

MINUTES OF THE 2/6/12 MEETING OF THE
SCCOG REGIONAL WATER COMMITTEE
SCCOG OFFICE, Norwich, CT

Present: Robert Congdon, Marian Galbraith, Rich Matters, Ron McDaniel, SCCOG; James Butler, SCCOG staff; Mark Decker, Norwich Public Utilities; Chris Clark, Mohegan Tribal Utility; Brad Kargl, East Lyme Water and Sewer Department

1. Update on Emergency Response Planning

Mr. Kargl provided the update.

2. Status Update on East Lyme/New London Interconnection Project

Mr. Kargl provided the update.

3. Status Update on Norwich Water Supply Project

Mr. Decker reported that they are well into Phase I of the project, which is a paper sub-surface study. He said they hope to have parcels to be focused on by end of the month. In response to a question from Mr. Clark, he responded that discussions with Windham officials are going well.

4. Status Update on Groton-Aquarion Interconnection

Ms. Galbraith reported that Groton has approved of a contract, which has been sent over to Aquarion. She said she believes it will be executed by Aquarion soon, with work to begin this spring.

5. Process for Bringing Various Sub-Regional Groups Together for Project Updates

Mr. Clark said the Technical Advisory Committee to the Regional Water Committee has been collecting data and was to the point where they feel it would be useful to have small breakout meetings with towns. Mr. Decker raised the issue of the discussion also involving wastewater disposal. Mr. Clark cautioned that this could complicate the water planning initiatives because of the different players and dynamics involved. It was agreed that when the Technical Advisory Committee was ready, the SCCOG could help set up small meetings with town officials to discuss project updates.

6. Proposed SCCOG Legislation Regarding SCWA

Mr. Butler summarized the proposed legislation. Discussion ensued. Mr. Clark noted that allowing SCCOG to ratify rates for water as proposed is a hot-button topic with folks in the water industry. It was agreed by the chief elected officials present that the SCCOG Executive Director should contact officials at DPH, DEEP, and the Connecticut Water Works Association to explain the reasons behind the proposed legislation, answer any

questions, and to offer to meet with them and their respective organizations including the State's Water Planning Council.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes prepared by James S. Butler, SCCOG Executive Director