

WATER POLICY TASK FORCE MINUTES (WPTF)
Metropolitan Commission Conference Room
Minutes of July 27, 2010

WPTF Members present were Barne Wheeler, Chairman; David Kelsey; Sheryl Skrabacz, SMHD; Cannon Morse, PNAS; Bill Shreve; and, Charles Downs. Members absent: Jacki Meiser, MetCom. Others present were Martha Holder.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Martha Holder, a possible new WPTF member, was introduced to the group.
2. **Discussion & Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The May 2010 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.
3. **Continuing Business:**
 - 3.1. **Update on data collected since the May meeting.** Mr. Wheeler said he had received good information from both the Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) and the Dept. of Land Use & Growth Management (LU&GM). From LU&GM he obtained the number of dwelling units in the county over time and was able to estimate the number of units in the County by 1995. From MetCom he obtained the water usage data from 2005 to the present. From those figures he was able to compute an estimate of current water usage figures using the same estimates that MGS used in their 2002/2003 tri-county aquifer study.
 - 3.2. **Gray Water Initiative.** Mr. Wheeler provided a study on Gray Water use that had been done for other MD Counties to Mr. Kelsey indicating that Ms. Meiser had sent it to us because we were not on the distribution list. Mr. Kelsey agreed to look it over and see if any information provided would be of use in our water conservation study. The group agreed that use of gray water should definitely be a part of our water conservation report.
 - 3.3. **Private Well Usage Data from Charles County.** Mr. Wheeler briefed the group on his analysis of the Charles County private well usage data provided by Mr. Shreve. He indicated that there were some inconsistencies in the data, but that it was very useful information, particularly since it provided data by quarter. This quarterly breakout, might give some insight into summer water use increases. Mr. Shreve indicated that he would try to get an electronic version of the report and see if he could resolve some of the inconsistencies.
 - 3.4. **Comprehensive Plan Water Conservation Discussion.** Mr. Wheeler Showed the group a new set of draft presentation slides and the revised water conservation spreadsheet.
 - 3.4.1. **Presentation Slides.** The group agreed that the aquifer slides needed additional information placed on them to make them clearer. They also indicated that the charts should be relabeled to clearly show the water levels “before” and “after” the adoption of the county’s water management policy. Additionally, the group recommended that the Charlotte Hall charts for the Piney Point and Patapsco aquifers become back up slides.
 - 3.4.2. **Conservation Spreadsheet.** The group was briefed on the new information on the spreadsheet and agreed that charts showing how much water could be saved should be a part of the briefing, but more work was needed. They also felt that the information for each category of savings e.g., ‘showers’ should be presented in the form of a high, low and best guess estimate, with assumptions clearly identified.
4. **New Business:** None
5. **Announcements:** The group agreed that it would attempt to meet in August 2010, assuming additional information making a meeting worthwhile is collected.
6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.