

# Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead \* Manchester \* Mt. Airy \* New Windsor  
Carroll County Health Department



\* Sykesville \* Taneytown \* Union Bridge \* Westminster  
Carroll County Government

## WRCC Meeting Summary July 24, 2024

### **Attendees:**

#### Municipalities:

- Kevin Hann, Chair, Hampstead
- Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair, Taneytown
- Zac Amoss, Westminster
- Gary Dye, New Windsor
- Delbert Green, Manchester
- Mayor Perry Jones, Union Bridge
- Rodney Kuhns, Manchester
- Alex Perricone, Manchester
- Mike Rawlings, Westminster
- Jim Roark, Hampstead
- Kevin Rubenstein, Sykesville
- Kevin Smeak, Taneytown
- Steve Strawsburg, Westminster
- Vance Summerhill, Westminster
- Dick Swanson, Mount Airy

#### CC PLM:

- Daphne Daly
- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Catarina Erbe
- Andrew Gray
- Chris Heyn, Director
- Claire Hirt
- Byron Madigan
- Kelly Martin
- Mitch Masser
- Denise Mathias
- Zach Neal
- Janet O'Meara
- Pat Varga

#### Health Department:

- Richard Brace

#### CCG Others:

- Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- Bryan Bokey, CC DPW
- Jacob Dellinger, CC M&B

#### Guest Speakers:

- Angel Valdez, MDE
- Kara Kemmerer, MDE

### **1. Opening Statement**

#### **Chair – Kevin Hann**

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:31 PM.

#### **Vice Chair – Jim Wieprecht**

None.

### **2. Approval of Meeting Summary – April 24, 2024**

Approval of the April meeting summary was discussed. No changes were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Alex Perricone and seconded by Dick Swanson to approve the April 24, 2024, meeting summary. Motion carried.

### **3. MDE's Tier II Waters Review Process – Angel Valdez, MDE**

- Angel Valdez, Antidegradation Policy Implementation Coordinator with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), presented MDE's Tier II High Quality water review process for development projects. She started with an overview of the regulatory background and the Tier II Waters designation procedure, including an explanation of assimilative capacity and how it is considered in the process. She also talked about the Notice of Intent (NOI)

review and offered a sample scenario. New guidance is among several upcoming changes Ms. Valdez discussed. More details can be found in her PowerPoint presentation.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- *PowerPoint: Tier II High Quality Waters*

#### **4. Demonstration of New GIS Planimetric Data – Chris Heyn**

- Mr. Heyn shared that the County recently received all new GIS planimetric data. The State flies a portion of the state for aerial photography every 3 years. The last flight for our region was in March 2023. The aerials are free to the County, but the County chose to purchase additional data from that flight, which was paid using grant funds. The data is countywide and includes the municipalities.
- Mr. Heyn gave a demonstration of the planimetric data available. The hope is that grant funding will be available at the next flight to update this planimetric data.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- *N/A*

#### **5. Water Resources Element (WRE 2024) Update – Brenda Dinne**

- Hazen Tasks: All Hazen tasks are complete. The final Task 6 report was received in May. A revised Technical Memo for Task 4 – MDE TIPP Spreadsheet Comparison – was received in early July.
- Plan Document: Update of the actual plan document is underway. Initial update of the text of the body of the plan document is complete, with maps and some data remaining to be updated. Ms. Dinne began scheduling a meeting with each municipality and Bureau of Utilities to review the individual System-Specific sections. The majority of the meetings will be held in September.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- *N/A*

#### **6. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O’Meara**

- Claire Hirt provided an update on the municipal stormwater restoration projects.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- *Municipal Project Status, July 2024*

#### **7. PFAS Discussion**

- Hampstead anticipates design and engineering of the PFAS treatment system being at 85% completion in August.
- Additional federal money may still be available.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- *N/A*

#### **8. Other**

- SHA NPDES Permit: Mr. Heyn reported that the comment period on SHA’s draft NPDES permit closed July 18. The conditions of their permit can give us a heads up on requirements that would likely be added to our next permit. Temperature will be an issue.
- Impending Temperature TMDL: Mr. Heyn noted that a temperature TMDL is anticipated in the near future for the Prettyboy Reservoir. This will impact Hampstead and Manchester. A plan to address the TMDL will be required. The County will work with both Towns to develop this plan.
- PSEG Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project: The County created a [website](#) to provide links to the PSEG project website and other resources. PSEG was accepting comment on the initial

potential alignments. Comments were due July 26. Mr. Heyn submitted a comment letter to PSEG, which identified various existing and planned facilities and other features that would be impacted by one of the potential alignment segments.

- **NPDES Annual Report:** Mr. Edwards indicated that the jotform will be sent in the next couple weeks for the municipalities to provide info that goes into the Annual Report. Completion by the deadline is important to the Annual Report timeline.
- **Storm Drain Maps:** Resource Management staff are updating the storm drain maps for the municipalities. These maps provide the municipalities with up-to-date GIS storm drain data. Mr. Masser requested the updates from the remaining municipalities.
- **New Employee:** Mr. Heyn introduced Catarina Erbe. Catarina filled the Environmental Review Technician position under Pat Varga. She provides technical review for floodplains and other environmental codes.
- **Drought Status:** Mr. Heyn shared that Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore are currently under drought watch. However, with the recent rains, Carroll County is still green (normal) on MDE's [Drought Status in Maryland](#) map as of July 15, 2024.
- **Water & Sewer Master Plan Amendments:** Mr. Gray stated that the spring 2024 amendments were approved by MDE. Fall 2024 amendments are due to him by August 1, 2024. He met with each municipality to go over the process and would like to work on creating efficiency and consistency by standardizing the process and submissions where possible.
- **August WRCC Meeting:** Ms. Dinne shared that the August 28 meeting will feature a guest speaker from DNR to talk about pond retrofits for cold water releases. The agenda will also include a work session to update the countywide strategies in the WRE.
- **Reduce Food Waste @ Home Outreach:** The Environmental Advisory Council recently completed an outreach document aimed at providing residents with information about reducing food waste at home. Food waste accounts for roughly 24% of waste to landfills in the U.S. Ms. Dinne shared a hardcopy of the document and will send the WRCC members a link to the document online so it can be shared on the municipal websites.
- **Lead Service Lines:** Mr. Hann reminded everyone that the lead service line inventory is due October 14, 2024.

**Reference/Attachment:**

- Carroll County [Webpage](#) for Information re: Maryland's Piedmont Reliability Project
- EAC's [Reduce Food Waste @ Home Outreach Publication](#)

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Kevin Rubenstein and seconded by Dick Swanson to adjourn the July 24, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- ☐ Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, August 28, 2024