

WATER ALLOCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION/OUTREACH/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 28, 2003

Members Present:

Tom Sandham
Sandra Whitehouse
Meg Kerr
Mary Anne Barry

Members Absent:

Sen. Susan Sosnowski
Chip Young

Water Resources Board Staff:

Connie McGreavy

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sandra Whitehouse called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

III. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. EPA Environmental Education Grant Application

The committee discussed submission of a grant to the EPA for education and outreach. The base amount available is \$5,000. The committee discussed applying for a larger amount to make it worth the effort. The grant money would be used to cover further issues of the publication: The Water Front- A Sea Grant Publication.

Meg Kerr agreed to write the grant application with assistance from the Water Resources Board.

Mr. Sandham agreed to ask the Association of Conservation Districts (ACD) if they would be willing to submit the grant application since the E.P.A. prefers to give grants to not-for-profit entities.

Ms. Whitehouse suggested that in the future a junior version of the magazine might be used to educate school children. Ms. Barry thought that a publication could also be sent out to waiting rooms of various companies.

B. Introductory Article for the Water Allocation Program

The committee agreed that they needed Chip Young to assist in the drafting of an introductory article for the program. The committee discussed using existing

venues to disseminate an introductory piece such as the Save the Bay Newsletter, the Coastal Institute list serves and the list of companies from the Providence Business News.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Task List Prioritization

The task list was reviewed (below) but no further prioritizations made.

B. Delegation of Tasks

The list of tasks for the Committee was reviewed and some of the tasks were assigned. Ms. Whitehouse agreed to complete the minutes for the next meeting, investigate whether the General Assembly has an electronic copy of the Providence Business News list, and to try to recruit an intern for the committee.

Ms. Whitehouse also agreed to obtain a letter of support for the E.P.A. grant from the RI House of Representatives. Mr. Sandham agreed to present the grant to the ACD. Ms. Barry agreed to work on a list of constituencies for articles. Ms. Kerr and Ms. McGreavy divvied up responsibilities for the grant.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Whitehouse
Environmental Policy Advisor to the RI House of Reps.

Date

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