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STATE WATER PLANNING COUNCIL

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**H e l d   B e f o r e :**

**JOHN W. BETKOSKI, III, CHAIRMAN,  
and PURA VICE-CHAIRMAN**

1     **A p p e a r a n c e s :**

2     **WATER PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

3             **MARTIN HEFT (OPM)**

4             **LORI MATHIEU (DPH)**

5             **GRAHAM STEVENS (DEEP)**

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7     **ALSO PRESENT (on record):**

8             **JOSH CANSLER**

9             **VIRGINIA de LIMA**

10            **DAVE RADKA**

11            **DAN AUBIN**

12            **JOSH CANSLER**

13            **ALICEA CHARAMUT**

14            **ERIC McPHEE**

15            **MARGARET MINER**

16            **DAN LAWRENCE**

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18     **Staff:**

19            **ALYSON AYOTTE**

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Good afternoon, everyone. We'll call  
2 the meeting of the Water Planning Council, the  
3 special meeting for November 3, 2021, to order.

4 The first order of business will be the  
5 approval October 5, 2021, meeting transcript.

6 Do I hear a motion to approve?

7 MARTIN HEFT: So moved.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Martin.

9 GRAHAM STEVENS: Second.

10 LORI MATHIEU: Second.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Second by Graham and Lori.

12 Any questions on the motion?

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14 (No response.)

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16 THE CHAIRMAN: If not, all those in favor signify by  
17 saying, aye.

18 THE COUNCIL: Aye.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: The motion carries.

20 I have no correspondence. Does anybody have  
21 any correspondence?

22 The only thing I should say that I have  
23 received from the Connecticut Nursery Association,  
24 and this is something they want to make a  
25 recommendation for the Water Planning Council

1 advisory group for another individual, a Darrell  
2 Noonan. So when we get to Alicea's report we can  
3 talk a little bit about that. So that's the only  
4 thing I have received here.

5 And we'll get right over to the state water  
6 plan. Virginia and David, good afternoon.

7 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Good afternoon. The implementation  
8 workgroup met three weeks ago. And one of the  
9 things that we had mentioned to you in the past  
10 was that we developed a survey to follow up on the  
11 rates workshop that was hosted by the Alliance for  
12 Water Efficiency last March.

13 We've gotten ten results from that survey and  
14 most exciting is that two of those people actually  
15 indicated they were using what they learned in the  
16 workshop. So I think that's very exciting.

17 Then one of our subcommittees is the outreach  
18 and education topical subgroup. As we've  
19 mentioned before they are looking to target  
20 several water events during the course of the  
21 year, and put together materials to be shared on  
22 that, on that day using primarily resources from  
23 websites that others have developed -- or not just  
24 websites, but information that others have  
25 developed, but getting it all compiled on our

1 website, which leads to the concern that we need  
2 to make sure that we have a commitment that our  
3 website is kept active and up to date because we  
4 expect that people will be accessing it more often  
5 than perhaps they have in the past.

6 They anticipate being able to handle that  
7 gathering of information, perhaps creating some  
8 new information for, you know, a small number of  
9 events a year.

10 And so in that regard they are thinking that  
11 perhaps the Water Planning Council should consider  
12 making this a standing workgroup, rather than just  
13 a topical, something workgroup that by definition  
14 that is very short in duration because they  
15 anticipate this effort being ongoing for years.  
16 And so that's something that we want to plug to  
17 you and get your input on whether you think that's  
18 something that should be done.

19 That's acknowledging that that education and  
20 outreach is perhaps one of the more important  
21 things that we could be doing related to the state  
22 water plan.

23 So thoughts, comments?

24 **THE CHAIRMAN:** I think it's a good idea. I think we  
25 should do it. I think that should be a permanent

1 group. This is a work in progress. We're always  
2 doing new things. We're approving new things,  
3 moving forward and we want to educate the public  
4 as much as possible in what we are doing. So I  
5 don't have any problem making it a permanent  
6 group.

7 I don't know how my colleagues feel.

8 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Let me just point out that some of  
9 the key participants in such a workgroup are state  
10 agency personnel. And so there is that, that  
11 bandwidth issue, not necessarily the people who  
12 have been involved in the implementation workgroup  
13 process so far, but people in your various  
14 organizations that do focus on education and  
15 outreach. We'd be tapping their expertise. That  
16 would be crucial.

17 But as I said, they only anticipate doing,  
18 you know, a small handful of events a year pulling  
19 this stuff together, but I just want to put that  
20 out there as a cautionary note.

21 GRAHAM STEVENS: Yeah. Virginia, I guess that would  
22 have been my question as, you know, what do you  
23 think the commitment would be? And it may be, you  
24 know, it may be three events, you say, per year --  
25 and eventually hopefully we'll have materials that

1           can be fed into those events.

2                   But it doesn't sound like something which  
3           would be a significant time commitment by the  
4           agency resources.  So -- do you think?

5 VIRGINIA de LIMA:  Well, are either Lou or Denise on  
6           the call?  They might be able to address that  
7           better than I can.

8 DAVID RADKA:  This is David.  I think what we really  
9           just want to do is tee up this idea, this concept  
10          that in our thinking this may be -- it might be  
11          desirable to walk this into a more permanent  
12          group.  And we're not really looking for you to  
13          say yes or no today, just to sort flesh that out  
14          as a concept.

15                   And you know, they haven't even completed  
16          their initial workgroup work yet.  We just think  
17          in time it probably warrants being more permanent.

18 GRAHAM STEVENS:  Yeah.  Thank you, David.  And I think  
19          I would support, like, a standing e-mail group or  
20          committee to make sure that we're, you know, doing  
21          what we need to do and getting the message out.  
22          Definitely something -- I think that's already  
23          ingrained in the responsibilities and desires of  
24          the agencies.

25                   Not to speak for other people, but I mean,

1           this is kind of one of the main things that we do  
2           is public outreach and education.

3 VIRGINIA de LIMA: So following up on that comment by  
4 Dave, perhaps what we can say is that the topical  
5 workgroup that exists now will identify exactly  
6 what types of things such a permanent workgroup  
7 would be addressing, and then present that in  
8 their report back to you for your consideration.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: You know, I think Alley just put a chat  
10 here that she spoke to our contact at Aquarion  
11 Water Company about outreach. And I think this is  
12 a combined effort for everybody's part.

13           One thing about Aquarion recently, I had to  
14 film a little video for their environmental  
15 champion awards. And they've got a new media  
16 person down there that's just phenomenal. And he  
17 did a great job at it. So we might be able to  
18 utilize his services as well.

19           So I think that this group is very, very  
20 important and I think that there might be, again  
21 times when our subgroups could very well become  
22 permanent groups based upon the recommendations of  
23 the committee. But I think this is one that could  
24 definitely -- back to what David said, that once  
25 you go through and come in with the final



1 recommendation for all intents and purposes we'd  
2 probably make it a permanent group.

3 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Okay. Well, thank you for that  
4 feedback.

5 Are there any other questions related to  
6 that?

7 LORI MATHIEU: One thing. Just to follow along, and  
8 what's being said I would agree that the group is  
9 important, that I would love to see -- I think,  
10 Virginia, what you're leaning toward is providing  
11 a work plan of the level of work. A level of  
12 commitment is important for us to know at the DPH.

13 And also to make a connection back to the  
14 state water plan. There's a lot of discussion  
15 about education and outreach, but to just swing  
16 through the plan to see what it says and to bring  
17 out those items, we do need to do more outreach.

18 And as time goes on people are forgetting  
19 about the state water plan and how it links to  
20 other planning initiatives such as the GC3 and  
21 what we heard Rebecca speak to. So I think it is  
22 important in a very important group, but before  
23 any commitments from our department are made I'd  
24 like to see a workplan and talk about that during  
25 maybe the next meeting.

1 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Certainly. I don't know exactly  
2 what their timeframe is, but we can certainly --  
3 I'll pass that comment along to Lou and Denise.

4 And yes, I agree with you, Lori, that tying  
5 it back to the state water plan is essential, and  
6 the group has been doing that. The existing group  
7 has been focused on teasing out those kinds of  
8 things and also connecting it with the GC3. So  
9 that that is something that they are already  
10 working on.

11 Whether they would be able to come back with  
12 a workplan by next meeting, as I said, I'd have to  
13 leave it up to the chairs of that group -- but a  
14 point well taken.

15 Okay. Then the only other workgroup we  
16 currently have is the implementation tracking and  
17 reporting workgroup. And as you recall, we did  
18 the brainstorming of that back six weeks ago. And  
19 Dan had compiled all the topics from the  
20 brainstorm reports that we got back in, and you  
21 all at your last meeting decided that we would  
22 discuss it at this meeting, whether there were any  
23 things that you had concerns about that the chairs  
24 should know before they really dive into their  
25 deliberations.

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Any comments from Graham, Martin, Lori?

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3 (No response.)  
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5 THE CHAIRMAN: I know we're going to have a follow-up  
6 meeting at the end of the month. Correct?

7 VIRGINIA de LIMA: This group will be starting there,  
8 their work at the end of the month. The fourth  
9 Tuesday of the month is what they were focused on.  
10 And in November I guess there's an extra one, so  
11 it was going to be the last Tuesday of the month  
12 in November.

13 But as I said back when we were outlining the  
14 brainstorming session, the group does not want to  
15 spend a lot of time focused on a particular  
16 subject if it turns out that that's something that  
17 you folks have concerns about. Or if you have  
18 concerns, that they be able to take those into  
19 account as they are making their recommendations.

20 GRAHAM STEVENS: There wasn't anything that I saw that  
21 was troubling, and I think it's important to try  
22 to weigh, you know, everyone's perspective to some  
23 extent.

24 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Did any of the others of you see  
25 anything that was of concern? And you don't have

1 to do everything today. If something happens to  
2 occur to you, you're welcome to communicate with  
3 the topical subgroup at any point you want to if  
4 something, you know, comes up that you say, oh,  
5 wait a minute. I hope they consider this and  
6 such.

7 LORI MATHIEU: If I could turn to Dan? I see Dan there  
8 in the office. Hi, Dan.

9 DAN AUBIN: Hi, Lori.

10 LORI MATHIEU: Do you want to just say a few words  
11 about what you did share with us?

12 DAN AUBIN: Sure. And thank you, Water Planning  
13 Council members for your input and attendance for  
14 the brainstorming session on the 28th. We  
15 received -- and thank you to Virginia and David,  
16 too, for facilitating. That was a big deal to get  
17 those comments together.

18 We received a full spectrum of input and we  
19 had five questions that have been summarized and I  
20 put in the attachment that was sent out to all of  
21 you, I believe, last week.

22 So our mission going forward on November 30th  
23 is to hold our first meeting and to look --  
24 Corinne and I have decided as cochairs as kind of  
25 to prime our group to go through all the documents

1 that exist, the input that came from the  
2 brainstorming session. We're also going to go  
3 through language from the state water plan,  
4 Section 5.2.35, and go through all of the parts  
5 that are required, the methodology and the outputs  
6 that are expected.

7 So Corinne and I, and with Allie Hibbert as  
8 well have been in close contact and pulling all  
9 this information, and look forward to the meeting  
10 on the 30th.

11 And as Virginia mentioned, you are all  
12 welcome to reach out at any time to Corinne or  
13 myself if you have any questions or concerns, and  
14 we look forward to updating you in the future.

15 LORI MATHIEU: Dan, so who is invited to that meeting?

16 VIRGINIA de LIMA: The workgroup is open to anybody who  
17 is interested, as all the workgroups are. Ideally  
18 we would like the participants to continue to  
19 participate and not just, you know, show up for  
20 one meeting and then disappear again, because the  
21 follow-on discussions can be very important.

22 But know it is open to anybody, and we  
23 encourage people who are interested to e-mail  
24 Corinne or Dan, and let them know they're  
25 interested and they can be included in any

1 documents coming out ahead of time.

2 Dan, anything more you want to add to that?

3 DAN AUBIN: I guess the only thing I'd add that's left  
4 is, if there's any further interest, please,  
5 please, anyone is welcome to join. Feel  
6 comfortable to reach out to Corinne Fitting or  
7 myself.

8 Attendance and participation is lower than  
9 what we're seeing. So we, you know, we're happy  
10 to answer any preliminary questions and we welcome  
11 anybody to the team, and look forward to having  
12 more updates for you in the future.

13 VIRGINIA de LIMA: I do want to say that originally  
14 when we talked about that, about this, we were  
15 thinking that we needed to include technical folks  
16 right from the beginning.

17 And then we realized it was really two  
18 closely related, but separate issues. That first  
19 we wanted to figure out the who, what, where, why  
20 kinds of questions, which is what the brainstorm  
21 was focused.

22 And when that starts to come together then we  
23 would need to address the how, and get the  
24 technical folks involved. How can we actually  
25 make this happen in terms of platforms or

1 programs, or you name it? And so that we make  
2 sure that before we finalize what the who/whats  
3 are, that we realize the potential -- the possible  
4 limitations of whatever platform would be used to  
5 collect this information, and have it available to  
6 interested parties.

7 So that will be sort of phase one and a half  
8 to two -- would include technical folks.

9 LORI MATHIEU: So if we could -- Dan, you said, Corinne  
10 Fitting?

11 DAN AUBIN: Yes.

12 LORI MATHIEU: If people are interested and would like  
13 to see the invite, if you could put both your  
14 e-mail addresses, or at least, Dan, your e-mail  
15 address in the chat so people know what it is.

16 DAN AUBIN: Sure. Of course.

17 LORI MATHIEU: Thank you.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: To your point, Virginia, we want to  
19 reinforce the fact that if people make a  
20 commitment they're going to stay with you  
21 throughout the whole process.

22 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Well you know, within reason,  
23 obviously.

24 THE CHAIRMAN: Because obviously, we, members of  
25 Council would probably like to be there, if their

1 schedule permits, and see what's going on, so.

2 VIRGINIA de LIMA: We wouldn't exclude you from showing  
3 up at the meeting --

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I hope not. I would hope not.  
5 Okay. Anything else on this?

6  
7 (No response.)  
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9 THE CHAIRMAN: Good, good beginning. This is really  
10 good stuff.

11 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Great. Then one last thing. The  
12 implementation tracking and reporting workgroup is  
13 expected to be fairly short, you know, maybe four  
14 or five months at the largest. So that, and if  
15 the outreach and education group morphs into a  
16 permanent group that leaves us with no active  
17 topical sub workgroups.

18 So we started talking about possible new  
19 ideas recognizing that some new workgroups might  
20 come out of the work that the tracking and  
21 reporting group is doing. Also some of them  
22 may -- one may come out of anything that happens  
23 with the federal money that could be coming into  
24 the State. So those are things that we're  
25 obviously very open to, but we're just starting to



1 explore ideas.

2 Another one that might have traction is  
3 emerging topics, you know, PFAS, harmful algal  
4 blooms so we're just open to things. And  
5 certainly, if people -- if you on the Council or  
6 anybody on this call has issues that they think  
7 would be good to explore in greater depth, please  
8 pass those ideas along to us.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions for Virginia or David?

10 DAVID RADKA: If I could just add that what we also  
11 were going to do is go back and look at the  
12 priority list that you all have already developed,  
13 and especially with an eye towards trying to  
14 potentially tease out those topics that might  
15 require less agency, key agency personnel  
16 involvement, direct involvement given the  
17 sensitivity that you folks have raised in the past  
18 about, you know, that potential shortage of staff  
19 or staff being stretched too thin.

20 So we anticipate doing that at our next  
21 meeting.

22 VIRGINIA de LIMA: I also should mention that we've  
23 proposed before that we have a group come up with  
24 some options for the water chief, the water  
25 director -- and I didn't mention that because I

1 see that it's further down on the agenda today.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: We will get back to that topic.

3 LORI MATHIEU: Jack, I don't know if it's appropriate  
4 at this time, but given the conversation about  
5 next things to work on I think it would be most  
6 appropriate for the four of us to have a time  
7 where we set aside some time for the four agencies  
8 to have a discussion about where we head next for  
9 the future.

10 And I'm just looking at the little summary  
11 sheet for the state water plan. And I look back  
12 at the goals and I look back at the top ten  
13 consensus policy priorities that we probably  
14 should refresh our memories on and walk through  
15 that, and come to some direction about the future.

16 So that's one thing that I've been thinking  
17 about, and I think that maybe we need to put more  
18 thought in as a group of agencies. Given  
19 Virginia's point, if and when this infrastructure  
20 bill passes there will be funding out there like  
21 has never been out there before. And there is  
22 opportunity unlike any other time.

23 And so I think marrying what's in the state  
24 water plan with some of those efforts that are  
25 coming our way would be a good conversation to

1           have.

2   **THE CHAIRMAN:** Well, would you like to have a special  
3           meeting of the Council and just discuss that topic  
4           and basically --

5   **LORI MATHIEU:** Maybe.

6   **THE CHAIRMAN:** -- or do want to wait until the next? I  
7           mean, we could.

8   **LORI MATHIEU:** I don't know. I'd like to hear from  
9           Graham and Martin and see what they think.

10   **THE CHAIRMAN:** I think it's probably a good time to put  
11           the reset switch here -- it's been a while -- to  
12           look at where we've been and where we'd like to  
13           go.

14           I mean, there's still a lot of work to do.  
15           This could very well tie into the whole idea of  
16           giving some type of position to coordinate our  
17           efforts here.

18           So Graham, I'll ask you what you think, and  
19           then Martin.

20   **GRAHAM STEVENS:** Thanks, Jack, and then thanks, Lori.

21           As the newest member of the Water Planning Council  
22           I've been trying to get up to speed on some of the  
23           past actions that the Water Planning Council has  
24           taken, and one of the things that we discussed at  
25           DEEP last month was the priority list.

1 I think that Lori just alluded to all the  
2 agency's top priorities and putting that on a  
3 spreadsheet, trying to see what rises to the top  
4 with respect to priorities for the Council.

5 I certainly think it makes sense to  
6 reevaluate what the agency's top priorities are,  
7 and in light of all of the priorities that are  
8 contained in the state water plan, to ensure that  
9 when the time does come for swift action, and  
10 hopefully lots of money, we can have that as a  
11 context to direct the flow of projects and  
12 potentially evaluate the projects, so -- and weigh  
13 in with respect to the Water Planning Council's  
14 opinion as well as help shape the agency's  
15 decisions. I'm all for that.

16 MARTIN HEFT: Great. And I'm in agreement with both  
17 Graham and Lori's comments. It is time we take,  
18 as we are doing with the drought plan, going  
19 through the recommendations, making updates,  
20 looking at it, kind of reevaluating that. We  
21 should be doing the same, you know, with the  
22 same state water plan with those priorities and  
23 everything. So now is a great time to do it.

24 Also just mention that as the Commission on  
25 Connecticut's Development and Future is starting

1 up, which was Public Act 21-29 which is a  
2 legislative committee. But they'll be looking at  
3 the state plan of conservation and development, a  
4 lot of the other state plans including ours, with  
5 that as a whole overview of development and the  
6 future, and looking at the kind of a path forward.  
7 It fits into their timeframe. It fits into our  
8 timeframe. So I think it's advantageous for us to  
9 do that.

10 And a side note, it's also a good review for  
11 all of us, too, of what those priorities are, and  
12 are we meeting those priorities? And what things  
13 do we need to work on? So it would be a great  
14 overview that way for us.

15 VIRGINIA de LIMA: That sounds great, because as Dave  
16 mentioned the group has been using the existing  
17 list of priorities to come up with some of the  
18 ideas that have been proposed to workgroups.

19 But as you said, priorities can change and I  
20 think -- I agree that if you folks update that  
21 list of priorities it would help the  
22 implementation group focus their attention on  
23 what's currently high priority, not what was high  
24 priority three or four years ago.

25 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments on this?

1 (No response.)

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3 **THE CHAIRMAN:** So the question is moving forward, would  
4 we like to have a meeting? Do we want to  
5 incorporate this into our regular meeting which is  
6 going to be coming after December 7th? Or we can  
7 just put a portion out, get through the agenda.  
8 We could maybe do it at the end of the meeting?

9 Why don't we just block out time for the next  
10 meeting, and the last thing on the agenda will be  
11 a review of the goals and the objectives in the  
12 state water plan moving forward.

13 **VIRGINIA de LIMA:** My recollection of how it happened  
14 before was that each of the agencies created their  
15 own list, as did the Water Planning Council  
16 advisory group created a list and we put them all  
17 together into a spreadsheet. I believe John Hudak  
18 led that effort. I don't know if he's on the  
19 call.

20 And then you could see, you could rank the  
21 total by seeing the rankings of each of those  
22 separate groups.

23 **THE CHAIRMAN:** Right.

24 **MARTIN HEFT:** Jack, what I'd recommend is that at our  
25 next meeting that we just ask everyone to give

1 shortened reports so we have time to spend on  
2 this. Maybe give abbreviated reports for all the  
3 other groups that are doing it and then we take  
4 the time to just run through the priorities first  
5 rather than going through each agency, because  
6 some of that has got to go through a larger longer  
7 process for us to do that.

8 So I think it's going to be a multistep  
9 process. Let's go through those priorities that  
10 are in the plan as our first step, and then the  
11 next step, as Virginia says, it's agencies with  
12 priorities. Pulling those together, that would  
13 kind of be the next step -- would be my advice for  
14 this.

15 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Alecia just reminded us when we did  
16 it before, we used Survey Monkey to actually  
17 tabulate the various agencies' input.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Right.

19 LORI MATHIEU: I like the one that I had -- and I don't  
20 want to formalize the heck out of this. So it's  
21 more toward what Martin said. Let's, for the four  
22 of us, the thought for the four agencies involved,  
23 go back and read -- where we have time to read the  
24 plan, read the priorities.

25 Put that in your mind, think about it, and

1 then come to the table and have a discussion. The  
2 four of us never have a discussion. Right?

3 And then -- then we can figure out there,  
4 like to Martin said, then we can figure out from  
5 there what do we want to do. I do want to put any  
6 form or format and get stuck with, like, a box  
7 that we can't make it into a circle. Right?

8 And I would prefer that we just spent some  
9 time -- if we can, read the plan, read the  
10 priorities. Understand it. Digest it. Come back  
11 and let's just talk. You know? And we never have  
12 time just to do that, and then set up our game  
13 plan for the future.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, let's do that.

15 LORI MATHIEU: Keep it simple. Right?

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Let's start there, doing that at our  
17 next meeting.

18 LORI MATHIEU: Thank you.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Any other discussion on this?  
20 Virginia, anything else?

21 VIRGINIA de LIMA: No, I just want to make sure that  
22 you all heard in this discussion that you all  
23 have homework.

24 LORI MATHIEU: No one assigns homework to me.

25 VIRGINIA de LIMA: You all have homework.



1 LORI MATHIEU: Nobody does. I have a rule for that.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: This discussion will be followed up as a  
3 discussion at our next meeting at the very end of  
4 the agenda. We're going to go through quick  
5 reports and get to it at the end, and have some  
6 allotted time for this, so.

7 Okay?

8 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Thank you all.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Dave, Virginia, all set?

10 DAVID RADKA: Thank you.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Water Planning Council advisory group,  
12 Alecia and Josh.

13 JOSH CANSLER: Okay, Jack. I'll be speaking, giving a  
14 quick update. Alecia sent me a note earlier today  
15 saying she's under the weather and wouldn't rather  
16 speak any more than she has to, but I do believe  
17 she wants to make a few comments as we go through  
18 this.

19 We held our last meeting on October 19th and  
20 we discussed quite a few topics, many of which  
21 have been or will be discussed today including the  
22 implementation workgroup update. We delayed  
23 discussion of the water chief position pending  
24 discussion here within the Water Planning Council,  
25 and I see that is on the agenda for later.

1           We also had a lengthy discussion about the  
2 WUCC, and then Dan give us a good update on that.  
3 I think we'll get an update on that as well later.

4           The nominating committee, you guys approved  
5 the slate last month, the WPC did with two  
6 positions still to be filled. And I think you  
7 should have a letter from the Connecticut Nursery  
8 Association -- which I have not seen.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Right. I believe it's the e-mail. I  
10 just got this yesterday. So we would forward this  
11 to you, you take a look at it and then make a  
12 recommendation to us. I think that's the process.

13 JOSH CANSLER: Okay. That's fine. Great.

14           Like I say, we still have those two positions  
15 to fill and we have had some discussions with the  
16 Connecticut Nursery Association, but we haven't  
17 made a lot of progress. So hopefully that e-mail  
18 will be helpful.

19           The source water protection outline, we're  
20 still working on. Alecia has taken the lead on  
21 that. The watershed lands workgroup, Karen could  
22 not be here today.

23           Margaret, did you have anything you wanted to  
24 say on that subject?

25 MARGARET MINER: We're trying to set up a presentation

1 with Dan and Aaron on the WUCC work in December.  
2 And I think Bruce Witchen has been helpful. Eric  
3 Lindquist is sending out an e-mail.

4 Bruce, is that correct, that e-mail is going  
5 out?

6 That's the main thing on our agenda right  
7 now, is to be sure that we know what the WUCC plan  
8 is, which people have been working hard on it, and  
9 I think Aaron has a map. So we're looking forward  
10 to that presentation, and that's the main thing on  
11 our agenda now.

12 I guess if the e-mail has gone out we would  
13 urge people, please let us know. I think it's  
14 a Doodle poll when you could attend. It should be  
15 a very interesting meeting. I'm looking forward  
16 to it.

17 JOSH CANSLER: I believe Karen said that poll is going  
18 out later this week. I don't know if it's gone  
19 out yet.

20 MARGARET MINER: Okay. Well, we'll keep after them.

21 JOSH CANSLER: Okay.

22 And did you have anything else on that?

23 MARGARET MINER: Not I. Thank you.

24 JOSH CANSLER: Okay. Also in our last meeting we did  
25 have a lengthy discussion on some of the bills

1 that passed recently including some bills that  
2 extended time limits for land-use permits. And we  
3 also talked about the infrastructure package, that  
4 it should be coming down the line here pretty  
5 soon.

6 And Alecia, did you have anything you wanted  
7 to add?

8 ALICEA CHARAMUT: Nothing at this time.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Josh and Alecia.

10 Thank you, and we'll get that into  
11 consideration. Thank you.

12 WUCC update, Lori?

13 GRAHAM STEVENS: I'm sorry to interrupt, Jack and Lori.  
14 Something that might be of general interest that  
15 wasn't discussed today, but DEEP is leaning this,  
16 this steps for solar development initiative which  
17 I know the Water Planning Council has engaged in  
18 directly.

19 And I had heard that there was some  
20 frustration regarding the progress in that arena,  
21 and I just wanted to let everyone know that you  
22 should anticipate some additional progress in the  
23 next coming weeks. And I'm going to drop into the  
24 chat the webpage that will get you to -- to our  
25 web presence on that process.



1 He is a supervisor at DPH who is in charge of the  
2 WUCC process.

3 ERIC McPHEE: Hi, everybody. So we continue to work on  
4 the WUCCs. For those of you that don't know, the  
5 state is split into three WUCC planning regions  
6 and each WUCC is still functioning, probably  
7 meeting less frequently than we did during the  
8 development of the plans, but still looking at  
9 regional solutions, still looking at development  
10 of the water supplies within those regions.

11 Each WUCC has a chair, and certainly people  
12 have water supply planning concerns or want to  
13 talk about something. Anyone is free to put an  
14 agenda item into the Chair and then we can, at the  
15 next meeting, discuss your issue.

16 At the same time we had convened a WUCC  
17 implementation group, and that group meets  
18 officially every quarter. And what we're doing  
19 with that is we are prioritizing some of the  
20 recommendations from the WUCC coordinated plans  
21 and trying to implement them across the state. So  
22 members from all three WUCCs are included in that.

23 I think I mentioned last time there are two  
24 focus areas that we're looking on right now,  
25 municipal outreach and regional interconnections.

1 Regional interconnection one is pretty far along.  
2 We've developed a roadmap looking at the hardships  
3 and the opportunities in, you know, having water  
4 systems evaluate the benefit, the cost and the  
5 hardships in connecting with other systems.

6 At the last meeting, for example, some  
7 members talked about that, you know, most of the  
8 time these are very expensive and there aren't  
9 funding mechanisms to help support mutual  
10 interconnection. And then others talk about  
11 perceived hardships with permitting, either sewer  
12 or water permitting as being impediments to  
13 developing more regional connections.

14 So the roadmap is to try to allow  
15 communities, municipalities and water utilities to  
16 start conversations to talk about where they're  
17 most needed in accordance with the already  
18 published coordinated plans, and how do we make  
19 these interconnections happen when appropriate?

20 The other issue is municipal outreach. We  
21 did have a law change I detailed last time I  
22 spoke. I'm not going to do that again, but we  
23 have now a new process for any projects that are  
24 being proposed within a drinking water  
25 watershed under the EPA. We're using that law

1 change as an excuse to sort of get back to doing  
2 more municipal outreach and working with  
3 municipalities to make sure that they understand  
4 what's going on in their communities both from a  
5 development perspective and also creation of a  
6 public water system.

7 If there's a proposal for a property,  
8 commercial, industrial or residential within their  
9 community and it's proposing an on-site source,  
10 how do they make informed decisions about that  
11 development and how water is best served in that,  
12 that new development?

13 So there's going to be a number of documents  
14 that we're working on that would be geared towards  
15 municipalities and then we'll follow that up with  
16 some outreach specifically to the COGS and into  
17 the municipalities to help them along, and have  
18 them have the best tools to make the best  
19 decisions.

20 Our next meeting is on Wednesday,  
21 November 17th. It's on Teams. I can share the  
22 link with you. I'll drop it in this chat. It's  
23 from one to three. Anyone is welcome to join the  
24 meeting. Anyone is welcome to bring up issues  
25 related to the WUCC implementation and water



1 supply planning.

2 We welcome the discussion, or just come and  
3 have a listen and, you know, we'll do the talking.

4 LORI MATHIEU: So Jack, if I could?

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.

6 LORI MATHIEU: Eric, I don't know if you were on, but I  
7 believe Margaret mentioned that there will be a  
8 presentation on the WUCC by a couple people. This  
9 was sort of news to me.

10 Margaret, do you want to repeat what you were  
11 talking about, because I hadn't heard of this  
12 before.

13 MARGARET MINER: Yeah, I think it came up on the  
14 last -- well, probably at the last Water Planning  
15 Council advisory group. What we understand the  
16 WUCCs are working on is of interest in protecting  
17 watershed lands.

18 And particularly I think the work that Aaron  
19 has been doing outlining -- Aaron, if you're on,  
20 perhaps you could describe it better than I can.  
21 I recall the word "map" in there.

22 And so we had invited -- Karen had invited,  
23 and we had invited Dan Lawrence and Aaron if they  
24 could come to a meeting of the watersheds lands  
25 group and tell us what they're doing, which sounds

1 great to us.

2 And we want to know how we can be aware of  
3 what they're doing and help them, or use it. So  
4 that we're sending out a Doodle poll -- it's  
5 supposed to have gone out, but I guess it will go  
6 out soon -- to pick out a date in December.

7 DAN LAWRENCE: Hey, Lori. This is Dan Lawrence. So I  
8 kind of look at it as a subgroup from the WUCC  
9 and, you know, a subgroup just getting together to  
10 share resources and ferret what's going on.

11 So I think it's not a WUCC presentation, so  
12 just to clarify.

13 LORI MATHIEU: Okay.

14 DAN LAWRENCE: But we are talking about what the WUCC  
15 is working on with the watershed lands group, so.

16 LORI MATHIEU: Perfect. Good.

17 ERIC MCPHEE: And I can speak for WUCC implementation.  
18 If, you know, if we want to talk about building  
19 bridges with other efforts, that's certainly  
20 appropriate for an agenda item for WUCC  
21 implementation. So we would love to have a  
22 conversation like that, and feel free to add that  
23 to our agenda.

24 LORI MATHIEU: That's an excellent tie in, Margaret,  
25 Dan, and Eric, to the law that was passed and what

1 Eric just mentioned about source water protection.

2 Really a very important law. It's a minor  
3 tweak, but as we know, Margaret, we've talked  
4 about that law change and it changes planning and  
5 zoning statutes 8-3i and inland/wetlands law  
6 22a42f. And it just says, provide this  
7 information electronically to DPH.

8 But we know that we're not getting  
9 notifications across the State like we should. We  
10 know the utilities are not getting those  
11 notifications.

12 So as Eric mentioned, we're going to take  
13 this opportunity to educate the towns about this  
14 requirement fundamentally, and I think that will  
15 change the game really. And Eric is doing a great  
16 job with that, so --

17 MARGARET MINER: Yes.

18 LORI MATHIEU: -- just bringing that together makes  
19 sense to me.

20 MARGARET MINER: Yes, thanks. I'm hoping it will  
21 really be helpful. I'm looking forward to it.

22 LORI MATHIEU: Yeah, good. Excellent.

23 Thank you, Eric.

24 THE CHAIRMAN: Nice job, Eric. Thank you very much.

25 Lori, private well update?

1 LORI MATHIEU: What to say? So what did I say last  
2 month? It's probably the same.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: That's okay. You can say the same as  
4 last month.

5 LORI MATHIEU: Martin laughs at it, but yeah. When I  
6 can say more I will. We're still working on it.  
7 It's a big effort and more to come as we continue.

8 When I can, when we gain all the approvals  
9 and we can talk about it. If we don't, we don't.  
10 You know? But we are working on it, working  
11 really hard taking the white paper and the  
12 information that Dr. Dietz had put together and  
13 all of you working on private wells that focused  
14 in on it.

15 So there's more to come. More to come and I  
16 can talk more probably in January, if not  
17 February. And we're hoping to be successful in  
18 part with some of the efforts. And so just please  
19 know that we really thank the efforts and all of  
20 the input from the workgroup led by Dr. Dietz and  
21 the white paper.

22 It's very much appreciated and when we can  
23 speak to it and present on it we will when  
24 everything receives the approvals, and when we're  
25 able to speak to it publicly we certainly will do



1 members and associated folks have been engaged in.

2 And I do think that although I wasn't a party  
3 to this, you know I have heard the stories of some  
4 of the pushback and consternation and a few bumps  
5 along the way when some of these water  
6 conservation standards were first put into place,  
7 so we certainly don't want to repeat that.

8 And one of the ways that we can ensure that  
9 is ensuring the that trades and others in the  
10 building, folks understand that this is not going  
11 to be a repeat of that. That these fixtures are  
12 of higher-quality and also going to be in high  
13 demand by the customers.

14 So we will continue to work with our sister  
15 agencies to highlight the importance of this  
16 initiative and welcome any suggestions that anyone  
17 may have. They can reach out to me directly if  
18 you get any ideas, or if there's events or  
19 activities that are ongoing where maybe we should  
20 look at putting some agency resources in a meeting  
21 to talk about water conservation and fixture  
22 standards.

23 Please highlight that to us, because  
24 obviously we don't necessarily work in all the  
25 circles where folks who may have concerns about



1 tomorrow's meeting. And then we'll kind of do a  
2 whole other run through again with that coming up  
3 in our December meeting, and continue moving  
4 forward with that. And that's what's going on.

5 Luckily, we've had enough rain. So the  
6 conditions have been good at this point, but we do  
7 continue to monitor them.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: We certainly have. Thank you very much,  
9 Martin. Any questions for Martin? Any questions?

10  
11 (No response.)  
12

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Water chief update.

14 GRAHAM STEVENS: Jack, do you want me to go into that?

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I do.

16 GRAHAM STEVENS: I think as folks recall from our last  
17 meeting, we were asked as individual members of  
18 the Water Planning Council to go back and chat  
19 internally with our agencies about this  
20 initiative.

21 And I think the question before the Water  
22 Planning Council is actually, you know, should we  
23 further flesh out what a potential water planning  
24 chief's job duties or objectives would be? And I  
25 know there's been some work around that topic



1           already.

2           But I think that -- I don't want to speak for  
3           any other agency, but I think that from my  
4           perspective, it's certainly something that is  
5           intriguing. And I think as we mentioned in past  
6           meetings, funding of that position is always a  
7           question.

8           I know that based on the research that I've  
9           done since the last meeting we've had MOUs amongst  
10          the agencies in the past that have helped kind of  
11          set up how that chief or role functions.  
12          Certainly something that I think is doable going  
13          forward, and I guess some of the -- with the  
14          models we've used in the past may be good models  
15          for the future, you know, bringing in a contractor  
16          to serve in that capacity, provided the charge and  
17          the direction and the structure is set up in  
18          place.

19          So I'm definitely -- from DEEP's perspective  
20          we're definitely interested in pursuing this  
21          conversation. And I think that the individual  
22          agencies may need to strategize a little bit about  
23          funding options and what a potential MOU or MOA  
24          would look like.

25          But still I think that it makes sense to

1 continue the effort to further refine what this  
2 chief's job duties and objectives should be. So I  
3 think that that's something that I don't think  
4 should be held up while the agencies try to figure  
5 out and find, you know, money in our proverbial  
6 cushions.

7 **THE CHAIRMAN:** Well, one thing I think we should make  
8 clear right -- again, reaffirm the fact that the  
9 Council agrees that we should have a position like  
10 this.

11 Is everybody in agreement with that, Lori  
12 Martin, that we should have this position, a  
13 position to this effect?

14 **GRAHAM STEVENS:** Yes.

15 **MARTIN HEFT:** For OPM, I can't comment yes or no on  
16 that at this point. I can't speak on behalf of  
17 the Office of Policy and Management without  
18 reviewing this with the Secretary -- which has not  
19 been done yet for this.

20 I mean, conceptually it's -- yes. It's  
21 something that we should be looking at, but to  
22 say, yes, fully support it or not, I cannot offer  
23 that from the OPM perspective at this time.

24 **THE CHAIRMAN:** Okay. Lori?

25 **LORI MATHIEU:** It was a fundamental piece of the state

1 water plan. We knew that we could not really,  
2 like, you see how much -- we've done a lot of work  
3 actually, but there's so much more to do. And  
4 this, the chief was mentioned many times by many  
5 of our stakeholders and it was a big part of our  
6 plan and became one of the priorities for  
7 implementation.

8 So as part of approving the plan that we did,  
9 of course, the Department of Public Health  
10 supports that effort. Now the question is, how do  
11 you do it? How do you find the money?

12 I have no doubt that this plan is important  
13 because Governor Malloy told us, you better start  
14 implementing it. Right? There's an executive  
15 order that told us to get going two years ago --  
16 or three years ago now.

17 So it's fundamental to moving forward with  
18 implementation, you know, similar to Eric McPhee  
19 who you see there. Without him implementation it  
20 doesn't work for us. Right? You've got to be  
21 able to have people in place and have somebody  
22 that can work with us.

23 If you remember so many years ago -- Jack,  
24 you'll remember. I'll probably get his name  
25 wrong -- but David Goldstein?

1 THE CHAIRMAN: David Goldberg.

2 LORI MATHIEU: David Goldberg. Remember him? People  
3 around a long time remember him.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: He worked for us.

5 LORI MATHIEU: He worked for you, But he was like a  
6 driving force of implementation of the Council  
7 when it first formed.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sure Margaret Miner remembers him.

9 LORI MATHIEU: If Margaret remembers some people who  
10 have been around since the beginning. Somebody  
11 like that who would just take it on and run with  
12 it. And then Sharon Mann -- Sharon.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Sharon, we had an MOU for Sharon.

14 LORI MATHIEU: We had an MOU, as Graham mentioned, an  
15 MOU. So if we can find that MOU -- I don't know  
16 if we can, but maybe we should look at what that  
17 said and how it works and the efforts over the  
18 years to try to pull together people to help with  
19 implementation.

20 I think having a dedicated person makes sense  
21 to me. It makes sense to the plan. The plan  
22 deserves it. We've spent a lot of time and money  
23 on this, and right up from the Governor he said,  
24 let's get implementing. So I think it's  
25 important.

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Lori, thank you.

2 Margaret?

3 MARGARET MINER: This is Margaret. Yeah, right from  
4 the very beginning from after the first meetings  
5 in 2000, 2001, people recognized we did have -- we  
6 needed a leader. We talked about a water tzar.  
7 Because we had a couple of people, particularly  
8 David Goldberg who were good, and nobody wants to  
9 spend any money on water.

10 It slipped away until this point, but we've,  
11 in the water plan and at other times said, we're  
12 not functioning as an entity. We don't have a  
13 CEO. So what would you call it? Perhaps a  
14 right-hand -- a right-hand for the Water Planning  
15 Council, a chief of staff.

16 So I think we really do need someone like  
17 that who will tell, well, you have to make a  
18 decision and do something -- and then help us do  
19 it.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: So it's a matter of the funding, as  
21 we've talked about in the past and I certainly  
22 have some ideas how we can do that.

23 Virginia, a question to you. I know you  
24 worked on some roles and responsibilities. Is  
25 that complete?

1 VIRGINIA de LIMA: For the water director position?

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Correct.

3 VIRGINIA de LIMA: No, and that's one of the reasons  
4 why we've proposed a workgroup to look at that, to  
5 basically do a lot of the background stuff that  
6 we're talking about today, to come up with  
7 possibilities, options of what kinds of roles  
8 would be included.

9 What kinds of responsibilities, what kinds  
10 of funding mechanisms may be possible, what kinds  
11 of reporting procedures would be appropriate; and  
12 come up with that information, and also perhaps  
13 research what other states have done in a similar  
14 vein to give you a full suite of options from  
15 which you make the final decisions.

16 So basically creating that background to make  
17 it easier for you folks to make a final list of  
18 roles and responsibilities.

19 MARGARET MINER: So Jack, this is Margaret again. I  
20 know that we did that study some years ago and  
21 studied the other states. And one thing that we  
22 observed was that the states that were most  
23 successful in putting together a policy and  
24 implementing it were states where the  
25 administration, the executive had taken a strong

1 interest on the lead.

2 So I'm hoping that -- you know, I think  
3 Malloy came around to that. It took him a couple  
4 of years. I'm hoping that the administration, OPM  
5 will be helpful. Without that it's a little bit  
6 of a three-legged race.

7 GRAHAM STEVENS: Just one thing. Can I respond to  
8 that, Jack, for a few moments?

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.

10 GRAHAM STEVENS: I think, Margaret, I think that the  
11 administration is represented here today with four  
12 agencies who are deeply invested in the outcomes  
13 that we've laid forward in the state water plan.

14 And I think that any dedicated resource we  
15 can bring to help us with our organization and  
16 implementation is going to be fantastic for  
17 increased outcomes and better coordination, and to  
18 make sure that we don't have missed opportunities.

19 So I think that we have the commitment from  
20 the administration, and what we need to do as a  
21 group is ask for what we need to augment what  
22 we're doing right now.

23 And I think, Virginia, to your point I think  
24 it would be great from my perspective if you  
25 continued some of your work to look at, what would

1 this water chief do? And that would help us in  
2 any future potential recruitment effort to really  
3 write the job spec for that person.

4 And you know I think that the quickest and  
5 easiest way to bring in that resource is through a  
6 contracting process. I think there's some really  
7 great, great folks who got direct Connecticut  
8 experience -- or not, who could probably bring a  
9 lot to our efforts, and we could do that quickly.

10 And I think the one thing I would say is that  
11 I probably think that the funding piece probably  
12 doesn't need to be tackled by the group. That's  
13 something that you know the four agencies can try  
14 to think of independently and certainly the rest,  
15 though, is something that I would look favorably  
16 upon.

17 **THE CHAIRMAN:** So Virginia, I think you're hearing from  
18 us, keep the sub workgroup working on this.

19 Okay. And I'd like to get to the point  
20 where -- I know people get frustrated and we say  
21 we're looking at this, and we're looking at this.  
22 Let's set a date January 1 of 2022. That's a date  
23 that we'd like to have this in place. I have some  
24 ideas about funding.

25 When they set up the Connecticut Economic



1 Resource Center years ago the Governor decided to  
2 just put assessments on utility companies. It was  
3 done. We have public utility funds available.  
4 This is not like millions of dollars that we need  
5 here, so I think we can come to a consensus how to  
6 fund this position and how to fund it equitably.  
7 It's not going to break anybody's bank account.

8 So I think you look at that, and then we have  
9 to look as a Council, perhaps dust off the MOU  
10 from years past and I think we could get this done  
11 at the beginning of next year.

12 LORI MATHIEU: And Jack, if I might? Page 622 speaks  
13 to the next steps in the state water plan and it  
14 says, near-term goals.

15 Hire a water plan chief to oversee all  
16 aspects of plan implementation, serve as a liaison  
17 between the Water Planning Council and the  
18 Legislature, and help ensure consistent  
19 interpretation of its information and  
20 recommendations.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: See, that -- I mean, Lori, thank you for  
22 that because that's a good -- I mean, that just  
23 substantiates the need that we can make to our  
24 respective agencies that this is a plan that has  
25 been approved by the Legislature, and obviously we

1           need some money to implement it with this water  
2           tzar, or whatever.

3   LORI MATHIEU:   And I want to respect that from my  
4           agency I haven't had enough opportunity, I'll say,  
5           to get to our leadership.

6   THE CHAIRMAN:   No, I know, Lori, but we can't be -- you  
7           know we've got to move along here.   We've got to  
8           move this along.

9   LORI MATHIEU:   I want to respect what Martin said.

10   THE CHAIRMAN:   I know.   We all have to respect our  
11           agency, but you know at some point we just have to  
12           decide by January 1, let's go back to our agencies  
13           and decide what we're going to do.

14                 I mean, Martin -- or Graham can go in and  
15           talk to Katie, and Martin can talk to his  
16           wonderful secretary, and you can talk to your  
17           Commissioner, or your Deputy Commissioner and see  
18           what we come back with.

19                 So I mean, I don't think -- Martin, your  
20           agency came up with a million bucks.   This is  
21           nothing.   They've got lot's of money in the State  
22           right now.

23   MARTIN HEFT:   You as you said, Jack, I think the  
24           funding source is, you know, obviously there's  
25           different areas out there, but I think we need to

1 know as part of this -- and I think the work that  
2 can continue here while the group is looking at  
3 this -- is a more fanned out job description; what  
4 the cost is going to be, a recommended state  
5 agency where this person is going to be housed,  
6 and who's going to be responsible for it. The MOU  
7 can be there obviously to work with all the  
8 different agencies.

9 That's done now. An OPM person is farmed  
10 out, if you will, to a different agency on it, but  
11 the salary and the oversight is under one agency.  
12 I mean, that happens all the time. So that stuff  
13 can happen that way.

14 So I think, flesh that stuff out. See,  
15 that's the information I need to bring into the  
16 next step on it. I can ask conceptually, but  
17 those are all going to be the questions that I'm  
18 going to be asked right up front. So it's kind of  
19 like I need to avoid that process because I need  
20 this information in order to bring -- here's the  
21 proposal. You know that's the information I need.

22 **THE CHAIRMAN:** Understood.

23 **GRAHAM STEVENS:** Well, could I commit to drawing up a  
24 straw proposal for the consideration of the Water  
25 Planning Council on some of the back-office state

1 action type pieces, Martin, to your point?

2 Because I think that some of those nuances are  
3 kind of best addressed by those in the state  
4 system.

5 And I can -- maybe I can interview each of  
6 the other water planning commission  
7 representatives as part of that process and put  
8 together a couple of options for consideration.  
9 And then maybe during that time period, like Jack  
10 said, Virginia and her group can continue to  
11 conceive some of the job description duties  
12 responsibilities and processes piece.

13 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Graham, you see that happening  
14 before the workgroup would start working? That  
15 was sort of a process --

16 GRAHAM STEVENS: No, I see them kind of in parallel.  
17 Right? I don't think that -- if we move forward  
18 on this, like I think everyone has generally  
19 indicated we're interested in figuring a way  
20 through, I don't think how we funded and where the  
21 person sits and what the MOU says is really  
22 consequential to what fundamentally the person is  
23 going to do. Right?

24 And I think that's what we need to -- we  
25 would rely on you and your group's advice on what

1           that person should actually do. And I think Lori  
2           took a big step and showed us where we should  
3           first look in determining what that person should  
4           do, but fleshing that out a little bit further  
5           would be helpful.

6           So I can commit to trying to bring that back,  
7           if other -- if Lori and Martin and Jack, if that  
8           sounds good to you?

9   THE CHAIRMAN: I'm fine with that.

10   MARTIN HEFT: Yeah, I'm fine.

11   LORI MATHIEU: Graham, if I could offer to work with  
12           you on that?

13   GRAHAM STEVENS: Absolutely.

14   LORI MATHIEU: Great.

15   THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

16   VIRGINIA de LIMA: So am I correct in saying that what  
17           I hear you saying is that --

18   THE CHAIRMAN: What we're saying, Virginia, go back to  
19           work and do (unintelligible) --

20   LORI MATHIEU: Go back to work.

21   VOICES: (Unintelligible.)

22   GRAHAM STEVENS: Sounds like homework.

23   LORI MATHIEU: Right? Jack, you have an assignment for  
24           Virginia.

25   THE CHAIRMAN: Right, you have an assignment.

1 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Thank you.

2 DAVID RADKA: So if I may? Just so everyone is aware  
3 of this. We did not form a workgroup yet. We  
4 gave you a proposal a few months ago to form the  
5 workgroup, and you asked us to hold off on that  
6 until you had --

7 THE CHAIRMAN: So we're blessing it. We're blessing it  
8 today.

9 DAVID RADKA: Just understand, we will be meeting next  
10 week. We will then form this workgroup. They  
11 will probably not meet -- maybe by the end of this  
12 month they might go for a meeting together. So I  
13 don't think early January is realistic, but --

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

15 DAVID RADKA: -- we can maybe backtrack it and get it  
16 maybe within a few months.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'm just trying to move it along  
18 here. That's all. So thank you for that, Dave.

19 LORI MATHIEU: Jack, could I ask a question on that for  
20 David?

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.

22 LORI MATHIEU: Who is on the workgroup?

23 DAVID RADKA: We haven't formed it yet. We discussed  
24 it and we decided --

25 THE CHAIRMAN: We held it up. In fairness to them, we

1 held it up.

2 LORI MATHIEU: That's why we need a water chief.

3 Right? Who's keeping track of all this stuff. So  
4 I would say to form the group to sort of reach out  
5 and make sure you're inclusive of everybody who  
6 would love to participate.

7 Because it is an important position, because  
8 as you can tell, we need help coordinating and  
9 keeping track and moving things forward in  
10 priority fashion.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Absolutely. Okay. We're all clear on  
12 this moving forward. Thank you.

13 Any other business, new business?

14 LORI MATHIEU: Yeah, there is, actually. Who would  
15 like to sing Happy Birthday to Chairman Betkoski?

16 Nobody?

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Why don't you just wave? That's all.  
18 You don't have to sing. Happy birthday.

19 LORI MATHIEU: It is his birthday today. There we go.  
20 There's our business, our new business. Happy  
21 birthday to you.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

23 MARGARET MINER: Happy birthday.

24 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Thank you, Margaret. Okay.  
25 And thank you, Lori for doing -- actually last

1 year the Water Planning Council fell on my  
2 birthday as well.

3 So anyway, any other new business besides my  
4 birthday?

5 Public comment any public comment?

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7 (No response.)

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9 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think we have a need for an  
10 executive session. I think we've covered a lot of  
11 ground here today. Anything else to come before  
12 us?

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14 (No response.)

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16 THE CHAIRMAN: Our next meeting will be on December 7,  
17 2021. Anything else to come before us?

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19 (No response.)

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21 THE CHAIRMAN: If not, I entertain a motion to adjourn.

22 MARTIN HEFT: So moved.

23 THE CHAIRMAN: Second?

24 GRAHAM STEVENS: Seconded.

25 THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Graham. Any questions?



1 (No response.)

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3 THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor signify by saying,  
4 aye?

5 THE COUNCIL: Aye.

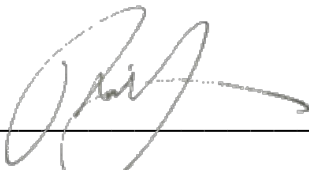
6 THE CHAIRMAN: The motion to adjourn, and we are  
7 adjourned. And everyone please have a safe and  
8 happy and healthy Thanksgiving. So thank you.

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10 (End: 3:12 p.m.)

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