

The Vermont Clean Water Fund Board

Working Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Location: Agency of Natural Resources – National Life, Main Building Winooski Room

Clean Water Fund (CWF) Board Members/Designees

- Joe Flynn, Secretary, Agency of Transportation (VTrans)
- Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR)
- Michael Schirling, Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)
- Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM)
- Susanne Young, Secretary, Agency of Administration (AoA), CWF Board Chair

Attendees

- John Adams, ACCD
- Emily Bird, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
- Eric Blatt, DEC
- Laura DiPietro, AAFM
- Kari Dolan, DEC
- Daniel Dutcher, VTrans
- Rebecca Ellis, DEC
- Brad Ferland, Deputy Secretary, AoA
- Marcey Hodgdon, AAFM
- Joanna Pallito, DEC
- Sue Scribner, VTrans
- Peter Walke, Deputy Secretary, ANR

1. Welcome; Changes to the Agenda 2:30pm
Agency of Administration Secretary and
Clean Water Fund Board Chair, Secretary of Administration Susanne Young
2. Review of the State's Clean Water Priorities (10 minutes) 2:30-2:40pm
Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore
3. Background for Meeting: Opportunity for the Board to Offer Input into
the Legislative Clean Water Budget Priorities Discussion (5 minutes) 2:40-2:45pm
Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore
4. Review of the DRAFT Proposed FY18 & FY19 Budget and 2:45-2:50pm
DRAFT Recommendation Spreadsheets (5 minutes)
DEC Clean Water Initiative Program Manager Kari Dolan
 - ANR budget contains the additional clean water appropriations from Governor's budget
 - Board discussed appropriate channel for budgeting those Funds
 - Recommend channeling the FY18 clean water appropriations directly through agencies rather than the CWF with extensive public process

- CWF Board has completed FY18 budget process for allocating CWF dollars, currently under consideration by the legislature
- House and Senate Institutions committees seeking input from Board on how to best manage those two years of funding; provides opportunity to propose a set of recommendations for the legislature's consideration
- Next two years are reallocated unspent capital funds; need to spend quickly for priority projects given current capacity constraints, agencies are developing a plan to encumber and expend these dollars quickly
- Governor's proposed budget addresses about half the Tier 1 funding gap (i.e., costs associated with meeting the requirements of large TMDL restoration plans, Act 64, and the Combined Sewer Overflow rule)
- Worked with agencies to determine feasible amount of money for FY18 and allow more time for developing shovel ready projects in FY19 when municipal clean water funding needs are expected to increase
- Proposal for FY19 clean water appropriations to go through CWF budget process for capital monies; shifting approximately \$5 million from FY18 to FY19; allows more of those dollars to flow through the CWF budget process which includes public input
- Considering options to block grant funding to regional entities to administer priority clean water projects, prioritized in the Watershed Projects Database
- Currently no CWF revenues available/anticipated for FY19 unless property transfer surcharge is extended

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| 5. | Facilitated Discussion on the Draft Spreadsheets (30 minutes) Administration Secretary Susanne Young | 2:50-3:20pm |
| 6. | Comments from the Public (5 minutes) Administration Secretary Susanne Young | 3:20-3:25pm |
| 7. | Next Steps (5 minutes) Administration Secretary Susanne Young | 3:25-3:30pm |
| 8. | Adjourn Administration Secretary Susanne Young | 3:30pm |

Supporting Material:

- DRAFT Governor's Proposed Clean Water Budget and DRAFT Clean Water Fund Board Budget Proposal Spreadsheets
- Draft Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Block Grant proposal