

## Western WUCC Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dan Lawrence, Tiffany Lufkin, Russ Posthauer, Kristin Floberg, Eric McPhee, Sarah Ridyard, Alyson Ayotte (PURA), Aaron Budris (NvCOG), Christine O'Neill (NvCOG)

June 8, 2021

- Discussion of Officers: We will send out a call for nominations with the next meeting notice and the election will take place there (must be an agenda'd item).
- Uranium Well Water Program (Kristin Floberg, WestCOG), Kelvin (student). WestCOG is funding the program, outreach initiatives, including through the Water Planning Council Advisory Group.
  - Program is getting started and expected to wrap up prior to the academic year start.
  - Testing program may be put together for bulk pricing rates offered to private wells.
    - Dan: is there potential for overlap with PFAS or other contaminant tests. New Hampshire has had a fund for testing, may be informative for CT.
  - Eric: Dr. Gary Robbins (UCONN) is doing some private well inventory in western CT. Working on database for arsenic. Starting with Weston. (Kristin notes that they met yesterday). DPH private well team (2 staff) works a lot with local health departments on issues. Working on GIS layer for "assumed private wells".
- Drought Status for the Region:
  - Eric: encouragement to water companies to make it part of everyday operations
  - Dan: Aquarion is continuing work with mandatory restrictions.
  - Tiffany: Regional is running a media campaign for "Water Wise Ways" promoting conservation and wise use of water.
- WUCC leadership: a lot of changes for Central and Eastern WUCC leadership (Western too)
- Eric, Legislations: The end of the legislation session is coming up, which means submissions are due soon for FY22.
  - Christine: question on notification legislation changes. Eric will pass along what he can, essence is about notices for less than 5 acres, and notification reports will be electronic.
- WUCC Implementations:
  - Interconnections & Regionalization
    - Conversation about limiting creation of new systems by easing process for approval and coordination.
- Upcoming WUCC meetings: Central WUCC meeting will be June 16.