

State of Vermont, Financing Clean Water Improvement Stakeholder Meeting #6: Solutions Summit and Next Steps

Agenda

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Vermont College of Fine Arts, College Hall Chapel, 36 College Street, Montpelier, VT

Sector Focus: All sectors: Agriculture, Developed Lands: Municipal & Private Lands, Roads, Clean Water Infrastructure and Natural Resources Restoration

- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions (5 min.) State Treasurer Beth Pearce,
Deputy Treasurer Michael Clasen
1. Review of the Act 64 Call for a Legislative Report
 2. Review of timeline for developing legislative report
Handout: Updated Process for Developing Report
 3. Summary review of prior meeting topics
- 9:05 Exercise: Discussion of Revenue Criteria (30 min.) DEC Commissioner Alyssa Schuren
1. Rank priority criteria and other considerations
Handout: Clean Water Fund Revenue Criteria Exercise
- 9:35 Review of Workgroup Sector Discussions (50 min.) Deputy Treasurer Michael Clasen
1. Panel Summary of Needs, Sources, Revenue Options
 - a. Agricultural Water Quality (Deputy Secretary Diane Bothfeld, AAFM)
 - b. Developed Lands: Municipal & Private Lands, Roads (DEC Stormwater Program Manager Padraic Monks)
 - c. Wastewater Infrastructure (DEC Facilities Engineering Division Director Eric Blatt)
 - d. Natural Resources (DEC Rivers Program Manager Mike Kline)
 2. Panel Questions/Answers Session
- 10:25 Break (10 min.)
- 10:35 Evaluation of Revenue Sources to Support the Clean Water Fund (25 min.) Tax Dept. Economist Andrew Stein
Handout: Draft Evaluation of Potential Revenue Sources
- 11:00 Additional Considerations for the Report (10 min.) Deputy Treasurer Michael Clasen
Handout: Excerpt from Act 64
1. Incentives to promote best management practices for a property or activity
 2. Administration, Collection and Enforcement
 3. Whether the state should bond for financing programs
 4. Recommendations
- 11:10 Review of Goals & Principles Exercise (10 min.) DEC Commissioner Alyssa Schuren
- 11:20 Discussion of Next Steps: Public Process (10 min.) State Treasurer Beth Pearce
1. Public workshops to raise awareness
 2. Public comment period
- 11:30 Stakeholder Remarks (30 min.) Deputy Treasurer Michael Clasen
1. Opportunity for stakeholders to offer comments on this process and next steps
- 12:00 Adjourn

New Materials:

- * Updated Draft clean water needs and funding sources assessment spreadsheet
- * Updated Process for Report Development
- * Legislative Joint Fiscal Office, Vermont Dept. of Taxes, Vermont Tax Expenditures 2015 Biennial Report, January 15, 2015
- * Draft goals and Principles for the Clean Water Fund
- * Draft Evaluation of Potential Revenue Sources to Support the Vermont Clean Water Fund