

MWEA Government Affairs Committee Teleconference No. 01 Notes

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Subject: Teleconference, April 21, 2009

1. The goals of the Government Affairs Committee are to disseminate and comment on water and wastewater related local, state, and national legislative and regulatory issues and foster positive relations with the EPA, MDNR, and MML.
2. The following people are members of the committee:

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INTERESTED PARTIES

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3. The teleconference began at 2:00 pm.
4. The following items were discussed:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	BALL-IN-COURT	EST. DATE OF RESOLUTION/COMPLETION
I.	LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES MONITORING AND DISSEMINATION		
I.01.01	(04/21/09) MW and MP both attended the MDNR	JR	05/01/09

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	<p>Wet Weather Advisory Group meeting in Jefferson City on April 20th. MW indicated that MDNR is moving from compliance mode to enforcement mode. Discussion was also held regarding the <i>Costs Associated with the Removal of Permit Limits that Allow Discharges of Partially-Treated Wastewater During Peak Wet-Weather Flows</i> document that was presented at the meeting. MDNR is required to develop estimated costs for proposed regulations; however, this was not done for this proposed regulation. As a result, the Clean Water Commission told MDNR that the estimated costs did need to be prepared. This document is MDNR's response to the Clean Water Commission's request. It was decided to prepare a letter in response to this document that identifies how the proposed regulation will affect Missouri communities and how much. JR will spearhead the effort to prepare this response letter. Any committee members with comments should provide comments to JR by the close of business on April 27th. After drafting the letter, JR will communicate with the executive committee.</p>		
<p>II. II.01.01</p>	<p>MWEA NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (04/21/09) MP, with TS's assistance, volunteered to draft an article for the Fall newsletter. Several potential topics were discussed. The article submission deadline to the Newsletter Committee chair is July 9, 2009.</p>	<p>MP, TS</p>	<p>07/09/09</p>
<p>III. III.01.01</p>	<p>WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE (04/21/09) WM discussed a GA committee website with Todd Bolte, MWEA Website Committee Chair. Todd has prepared a blank webpage for the committee. WM volunteered to begin developing and designing the GA committee webpage. JR also offered to provide assistance.</p>	<p>WM, JR</p>	<p>06/01/09</p>
<p>IV. IV.01.01</p>	<p>ANNUAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES (04/21/09) WM stated that at the Annual Conference, responsibility for the Public Officials Award was delegated to the GA committee. MW said the criteria for this award is modeled after the same award presented by WEF (information is available on the WEF website). MP volunteered to obtain and review the criteria and prepare a nomination form, award description, and nomination deadline for the Newsletter.</p>	<p>MP</p>	<p>07/09/09</p>
<p>IV.01.02</p>	<p>(04/21/09) MW indicated that Public Officials Award nominations need to be received far enough in advance for the committee to vote and select a winner and then notify that person so they can</p>	<p>Closed</p>	<p>Closed</p>

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	make arrangements to attend the annual conference to accept the award.		
V.	MWEA MEETINGS		
V.01.01	(04/21/09) WM will prepare and submit the first quarter GA committee report to the MWEA President prior to the first quarter MWEA executive committee.	WM	05/01/09
V.01.02	(04/21/09) WM and JR plan to attend the first quarter MWEA executive committee meeting on May 8 th .	WM & JR	05/08/09
V.01.03	(04/21/09) Frequency of GA committee meetings/teleconferences was discussed and it was decided to hold teleconferences monthly. The primary reason for this is to share discussions about MDNR stakeholder meetings. WM will poll the GA committee for the best time for a regular monthly teleconference and schedule the next teleconference accordingly. WM will try to schedule the teleconference via a regular email notice and also via Microsoft Outlook meeting request. WM will also submit the teleconference date and time to the MWEA Webmaster to put on the MWEA website calendar.	WM	05/08/09
VI.	RELATED GROUP COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION		
VI.01.01	(04/21/09) WM will provide a link to the MDNR Water Protection Advisory Groups activities webpage (www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/cwforum) on the GA committee webpage.	WM	06/01/09
VI.01.02	(04/21/09) Exhibiting and submitting an abstract for presentation at the Missouri Municipal League (MML) annual meeting (Oct. 4-7 at Tan-Tar-A) was discussed. Based on previous experience with the MML, it was decided to not focus efforts towards MML and not submit an abstract. However, it was decided to draft an article regarding the <i>Costs Associated with the Removal of Permit Limits that Allow Discharges of Partially-Treated Wastewater During Peak Wet-Weather Flows</i> document that was presented at the Wet Weather Advisory Group meeting and submit it to MML for publication consideration for their June/July Public Works Newsletter. JR will contact MML for submission guidelines and deadlines and draft an article.	JR	05/14/09
VI.01.03	(04/21/09) MP attended the ACEC - MDNR Liaison Committee meeting. MP said there are numerous MDNR program director positions open and they have received over 500 applications. A brief	Closed	Closed

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	discussion regarding potential impacts of new program directors was held.		
VI.01.04	(04/21/09) WM stated that one of the GA Committee's responsibilities is to serve as the Association's representative at the MO-AWWA Water Industry Coordinating Council Meeting. MW said that she believes this is an email committee rather than a face-to-face meeting. WM will contact Dave Bisintainer (314-865-4954) and get additional information regarding the council.	WM	05/08/09
VI.01.05	(04/21/09) MW is on the Metro Water Infrastructure Partnership mailing list. MW stated that this group is based in St. Louis and has no desire to expand outside of the St. Louis area. The group is focused on public education and consensus building. MW will keep the GA Committee apprised of the partnership's activities.	MW	06/01/09
VI.01.06	(04/21/09) Advocating for smaller municipalities was discussed. It was decided to look into the Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG) as a forum to advocate for smaller municipalities. WM will research dates and exhibit costs for MACOG's annual meeting and newsletter article submission options.	WM	06/01/09

5. The teleconference ended at 3:30 pm.