



# Monthly Meeting #6

## Coordinated Water System Plan Western Region

Brookfield Town Hall, Brookfield, Connecticut | November 8, 2016

# Agenda



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# Correspondence since 10/11/16 Meeting



1. 10/11/16 Notice of Commencement of Preliminary ESA Boundary Delineation
2. 10/11/16 Request to Affirm Existing ESAs
3. 10/25/16 Draft ESA Declaration Form
4. Water Supply Assessment Comments – *held for agenda item #5*
5. CPCN Correspondence – *held for agenda item #9*

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# Water Supply Assessment



## Direct SurveyMonkey Participants

- Town of Beacon Falls First Selectman
- Town of Beacon Falls Planning and Zoning Commission
- Town of Bethlehem First Selectman
- Town of Brookfield Health Director
- Town of Fairfield Conservation Director
- Town of Middlebury Zoning Board of Appeals
- Town of Monroe Town Engineer
- Town of New Milford Health Director
- Town of Oxford regional planning representative
- Town of Sherman Health Director
- Town of Southbury Land Use Administrator
- Waterbury Water Bureau

- Town of Easton Land Use Director
- Town of Norfolk First Selectman
- Town of Winchester Mayor and Public Works Director
- Town of Woodbury First Selectman

Participants  
during the public  
comment period

# Water Supply Assessment



## Comments Received During Formal Comment Period (to date)

- Editorial Comments and Corrections:
  - ✓ First District Water Department
  - ✓ South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
  - ✓ Aquarion Water Company
  - ✓ MDC
  - ✓ Bethel Water Department
- Content:
  - ✓ Northwest Hills COG provided input from Barkhamsted, Harwinton, and New Hartford
- Comments Related to Content and Organization
  - ✓ Rivers Alliance
  - ✓ Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition
  - ✓ DEEP



# Comments Received



Date	Commenter	Main Points
09/13/16	MDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Factual corrections to narrative and/or tables</li></ul>
09/13/16	Aquarion Water Co.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Factual corrections to narrative and/or tables</li></ul>
09/22/16	First Taxing District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Factual corrections to narrative and/or tables</li></ul>
09/29/16	SCCRWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Factual corrections to narrative and/or tables</li></ul>
10/04/16	Rivers Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify “donor towns</li><li>• Present data and information by town</li><li>• Add town names on mapping</li><li>• Present information on existing and planned interconnections in one place</li><li>• Indicate direction of water flow for interconnections</li><li>• Provide Additional information on identified future sources</li></ul>

# Comments Received (Cont.)



Date	Commenter	Main Points
10/7/16	SCCRWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Factual corrections to narrative and/or tables</li> </ul>
10/11/16	NHCOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input from Barkhamsted, Harwinton, and New Hartford</li> </ul>
10/13/16	MDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Factual corrections to narrative and/or tables</li> </ul>
10/14/16	Town of Bethel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Factual corrections to narrative and/or tables</li> </ul>
10/14/16	Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging to develop data for systems serving &lt;1000</li> <li>• Add information if towns host sources of supply</li> <li>• Discuss CTWARN</li> <li>• Utilize information from updated HVWC WSP</li> <li>• Obtain additional input from municipalities</li> <li>• Include entities such as PRWC as potential source protection partners</li> </ul>
10/18/16	Rivers Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for additional information on interconnections</li> <li>• What is the accuracy of reported water need?</li> <li>• Sources should be disclosed</li> <li>• Need to assess reliability/viability of individual existing utility sources</li> </ul>

# Comments Received (Cont.)



Date	Commenter	Main Points
10/20/16	DEEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aggregation of data makes assessment of specifics difficult</li> <li>• It would be helpful to define certain terms</li> <li>• Clarify the differences/assumptions for population data</li> <li>• Obtain input from additional municipalities</li> <li>• Discuss Aquifer Protection Area Program</li> <li>• Ensure the State C&amp;D policies are addressed throughout the planning process</li> <li>• Areas to consider during the ESA process and Integrated Report</li> </ul>
Various/ Undated	Individual Residents & Members of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritize environmental protection</li> <li>• Prioritize need for clean drinking water over corporate interests</li> <li>• Ensure quality and quantity of water is not compromised</li> <li>• Keep CT's water in public trust</li> <li>• Require water conservation</li> <li>• Develop a regional planning strategy</li> <li>• Provide ample opportunity for public comment</li> <li>• Drought declaration concerns</li> </ul>

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# Water Supply Assessment Schedule



Action	Timeline
Member Comments/Discussion on Draft Final WSA	November 8, 2016 Meeting
Cutoff Date for State Agency and WUCC Member comments	November 23, 2016
Final Draft of Final WSA to WUCC Members	December 1, 2016
Adoption of Final WSA	December 13, 2016 Meeting
Submission of Final WSA to DPH	December 14, 2016

## Potential Next Steps

- Heat maps could be added
- Emergency Interconnections could be added if utility desires
- Ensure review by active WUCC members
  - ✓ Direct distribution of link to document
- Ensure availability to all WUCC members
  - ✓ Post to DPH web page
  - ✓ Email notification from DPH

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# ESA Process Draft Schedule



Action	Timeline
Notification Letter and Affirmation Request Letter	Distributed in October 2016
Affirmation Response Due Date and Approval of Declaration Forms	November 8, 2016 Meeting
Distribute Declaration Forms to WUCC Members and Municipalities	November 10, 2016
Declaration Form Due Date	December 9, 2016
Summary of Declaration Forms and Schedule the Presentations for Conflicted Declarants	December 13, 2016 Meeting
Presentations by Conflicted Declarants, Conflict Resolution, PURA Recommendations	January and February 2016
Approve Preliminary ESA Document for Public Review	March 2017 Meeting
30-Day Public Comment Period, final PURA Recommendations, Approval of ESA Document	April, May, and June 2017 Meetings

# ESA Affirmations



- **Affirmations Received as of 11/7/16**
  - ✓ Watertown Fire District
  - ✓ Torrington Water Company
  - ✓ The Connecticut Water Company
  - ✓ Aquarion Water Company
  - ✓ Town of New Fairfield
  - ✓ Regional Water Authority
  - ✓ Bristol Water Department
- **Affirmations that Have Not Been Received**
  - ✓ Danbury Water Department
  - ✓ Heritage Village Water Company
  - ✓ Bethel Water Department
- **Is action needed to seek the remaining affirmations?**

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# ESA Declaration Form



1. Declarant Information
2. Description of Area Claimed
  - A. Supporting Information Related to Existing Service Area
  - B. Supporting Information Related to Land Use Plans, Zoning, Growth Trends
  - C. Physical Limitations to Water Service
  - D. Political Boundaries
  - E. Water Utility Rights Established by Statute, Special Act, etc.
  - F. System Hydraulics Including Elevations and Pressure Zones
  - G. Ability to Provide Pure and Adequate Supply
  - H. Other Considerations

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