

**Out of Basin Transfer Subcommittee
December 11, 2002
Newport Town Hall, Newport RI**

Minutes:

In Attendance: Denise Burgess, Kevin Cute, Connie McGreavy , Kathy Crawley, Pam Marchand, Alisa Richardson, Julia Forgue,

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM.
2. Minutes from November 7, 2002 were approved.
3. Overview of Water Allocation meeting from November 22, 2002 was given by Connie. Eleven subcommittees reported on their progress. Connie also spoke about the Regulated Riparian Model Water Code as a starting point for RI to work towards development of our own criteria.
4. Action Items
 - a. After some discussion, the committee decided that the mission statement would be Develop criteria for Out of Basin Transfers which protects the reasonable needs of water basins.
 - b. Some preliminary Questions and Definitions that the committee wants to address are:
 - i. Identify Critical Basins – areas where problems already occur and areas where problems may occur
 - ii. Define “Out-of-Basin Transfer”
 - iii. Define “Reasonable Needs”
5. Other ideas and concepts from discussion around mission statement and goals of the committee
 - a. Problems arise from consumptive use, intra and inter basin
 - b. OOBT Committee needs to graphically depict:
 - i. Water Supply District jurisdictions – who manages what?
 - ii. Out-of-basin transport as arrows on maps – where does it come from; where does it go?
 - iii. Critical habitat/critical basins
 - c. Will need input from other committees concerning what criteria to consider
 - d. USGS has maps of water transfers and volumes for the Wood-Pawcatuck
 - e. TNC has identified critical habitats
 - f. The Water Resources Board has distributed maps of water supplier legal boundaries and areas currently served
6. Tasks
 - a. Look at legal agreements between water suppliers. Check expiration dates. – Denise will check with Westerly Water Supply about their contract with Stonington; Pam will investigate existing agreements between RI and MA.
 - b. Kevin will provide SAM Plan policies on basin transfers.
 - c. Julia will distribute NEWWA White Paper
 - d. Kathy will contact TNC to see if their GIS person can join committee
 - e. Look over materials for definitions of “basins”, “critical basins” , OOBT and “reasonable needs”

- f. Alisa agreed to summarize the Massachussets OOBT regulations for the committee