

## **DRAFT**

South Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee  
Upper Connecticut River Water Utility Coordinating Committee

### **MINUTES OF JOINT WUCC MEETING**

Thursday, October 21, 2010  
Middletown Police Department  
Middletown, CT

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

WUCC Chairmen Gil Bligh and Jack Keefe called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. A list of those present is attached as Exhibit A.

#### 2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None requested.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – 5/12/10

The minutes of the May 12, 2010 joint South Central and Upper Connecticut WUCC meeting were unanimously approved without discussion.

#### 4. WATER SYSTEM AT 105 BRIDGE ROAD, HADDAM, CT

Chairman Keefe reported that he had authorized creation of a new public water system for this small, non-residential commercial development in Haddam, CT, after receiving correspondence from Connecticut Water Company stating that they were not interested in owning this water system.

#### 5. CONSOLIDATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL AND UPPER CONNECTICUT RIVER WUCCs

Chairman Bligh initiated discussion by distributing a handout entitled, "Review and Possible Consolidation of the Upper CT and the South Central Public Water Supply Management Areas", attached as Exhibit B.

Joe Perrelli reported that the Central Naugatuck Valley COG, which represents towns in multiple convened and unconvened WUCCs, passed a resolution requesting DPH to transfer four COG towns (Beacon Falls, Naugatuck, Prospect and Oxford) to the Housatonic WUCC. Mr. Perrelli will send a map of the towns to South Central Chairman Keefe. Mr. Perrelli suggested that WUCC boundaries need to be examined more globally, and that combining existing WUCCs may not necessarily make sense.

Terry O'Neill noted that coordinated plans for both the South Central and the Upper Connecticut River WUCCs have been submitted to DPH but have never been approved. Mr. O'Neill suggested that these plans should be approved first before we consider consolidation of WUCCs.

Carlene Kulisch asked whether DPH has considered the costs that they would incur, and that utilities would incur, should the WUCCs consolidate. Manpower resources would also be needed. Ms. Kulisch questioned whether these needed resources wouldn't be better allocated to the remaining unconvened WUCCs.

Secretary Radka requested that DPH opine on whether a public hearing would be needed for WUCC consolidation. Ellen Blaschinski of DPH said that she thought it would.

Steve Messer of DPH suggested that the biggest obstacle to approval of the WUCC plans at this point is dated information. Approval of the WUCC plans was originally delayed to allow individual water utility water supply plans to be completed.

DPH Deputy Commissioner Norma Gyle suggested that a stakeholder workgroup could be convened by DPH to examine statewide WUCC boundaries. Ms. Gyle encouraged the joint WUCCs to adopt a resolution requesting DPH to coordinate such a workgroup. Ms. Gyle suggested that DPH could readily convene the WUCC chairs group that is already meeting periodically to discuss related issues.

Sue Bransfield said that she can only support a workgroup effort if the work is planned with firm deadlines. Workgroup efforts can last years without resolution if deadlines are not established.

The following resolution was suggested by Guy Russo, and seconded by Jonathan Avery:

**The South Central and Upper Connecticut River WUCCs request the Department of Public Health to convene a meeting within the next three months of the statewide WUCC chairs to discuss a process for revising WUCC boundaries across the state, including consideration of representation from non-convened WUCCs. The South Central and Upper Connecticut River WUCCs will meet within the next six months to discuss the results of the WUCC chairs meeting.**

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

#### 6. DATE FOR FUTURE MEETING

Chairmen Bligh and Keefe announced that the next joint meeting of the South Central and Upper Connecticut River WUCCs will be tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2011 at the Middletown Police Department, pending confirmation of room availability.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen K. Rupar, P.E.  
Secretary, South Central WUCC

SOUTH CENTRAL AND UPPER CONNECTICUT RIVER WUCC  
 JOINT MEETING  
 Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Middletown Police Department  
 Community Room  
 222 Main Street  
 Middletown, Connecticut  
 Sign-in Sheet

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## REVIEW AND POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION OF THE UPPER CT. AND THE SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT AREAS

### Opportunities:

Reduces the number of WUCCs that would have to be convened (thereby expediting the process).

Provides greater consideration of watershed basins to link to water resource planning.

No changes to Public Act 85-535 "An Act Concerning a Connecticut Plan for Public Water Supply Coordination" have to be obtained if two or more WUCC's agree to consolidate.

Consolidation of these two WUCC's would open up communication between them and could lead to a consistency in rules and process that would benefit un-convened WUCC's.

Allowing un-convened WUCC's to join existing WUCC's may be less costly than convening three more WUCC's.

Develop a conflict resolution process that the majority of water companies in these two water supply management areas, and the State agencies that regulate them, will accept.