

Meeting Minutes
Drinking Water Advisory Group Meeting
January 04, 2016

| Agenda Item | Notes |
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| <p>Mike Means Opening Comments</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Changes in Office of Drinking Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paula Smith acting Deputy Director Central Services ▪ Hiring New Deputy in near future ▪ Also hiring New Finance Manager ▪ Janet Cherry supervising DWSRF group ▪ Donna Lynch leaving in mid-January ▪ Jon-Mikel Gates joined Communications & Outreach Section ▪ Currently two vacancies in Policy and Rulemaking Section ▪ Hiring a new Special Assistant to Deputy Central Services ▪ Hired 2 new engineers in NW Region -- Brietta Carter and Denis Mehinagic. ▪ John Aden retiring May 2016 ▪ Ginny Stern retiring April 2017 ▪ Paula Smith retiring April 2017 |
| <p>Legislative and Rule-making updates</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Shortages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bill analysis needing two more staff • Revisit of “Exemption to Rule contamination levels for Group B systems” • Consolidation of State Revolving Fund Loan program bill moving forward; House will resubmit the bill • Fluoride has high visibility in the news and State Board of Health rulemaking moving forward to lower level to .7 milligrams per liter and an operating range of of .5 to .9 mg/l. Possible implementation by May 2016. • Coordination with Pollution Liability Insurance Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ecology starting a loan program for clean-up underground water tank sites. ▪ Prioritizing by impact on protecting water sources ▪ Funding for this will come from the current oil tax ▪ DOH’s role will be funds manager for the program. • Aquifer storage & recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reclaimed water projects are currently being discussed by |

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| | <p>local communities. Expect more legislative bills this session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current “Drought Measures” have expired and the committee will start back in January 2016 to provide guidance to the Governor. |
| DWSRF | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No anticipated changes to DWSRF program. |
| Brian Walsh Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water resources bills from last year will be re-addressed this coming session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EPA will begin enforcing the RTCR April 1, 2016. DOH will have public hearings in July and the rule is tentatively scheduled to become effective November 2016. • Changes to Group A rule for planning and disinfection requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan review going from 6 to 10 year schedule ▪ Simplify terminology to reduce confusion ▪ Disinfection is now part of the draft rule |
| Strategic Planning for 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current priorities for the Office of Drinking Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revised Total Coliform Rule ▪ IT ▪ Capacity Development ▪ Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ▪ Teams & Workgroups ▪ Satellite Management Agencies • Seeking input for 2016 priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What challenges does the DWAG see that ODW can help with? Three meeting sites broke out into small groups and provided the following input: • Northwest Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current Strategic Initiatives are heading in the right direction ▪ Consolidation – Beat the drum on consolidation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Send speakers to make presentations to boards of PUDs/Water-Sewer Districts about the benefits of consolidating small systems ➤ Send speakers to state PUD and state water/sewer conferences to talk about the benefits of consolidating small systems ▪ Capacity development – Water rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Delays in securing water rights frequently hold up projects. Partner with Ecology, working with them to seek new authority by rule/statute to ensure speedier review of water rights applications ▪ IT – Improve access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Add filters to Sentry to make it easier to find |

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| | <p>information on water systems. Currently have to wade through too much data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Change how data is entered from gallons per capita to acre feet per year. Too many mistakes happen with the current gallons per capita system – e.g. misplaced decimal points. ➤ Truth the data base by contacting systems and rechecking values. ➤ Consider organizing the data by WRIAs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water Rights – look at ways that DOH can influence water right issues. ▪ Explore the possibility of creating a “strike team” to assist water systems dealing with an RTCR Level 2 assessment. DOH could provide training and structure along with aiding in creation of a “mutual aid agreement” between systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headquarters & Southwest Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Simplify Level 1 & 2 assessment form, possibly utilize SWRO sanitary survey form ▪ Emphasize the importance training ▪ Emphasize the importance of SMA staffing & required training ▪ Improve the communication about the SRF to outside elements ▪ Ensure consistency across the regions ▪ Emphasize cross-connection prevention ▪ Ensure good communication with elected officials • Eastern Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Streamline sanitary survey program, providing a checklist at the time of the survey and reduce processing time of the final report. ▪ Standardize and improve training to 3rd party surveyors. ▪ Explore underground injection systems ▪ Project improvement in WQSR ▪ Emphasis on cross connection prevention control program ▪ Find ways to encourage smaller systems to join larger systems and aid in the transitions. ▪ Streamline Operator Certification program ▪ Comprehensive Planning Program streamlining to reduce the paperwork burden on ODW customers ▪ Explorer the possibility of combining survey teams & sanitary inspection teams |
| <p>OPEN MIC</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headquarters & Southwest Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possible alternatives to fund infrastructure improvements are being discussed with local communities |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nothing significant to report • Northwest Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USGS database contains inaccurate information, especially for smaller systems, and needs to be updated <div style="text-align: center;">  PS_2010_per_capita.pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  PS_2010_total_water.pdf </div> |
| <p>Future Meetings</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decision was made to move the meeting to a quarterly format with a monthly bulletin being provided when the Legislature is in session. • Request for future topics be sent out in an email 2-4 weeks in advance of the next meeting so PUD and Water/Sewer Associations can obtain more input from local communities. • Next meeting will be March 7, 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 243 Israel RD SE, Tumwater, WA 98504 ▪ 16201 E. Indiana Ave, STE 1500, Spokane Valley, WA 99216 ▪ 20425 72nd Ave South, STE 310, Kent, WA 98032 |