

Sub-Committee Charge: Providing Greater Flexibility through Community-Based, Non-Regulatory and Performance-Driven Watershed Management

A Working Session #3 for Watershed Water Quality Task Force Sub-committee #3

Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, 1735 NE 70th Ave., Ankeny, Iowa,

9:00 A.M. - 4:15 P.M. – Sept 12, 2007

Lunch Provided for RSVP's- Call Kathie Vierling @515-251-8640 to RSVP

Draft Agenda

9:00 a.m **Convene meeting**

Welcome, Introductions and Review Agenda

9:15 – 11:00 **Monitoring and Measurements for watershed water quality performance**

Mary Skopec, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Keith Shilling, Iowa Geological Survey Bureau

Chris Jones, Des Moines Water Works

Key Questions:

1. What efforts are currently being made to monitor water (scope and scale)?
2. What questions does this monitoring answer?
3. How is the information used and who uses it?
4. How is this monitoring being supported?
5. What role/s do local communities have with regard to water monitoring?
6. How can we (the state and local watersheds) better utilize or integrate water monitoring as part of performance-based watershed management?
7. Is the current support for and scope of water monitoring adequate? If not, what are the priorities that need to be dealt with?

11:00 – 11:15 **Break**

11:15 – 12:00 **Forming Alliances and forging common vision and mission for community-based watersheds**

Tina Mowery Hadden, Mowery Strategies

Key Questions:

1. Why is this topic critical to our charge?
2. What are the benefits? Any pitfalls?
3. What are some of the tools and steps?
4. Who is supporting this kind of work currently? Examples?
5. What resources (costs) are required for developing common vision/mission in community- based plans?
6. What is the role of a facilitator?
7. Who is doing this work currently?
8. How could the state support this kind of work?

12:00 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00– 1:45 Iowa Municipalities: Issues and Ideas for Performance-Driven Watershed Management

Pat Sauer, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities

Key Questions:

1. What are the main issues and top challenges municipalities have relating to water and watershed management?
2. How are municipalities currently meeting these challenges?
3. What are the impediments for achieving more cost effective and higher performance from current efforts?
4. What changes (incentives, flexibility, programs do you recommend?

1:45 -2:30 Intergovernmental Arrangements and Jurisdictional Infrastructure for Watersheds

Steve Anderson, Clean Water Alliance – Dickinson County

Key Questions:

1. What are the compelling drivers that bring the Alliance together?
2. How is the Alliance structured? Funded?
3. How does the Alliance determine priorities?
4. What processes are used to move beyond county lines for watershed protection/management?
5. What are the impediments to using this model?
6. How can this model be used in performance-based watershed management elsewhere?
7. What can the State do to encourage this to occur?

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 3:30 Technical Assistance and Incentives for Watershed Management

Duane Sand, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and Chair, State Soil Conservation Committee

Key Questions:

1. What are the main forms and sources of technical assistance and incentives available currently for watershed management? Who is providing assistance?
2. Who is eligible for assistance? How do they access it?
3. What are the impediments for achieving more cost effective and higher performance from current efforts?
4. What changes (incentives, flexibility, new programs) do you recommend?
5. What can the State do to encourage this to occur?

3:30 – 4:00 Rapid Watershed Assessment – Tool for Watershed Planning?

Jim Cooper, Prairie Rivers RC&D

Tom Isenhart, Iowa State University

Key Questions:

1. What is a Rapid Watershed Assessment (RWA)?
2. Who does it?
3. How is it currently being implemented?
4. How much does it cost?
5. How does RWA fit with local watershed planning?
6. What are its' limitation? Advantages?
7. What recommendations do you have for its use?
8. What can the State do to encourage its use?

4:00- 4:15 Review of other Subcommittee work

4:15 Adjourn