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**Maine Public Drinking Water Commission**

**MEETING #115**

**Tuesday December 6, 2011**

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Drinking Water Program Office**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – 286 Water St. Augusta**

**Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes, Meeting #114, September 7, 2011
2. AFM Fee and Collection Status
3. DWP Financial Status
4. DWSRF Update
5. Public Water System Compliance/ Enforcement
6. DWP Staffing Update
7. Geothermal Well Presentation (scheduled for 10 am)
8. Collaboration with Maine Water Utilities Association – Discussion including representatives of Maine Water Utilities Association
9. Drinking Water Commission Membership
10. Suggested Items for next meeting
11. 2012 Meeting Schedule – locations/dates



**Maine Drinking Water Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting #115**  
**December 6, 2011**

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 115<sup>th</sup> meeting on December 6, 2011 at the Key Bank building Augusta Maine.

**Present Were:**

**Members:** Tom Brennan, Harvey Chesley, George Dugovic, Rebecca Laliberte, Jeff LaCasse, Robert MacKinnon, and Roger Crouse

**Guests:** Jim Willis (Maine DWP).

**Time:** Tom called the meeting to order at 9:05 am

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of minutes from the last meeting occurred.

**B. RECURRING BUSINESS:**

**1. AFM FEE AND COLLECTION STATUS**

Roger discussed the current AFM collection status. Currently we are at a 95 Percent collection rate which puts us where we were last year at this time. Currently we have 103 systems that still owe AFM Fees.

In January the DWP will look at water systems that are three years or more delinquent and owe more than \$500. These systems will be referred to the Enforcement Team for further action.

**2. DWP FINANCIAL STATUS**

Roger stated that DWP spending is about the same as last year.

**3. DWSRF UDATE**

Roger discussed that we will have around \$13.5 million available for SRF projects. So far we have had 40 systems submit applications for projects. Roger also stated that the source of the 2012 and 2013 State Match is uncertain. There appears to be some desire among Legislators to put forward a General Obligation Bond request during the 2012 Legislative Session. The DWP also may have an option of self-funding the State Match.

#### **4. PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT**

Roger discussed that we have a new core educational message we are sharing with water systems when doing field inspections.

We are also going to be calling systems that are not in compliance for the fourth quarter to remind them to collect their water samples.

#### **5. DWP STAFFING UPDATE**

The DWP has a new Lab Certification Officer- Kelly Perkins, who started in October. The DWP has one vacancy, a Field Engineer position in the Portland Office. We are awaiting et approval from the Governor's office to fill this position.

#### **6. COLLABORATION WITH MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION**

Tom Discussed having a collaboration with the MWUA. There was a discussion on how to develop a partnership with MWUA.

There was a motion put on the table by Jeff and seconded by George to form a committee, which will meet with MWUA in a couple weeks. Motion was passed. Committee members included Tom, Jeff, George, Bob, Rebecca and Roger.

#### **7. DRINKING WATER COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

Roger stated that we are still looking to fill Allen's seat and we still have seat number 9 that Vacant. Roger said he will follow up with the governor's office.

#### **8. POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Report of meeting with MWUA.

#### **9. NEXT MEETING LOCATION AND TIME**

February 1, 2012 Kennebec Water District treatment plant in Vassalboro, Maine.

Future Meetings for 2012

May 2, 2012 – Yarmouth – Yarmouth Water District

September 5, 2012 – Greene – The Meadows

December 5, 2012 – Augusta – Key Bank Building

#### **10. MOTION TO ADJURN**

Harvey made a motion to adjourn. Rebecca seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 10:20 am.

After adjournment, David Braley (DWP) gave a presentation on geothermal wells.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Willis