

Vermont Clean Water Board Meeting Minutes
State Fiscal Year 2024 Clean Water Budget Public Hearing

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 8:30–10:00 am

Virtual Option to Attend: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Physical Location to Attend In-Person: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602 in the Catamount Room (Davis Building, 2nd Floor, Room D215).

Meeting details, materials, and recordings available at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/board/meetings>

Clean Water Board Members/Designees:

Douglas Farnham, Agency of Administration (AoA) Deputy Secretary and Designated Clean Water Board Chair (Present)

Tayt Brooks, Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) Deputy Secretary (Present)

Alison Conant, public member (Present)

Bob Flint, public member (Present)

Joe Flynn, Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Secretary (Absent) – *Michele Boomhower, Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Director of Policy, Planning, & Intermodal Development (Present as designee)*

Jim Giffin, public member (Absent)

Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Secretary (Present)

Anson Tebbetts, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) Secretary (Absent) – *Laura DiPietro, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) Director of Water Quality (Present as designee)*

Chad Tyler, public member (Present)

1. Showing of pre-recorded [State Fiscal Year 2024 Clean Water Budget presentation](#)

**Note this section of the meeting was not recorded.*

2. Welcome

Recording Time Stamp: 00:00¹

Douglas Farnham, Agency of Administration Deputy Secretary and Clean Water Board Chair

- a. Welcome and review agenda

3. Clarifying questions and answers on draft State Fiscal Year 2024 Clean Water Budget

Recording Time Stamp: 00:51

Emily Bird, Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Initiative Program Manager

- Arne Arneson – Asked for clarification whether any funding could be available for the field season of 2023.
- Martha Feltus – Asked for more information and reasoning behind the increased funding to the Lakes in Crisis line-item.

4. Public comment

Recording Time Stamp: 05:40

Douglas Farnham

¹ Please refer to the available meeting recording to learn more about discussion content under each agenda item. Recording Time Stamps are highlighted to direct focus on the recording. Recording can be directly accessed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydWn6URsKU4>

- **Peter Berger (Recording Time Stamp: 06:48)** – Expressed concerns for Lake Morey. See meeting recording.
- **Albert Perry (Recording Time Stamp: 08:40)** – Requested summary of restoration plan for Lake Carmi across budget years from Clean Water Board point of view. See meeting recording.
- **Bruce Durgin (Recording Time Stamp: 13:23)**– Expressed concerns for Lake Morey. See meeting recording.
- **Greg Allen (Recording Time Stamp: 16:29)**– Expressed concerns for Lake Morey. See meeting recording.
- **Ernest Englehardt (Recording Time Stamp: 17:57)**– Expressed concerns for Lake Carmi. Suggested that Innovation line-item be included in Tier 1. Cautioned use of modeled over sampled water quality data. See meeting recording.
- **Peter Benevento (Recording Time Stamp: 22:45)**– Expressed concerns for Lake Carmi. See meeting recording.
- **James Maroney (Recording Time Stamp: 25:10)**- Expressed concerns for impact of conventional dairy on water quality. See meeting recording.
- **Dwight Arnesen (Recording Time Stamp: 29:24)** – Expressed concerns for timing of funds availability for Lake Morey.

5. **Wrap-up, summarize next steps**

Recording Time Stamp: 32:00

Emily Bird

- November 22, 2022, 4:00 pm public comment period ends
- December 7, 2022, 8:30-10:00 am Clean Water Board meeting

- **Agency of Administration (AoA) Deputy Secretary Douglas Farnham** – Expressed thanks to state employees working to improve water quality and to the public participating in the public comment process. Emphasized specific legislative charge of the Clean Water Board and cautioned overstepping boundaries of the Board’s role in direct program oversight.
- **Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Secretary Julie Moore** – Echoed thanks to the public for their input.

6. **Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am**