

# WATER ALLOCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY USE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES OF MEETING

October 16, 2002

### Members Present:

Walter S. Combs; Ph.D. Executive Director, (Environmental Health) RI Department of Health  
John P. O'Brien; Chief, Statewide Planning RI Department of Administration,  
Kathleen Crawley; Supervising Planner, RI Water Resources Board  
Connie McGreavy; Environmental Scientist RI Water Resources Board  
H. Charles Obert; Chair, Pawtuxet River Watershed Council

### Members Absent:

Ken Ayers; Division of Agriculture RI DEM  
Christine Lipsky; Division of Fish & Wildlife RI DEM  
Irving Owens; Division of State Fire Marshall  
Larry Macendo; RI Emergency Management Agency  
Andy Dzykewicz; RI Economic Development Corporation

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

With a quorum present, Dr Combs called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

This was the first meeting of the Priority Use Subcommittee. There were no minutes.

### III. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

#### A. The Charge for this subcommittee was set forth in statute RI Gen. Law §46-15.7

Identify the Problem

What do we know?

What information do we lack?

Subcommittee members are urged to check the following site often for updated reports,  
<http://www.seagrant.gso.uri.edu/scc/wrb/index.html>. As information becomes available, from all  
committees, it will be posted at this site.

Specifically, we will do well to review work done in Connecticut over the last ten years as a basis of  
our study. Keynote found in their report as issues 9 & 10. <http://www.state.ct.us/dpuc/database.htm><sup>1</sup>

### IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### A. Develop Recommendations

Develop a Registration Program

Factor the Growth Centers need for water

Coordinate Responsibilities among various agencies (where there is overlap)

Identify statutory responsibilities and authority by agency

Coordinate the reports from each subcommittee

Develop Inventory of water usage to advance a viable plan for Emergency Allocation of Water.

Develop guidelines: What is essential use? Define nonessential use.

Analyze the effect of Diversions of water out of basin.

Review impact of growth beyond scope of specific immediate proposed project.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

*The problem* differs from basin to basin. It is important to develop a program that allows a focus within each basin to work with the Statewide Guide Plans and Policy (listed below) at the local level. Subcommittee members will also do well to review these plans found on line at <http://www.planing.state.ri.us/stateguide.html> item 721, 722, 723 & 724. Most important information is found in the Policy sections.

Water Emergency Response Plan

Water Supply Policy

Water Supply Plan

Drought Management Plan

Present our report in March 2003

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, H.C. Obert

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*\*Note: For more information on Water Allocation, visit: <http://www.seagrant.gso.uri.edu/scc/wrb/index.html>.*

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