DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION REGULATED FLOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE April 7, 2011

MEETING SUMMARY

The April 7, 2011 Regulated Flow Advisory Committee (RFAC) meeting began at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices in West Trenton, NJ. Ms. Stefanie Baxter of the Delaware Geological Survey chaired the meeting. Introductions were made around the room and via telephone for those attending on a conference call.

Review of the minutes from the March 8, 2011 RFAC meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft minutes of the March 8th meeting as drafted.

Announcement of Principal's agreement on key items

Stefanie Baxter indicated that the Decree Party principals have reached consensus on some key conceptual elements that will guide preparation of the one-year FFMP-OST agreement. She added, however, that acceptance of these elements by Pennsylvania is based on several terms and conditions. Stefanie read a statement listing the key conceptual elements and Pennsylvania's terms and conditions. She stated that she was not authorized to distribute copies of the statement, since a news release on this issue would be forthcoming.

Question-and-Answer session (questions submitted in advance)

Stefanie Baxter reminded everyone that at their March 8 meeting the committee agreed to devote today's meeting to a question-and-answer session. This was in response to a request from members of the public to extend the dialogue and be able to ask more questions on the various presentations given at the March 8 RFAC meeting. Members of the public were invited to submit their question by March 24 to allow presenters enough time to consider and prepare responses in advance of today's meeting.

Stefanie said more than 100 questions were submitted by the March 24 deadline. Submissions were received from: Phil Chase, Peter Kolesar and Jim Serio, Elaine Reichart, Chuck Schroeder, Glenn Erikson, Alycia Scannapieco, Joan Homovich, and Sheila Gallagher. Additional questions were submitted after the deadline by Garth Pettinger and Jeff Zimmerman. The rest of the meeting was devoted to addressing questions, proceeding without a formal lunch break to allow more time for the question-and-answer exchange. Questions were addressed by many attendees, including Elaine Reichart, Karl Muessig, Peter Kolesar, Jim Serio, Thom Murphy, Jim Porter, Grantley Pyke, Josh Weiss, Luke Wang, Brenan Tarrier, and Fred Henson. Follow-up questions and comments were contributed by many of those in attendance. A majority of the questions were addressed by 3 p.m., when the meeting was adjourned. A follow-up meeting was scheduled to address the remaining questions.

Given the many questions submitted and the detailed nature of many of them, it was determined that a summary of the responses was not practicable and perhaps not very useful. The list of questions and the written answers provided by some of the presenters are posted on the DRBC's advisory committees' web page (http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/advisory.htm). An audio tape record of the meeting is kept at the commission offices.

Next meeting date

The next RFAC meeting will be on Thursday, May 5, 2011, starting at 10 a.m.

REGULATED FLOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RFAC) April 7, 2011

ATTENDANCE LIST

NAME	AFFILIATION
ALTSCHILLER, David	Resident – flood victim
ALTSCHILLER, Evelina	Resident – flooding expert
ANDERSON, Kelly	Philadelphia Water Dept.
BACHMAN, Bob	PA Fish & Boat Commission
BAXTER, Stefanie	DE Geological Survey
BERNASCONI, Alessandra	Delaware Riverside Conservancy (DRC)
BOUSUM, Peter	Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR)
BRAND, Tom	NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)
DALLAS, Sharron	Aquatic Conservation Unlimited (ACU) – flooding issues
DOMBER, Steven	NJDEP, NJ Geological Survey
EATON, Angus	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
ERIKSON, Glenn	Wild Trout Flyrodders
GRUBER, Hank	US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
GUDMUNDSSON, Agust	NJ Fish and Game Council
HAMILTON, Don (via phone)	National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River
HARTLE, Mark	PA Fish & Boat Commission
HENSON, Fred (via phone)	NYSDEC
HESSON, Molly	Philadelphia Water Dept.
JACOBI, Bob	ACU – resident on river
JACOBI, Sue	ACU – resident on river
KLEMPERT, Andrea	ACU – flooding issues
KOLESAR, Peter	Columbia University
LEWIS, Chris	Resident – flood concerns
LEWIS, Cliff	Resident – flood concerns
LIAGHAT, Hoss	PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP)

NAME	AFFILIATION
LOVELL, Stewart	DE Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
MUESSIG, Karl	NJDEP, NJ Geological Survey
MURALIDHAR, D.	Hazen and Sawyer
MURPHY, Thomas	New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP)
MUZYNSKI, Bill	DRBC
NOBLE, Mary Ellen	Delaware Riverkeeper
PAULACHOK, Gary (via phone)	US Geological Survey, Office of the Delaware River Master
PETTINGER, Garth	NYS Trout Unlimited, Delaware Committee
PLUMMER, Dan	FUDR
PORTER, Jim	NYCDEP
PRYOR, Timothy	Residents Against Flooding Trends (RAFT)
PYKE, Grantley	Hazen and Sawyer
QUINODOZ, Hernán	DRBC
REICHART, Elaine	ACU
REUSS, James	Delaware Riverside Conservancy (DRC) and ACU
REUSS, Sharon	DRC and ACU
SCANNAPIECO, Alycia	Resident – flood concerns
SERIO, Jim	Delaware River Foundation
SILLDORFF, Erik	DRBC
STEVENS, Glen	USACE
TARRIER, Brenan	NYSDEC
THOMAS, Richard	NJ Trout Unlimited
WANG, Luke	Hazen and Sawyer
WEISS, Josh	Hazen and Sawyer
WO, Jeromy	NorDel Conservancy
ZIGON-RICHARDSON, Valerie	DRBC
ZIMMERMAN, Jeff	FUDR et al.