is finalizing their 5-year multi-million dollar study of ground and surface water resources and is preparing to develop a county-wide water supply plan. This effort was acknowledged as well as a mutually-agreed upon interest in coordinating both processes over the next couple of years. The group expressed the need for the planning framework to be visually available for a smooth integration and be flexible in order to fit in the ISWS data when it becomes available.

Mr. Smith expressed concern about the November 2007 meeting topic: Sustainability and Water Resources. Two speakers are confirmed for that meeting - Derek Winstanley, Illinois State Water Survey and Bill Shilts, Illinois State Geological Survey and that a third had been approached in order to weave the concept of sustainability of water resources with conservation and efficiency.

V. Illinois Water Law and Policies: Implementing a New Regional Water Supply Plan

To initiate group discussion around this topic, there were three presenters each with a unique but overlapping view of the current status of Illinois in regards to Illinois Water Law. Our first presenter, Gary Clark, Director, IDNR, Office of Water Resources discussed a brief history of water law in Illinois as well as highlighted our current status. Mr. Clark touched on the difference between Riparian rights and common law

particularly to groundwater, management issues (old vs. new sources) and water quality review responsibilities (state vs. local). During questions following the presentation, the issue of well codes, control and drainage laws, responsibility of new source impacts and over-drilling consequences were discussed among the group.

The second presenter, Jack Wittman, Hydro Planning Associates, Inc., spoke of his experience of working on water supply in the absence of water law. His presentation gave the RWSPG some guidelines and suggestions to follow that have been successful for him including securing a collective self interest and a need for solid technological information. Dr. Wittman also offered some challenges he sees for the future of water supply planning in this type of environment including the need to understand the timing of water demand for all users in order to better understand the cycle and possible improvements. His preference on priority of use includes using "younger" surface water first, relying on "older" water only when necessary such as during times of drought. Dr. Wittman cited specific model ordinances and strategies to ease the transition to a more regulated water supply. The role of incentives was discussed as well as the idea that all parties benefit from water supply planning. Questions following the presentation touched mainly on the Deep Tunnel Project.

The last presenter, Professor Dan Tarlock, Chicago-Kent College of Law, presented on implications of a water-permit system. Mr. Tarlock outlined an ideal permit system including permit elements and transfer of entitlements. He cited a few states that employ such a system including Arizona and California. Questions touched on the possibility of moving from the rule of capture to a regulatory system without jeopardizing constitutional law, fees for water withdrawals, and issues related to California's "Show me the water" legislation.

VI. Other Business

Robert Martin announced a luncheon that the DuPage Water Commission is hosting on November 14th at Seven Bridges in Woodridge. The event begins at 11:30 and will feature a presentation by Peter Anin, author of *The Great Lakes Water Wars*. Delegates are invited to attend.

There are still vacancies for Cook County Government, Grundy County Government, and Boone-Grundy-Kankakee County Mayors.

The RWSPG can elect a Vice-Chair during the January meeting when election of a new Chair to succeed Karen McConnaughay takes place.

The presentations from today's meeting will be available on the website at www.chicagoareaplanning.org/watersupply.

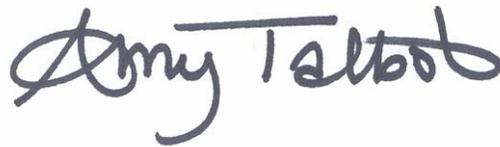
VII. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VIII. Adjournment

RWSPG delegates and active participants are invited to The Metropolitan Club of Chicago (67th Floor, Sears Tower) for a social event hosted by Openlands and the Metropolitan Planning Council directly after adjournment. The next meeting would be held on October 23, 2007 at the Kane County Government Center, 719 Batavia Avenue Geneva, Illinois from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned shortly before 5:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Talbot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Talbot
CMAP Staff Liaison

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