

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Environmental, Health & Safety Committee**

Minutes of the August 19, 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) took place on Thursday, August 19, 2021, via remote access. Chair Curseaden presided.

Present: Committee –Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, DiSalvo, and Ms. LaMarr
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Reckdenwald, Schenkle and Messrs. Bingaman, Barger, Norris, and Tracy
RPB – Mr. Levine
Gradient Planning LLC – Ms. Novick
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:51 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Mr. DiSalvo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the its meeting held on May 20, 2021.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

The committee reviewed the revised committee Charter. On motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to adopt the charter, as presented.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

Ms. Novick, of Gradient Planning LLC, and Ms. Schenkle, the RWA’s Manager of Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk, presented the FY 2022 Business Continuity Work Plan. They discussed influential factors such as the 2020 water system risk and reliance assessment, the pandemic, RWA’s strategic goals and cybersecurity.

Mss. Novick and Schenkle also discussed the emergency preparedness process, which included:

- Assessing risks and planning
- Organizing and equipping RWA staff
- Training, testing and exercising
- Evaluation of exercises and continual improvement activities

They provided a review of a recent ransomware and Spring Street Pump Station table top exercises, both held earlier in the year.

The plans for FY 2022 include:

- Follow up activities to 2020 risk assessment
- Business Continuity Plan
- Training and emergency exercises
- Business Continuity program management and review of tabletop exercises

At 1:31 p.m., Mss. Novick and Schenkle withdrew from the meeting.

Mr. Tracy, the RWA's Invasive Species Management Technician, provided an update on Invasive Species Control, which included:

- Maps showing acreage of invasive species between FY 2019 and FY 2021 and FY 2022 work completed to date.
- Treatment of invasive species between FY 2019 and FY 2021 including: Japanese knotweed, bittersweet vine, Japanese stilt grass and water chestnut.
- Methods of control, consisting of: Swallow-wort biocontrol and setting traps for three invasive insects.

He reported that 7.7% of RWA owned properties consist of invasive species and that a total of 212 acres of invasive species have been treated to date.

At 1:50 p.m., Mr. Tracy withdrew from the meeting.

Mr. Barger, the RWA's Water Quality Manager, provided an update on the Lead and Copper Rule. He reported that the Environmental Protection Agency is expected to expand the definition of lead service lines to include certain galvanized iron services and goose-necks, which will impact the RWA's replacement planning.

The RWA has partnered with a consultant to assist the RWA with completing service line inventory, develop a service line replacement plan by 2025 and review RWA's corrosion control treatment. Mr. Barger discussed anticipated regulatory changes that may include:

- Changes to corrosion control treatment
- A return on biannual water quality monitoring for lead
- Utility responsibilities for lead testing in drinking water in schools and daycares

He reported that the RWA is developing municipal and stakeholder partnerships, identifying funding assistance opportunities and developing public messaging and education.

After discussion, the committee agreed that the Representative Policy Board Finance Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee should receive a briefing on the Lead and Copper Rule.

Authority members discussed the impact on the public and RWA's financial status. Members suggested that the RWA should inquire about reimbursements from state and local government authorities. Authority members appreciated the RWA's proactive approach considering the various unknowns.

At 2:30 p.m., Mr. Levine withdrew from the meeting and on motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Borowy Aye

Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

Kevin Curseaden, Chairman