

Meeting Minutes  
 Central WUCC Meeting #23  
 MDC Training Center – 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT  
 April 26, 2018 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on April 26, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the MDC Training Center at 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, Connecticut. Notice of the meeting was sent to WUCC members and posted on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>.

The following WUCC member representatives were in attendance (listed in alphabetic order of affiliation):

WUCC Member Representative	Affiliation
Kenneth Skov	Aquarion Water Company
Ray Jarema	Berlin Water
Mary Ellen Kowalewski	Capitol Region Council of Governments
David Radka	Connecticut Water Company
Bill Milardo	Town of Durham
Jim Ventres	Town of East Haddam
Brendan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Patrick Kearney	Town of Manchester
Peter Hughes	Town of Marlborough
Dennis Waz	Meriden Public Utilities
David Banker	Metropolitan District Commission
R. Bartley Halloran	Metropolitan District Commission
David Kuzminski	Town of Portland
Tiffany Lufkin	Regional Water Authority
Eugene Koss	Tolland Water
Neil Amwake	Wallingford Water Division

The following non-WUCC member representatives were in attendance (listed in alphabetic order of affiliation):

Non-WUCC Member Representative	Affiliation
Corinne Fitting	CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Rich Iozzo	CT Department of Public Health
Eric McPhee	CT Department of Public Health
Jeanine Gouin	Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
Judy Allen	Save Our Water - CT
Katie Milardo	UConn
Mike Sullivan	BL Companies (Representing a NTNC system in Willington)

The following actions took place:

**1. Welcome & Roll Call**

- The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Co-chair David Radka of the Connecticut Water Company. A roll call was conducted in which everyone stated their name and affiliation.

**2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes**

- Ken Skov from Aquarion Water Company stated that a typo should be changed in the last minutes.
- Mr. Radka noted that the minutes should note he was to notify DPH the WUCC approved modifying the CWC-Aquarion ESA boundary lines in Suffield.
- The minutes for the March meeting were unanimously approved with these changes. Mr. Skov and Mr. Halloran from the Metropolitan District Commission abstained as they were not present at the March meeting.

**3. Review of NTNC system**

- Mike Sullivan from BL Companies presented an NTNC system looking for WUCC approval to move forward with a Phase IA well approval through the CPCN process for a proposed 9,200 square foot retail building and 30 parking spaces. Water demand is anticipated to be minimal and the site is roughly two miles away from the closest water main owned by Connecticut Water Company.
- The WUCC gave its unanimous approval for the process to move forward.

**4. Review of Formal Correspondence/Public Comments on the Integrated Report**

The following general correspondences were logged subsequent to the March meeting of the Central WUCC:

- March 21, 2018 – The Department of Public Health sent correspondence to Interested Parties informing them that the WUCC Integrated Reports were available for review and comment.
- April 10, 2018 – The Department of Public Health sent correspondence to Central WUCC members notifying them of the April 17, 2018 public hearing on State Water Plan.

The following correspondences are updated information from Central WUCC members:

- March 13, 2018 – Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough sent updated information regarding the Integrated Report.

- March 13, 2018 – The Town of Tolland sent updated information regarding the Integrated Report.
- April 19, 2018 – Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough sent comments regarding the Integrated Report.

Discussion:

- Mr. Hughes commented there has been a focus on small systems throughout the integrated report process and there does not seem to be any resolution. He suggested that DPH could help provide management and education to small systems.
- Eric McPhee from the Department of Public Health stated that town zoning is a good mechanism to address the issue of the proliferation of small systems in areas with no existing public water supply.
  - i. Eugene Koss from the town of Tolland mentioned that the WUCC should be cautious in recommending what planning and zoning departments should or should not approve.
- Jeanine Gouin from Milone & MacBroom stated that one of the problems is there is no regulation to prevent two NTNC systems from being on two wells next to each other. No one has authority to require the two systems to combine into one.
- Mr. Radka stated the WUCC can provide support to DPH in providing legislation for small system regulation.
- Ray Jarema from the Town of Berlin stated that the ESA holders should be involved in this process to provide communication outlets. A discussion ensued relative to ESA providers serving as mentors to small systems within their ESA. Additionally, municipal CEOs should be made aware of this issue and towns should address this in their Plans of Conservation and Development.
- Mr. Halloran stated that this problem will continue and should be addressed by the Water Planning Council and a recommendation should be made in the CWSP to that effect.

The following correspondences are Public Comments in response to the Integrated Report:

- The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection provided comments that highlighted DEEP's support for certain recommendations contained in the Integrated Report and suggested numerous clarifications/edits.
- CT DPH provided comments that supported the Integrated Report and underscored the need for certain recommendations.
- Judy Allen provided comments that encouraged further discussion of the impacts of climate change.

#### Discussion:

- Corrine Fitting of DEEP indicated that DEEP was impressed with the WUCC's effort and that they found it to be an open, transparent, and inclusive process.
- Mr. Halloran stated that a recommendation should be made to the Water Planning Council that a funding source be developed to continue to update the data inside the Coordinated Water System Plan.
- Corrine Fitting stated concern regarding the abandonment of smaller sources in favor of interconnections. DEEP wants to make sure systems aren't relying on a single source if there are multiple source options and also to not abandon potential future supply sources. Some discussion ensued clarifying that sources for very small systems (on the order of 5 gpm wells) should be abandoned in favor of interconnections, but that multiple sources are desirable and that larger systems should not rely solely on interconnections.
- The Connecticut Department of Public Health underscored their support in 8 specific areas. These areas will be reviewed to be sure they are adequately emphasized in the Integrated Report.
- The group agreed that additional discussion on climate change in the Integrated Report would be appropriate.

Additional comments were received in other WUCC regions as follows:

- Mark Widomanski sent comments to the Western WUCC encouraging the protection of watersheds, reducing impervious surfaces to slow runoff, and water conservation.
- SCCOG sent comments to the Eastern WUCC stating their recommendations and priorities.

These comments will be evaluated to determine if they have relevance for the Central WUCC and if so, revisions will be incorporated with an eye towards consistency within all three WUCCs.

#### **5. Integrated Report Discussion**

- Ms. Gouin went through some of the recommendation wording changes made to the final recommendations contained in the Integrated Report from the previous meeting. A final review copy will be sent to all active WUCC members in early May and members are encouraged to review the changes before the next meeting, when the full CWSP needs to be approved for final submission.

#### **6. Public Comment**

- Ms. Allen requested that a hard copy of the Integrated Report be made available for viewing.
  - i. Mr. McPhee stated that a card copy will be available at DPH.

**7. Other Business**

- The next meeting will be on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.
- New future officers will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The Integrated Report needs to be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC