



The CT Source Water Collaborative met on April 28, 2015 at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's (RWA) Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant in Hamden, CT. The following members were in attendance:

David Knauf, CT Association of Directors of Health
Kim Czapl, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Eric Lindquist, CT Office of Policy and Management
Dave Dickson, CT Center for Land Use Education and Research
Kurt Sampara, RWA
Kira Jacobs, US Environmental Protection Agency
Vivian Felten, US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Brian Roach, Aquarion Water Company
Karl Honkonen, US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
Denise Savageau, CT Association of Conservation Districts
Susan Eastwood, Coalition for a Safe and Healthy CT/Clean Water Action CT
Steve Vitko, RWA
Eric McPhee, CT Department of Public Health
Pat Bisacky, CT DPH

Members introduced themselves and shared drinking water source protection tools and outreach and education opportunities with the group:

- USDA USFS Healthy Forest Reserve Program:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/forests/>
- USFS Northeastern Area Watershed Program: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/index.shtm>
- Project WET (Water Education for Teachers):
<http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2691&q=442730>
- US Fish and Wildlife Service Watershed on Wheels:
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Silvio_O_Conte/visit/wow.html

Denise Savageau provided a summary of the Long Island Sound Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program. It will coordinate the development and implementation of a comprehensive working lands program with a key focus on 1) nutrient management and soil health, 2) protection of non-industrial forest land and 3) working lands adaptation/resiliency. Denise highlighted that priority consideration will be given to projects that also protect sources of public drinking water. A summary of the RCPP is included in the web posting for the minutes of this meeting.

Pat Bisacky shared that the DPH was asked by a member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering for input on the environmental portion of a study on the effects of CT Department of Transportation's winter roadway treatment program. This study is being conducted in response to [Section 6 of Public Act 14-199](#). DPH provided water quality data and shared water utility concerns with



corrosion of infrastructure. The report was due to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation on July 1, 2015.

Eric McPhee shared with the group EPA's proposal (has since been officially announced) to publish a health advisory for two cyanotoxins, [cylindrospermopsin](#) and [microcystin](#) associated with harmful algal blooms (HABs). Eric also shared that EPA, NASA, NOAA and USGS is developing an early warning system to detect HABs:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/EB8CE775372F959885257E2000684467>. The DPH Drinking Water Section has created a [dedicated web page for information on HABs](#) including links to the DEEP, EPA, American Water Works Association (AWWA), Water Research Foundation (WRF) and World Health Organization (WHO). The DPH is developing a strategy to address EPA's health advisory and will be posting additional information on this web site as it becomes available.

Eric also let the group know that May 3-8, 2015 is designated as "Drinking Water Week." The DPH's [Drinking Water Week](#) web page is still active and contains educational materials that can be shared with member constituency. Take a moment to listen to the podcast: Where does Connecticut's Water Come From?—an interview with Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief of the Drinking Water Section.

The meeting then focused on the CTSWC moving forward. The draft mission was discussed and the comments provided by the group were incorporated into a "final" draft that was circulated in May. The consensus of the responses received was that the resulting "final" draft captured the group's discussion. The final draft will be shared once more with the group in order for members to decide whether they want to officially endorse the charter. A meeting will be scheduled for the charter signing later in the year.

There was a brief discussion on ideas for the functioning of the CTSWC. The following were offered for the group's consideration:

- Would the group want to have "by-laws"?
- What would the process be for deciding initiatives?
- Does the idea of rotating chairpersons and facilities appeal to the group?
- The DPH offered to prepare a short power point presentation that members of the group can use (either all or a portion) in their usual interactions with the public.

The business meeting adjourned to a lunch break. The group reconvened after lunch and was given a tour of the Whitney Water Treatment Plant by Kurt Sampara, Steve Vitko and John Scasino. Many thanks go to the RWA for hosting this meeting of the CTSWC.