

Technical Advisory Group

5/29/08 Meeting Minutes

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ATTENDEES: Chuck Courtney, Derek Doughty, Scott Emery, Tim Neldner,

EPC ATTENDEES: Chris Cooley, Pete Owens, Kim Tapley

HANDOUTS: Lee Cook's Comments to Process White Paper
Tim Neldner's Comments to Process White Paper
Mitigation White Paper Draft
Classification White Paper Draft
Process White Paper Draft

This meeting was held because the pros and cons that people had submitted for the white papers had to be presented at a noticed TAG meeting in order for the white papers to be changed. Only two sets of pros and cons were submitted to date.

The TAG members present agreed to go through the Process white paper section by section and add the changes.

Last paragraph in first section:

Was a clarification comment from Dale Meryman for the Stakeholders group. EPC staff noted that some sections of the Basis of Review were given to TAG for comments a few months earlier. TAG members present decided to re-write and further clarify this paragraph.

Delineations:

A TAG member noted that using Mean High, Ordinary High, etc. is done by a professional surveyor and/or qualified scientists and is used in determining property boundaries. It was suggested that those items in the second sentence be changed to say wetland water level indicators.

Process and Timing (Over-Arching):

TAG member requested in the first paragraph, last sentence be changed from the word rectify to rescind because staff may not be qualified to perform reviews everywhere EPC is involved. Another TAG member noted that there may be some cases where EPC is mandated to do reviews and they are not currently doing them, that is why rectify was chosen. After some discussion, it was decided that the sentence should be written: "Following this, the Head of EPC's Wetlands Division should initiate a process to rectify/rescind those obligations which are outside of the mandates of the Wetlands Rule and/or outside of Staff expertise."

Process and Timing (WMD):

No changes at this time.

Process and Timing (PGMD/Municipalities):

No changes at this time.

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Process and Timing (Planning Commission):

A TAG member noted that the planning commission solicits comments from other agencies, like EPC, for assistance. Therefore, there is no applicant because it is the planning commission soliciting a comment, not an applicant. The first paragraph was re-worded to clarify this.

A pro comment was added.

Fees (Over-Arching):

Two pro comments were added.

Development Approval Fees:

First paragraph, last sentence changed from “thereby authorizing an impact to a wetland” to “thereby potentially authorizing an impact to a wetland”.

Two con comments were added.

Other Fees:

Applications changed to applicants in first section after the list of fees.

Setbacks:

One pro comment was added.

Reasonable Use:

One pro and one con comment were added.

This is the Process white paper draft paper that will be given and presented to the Stakeholders and CEAC group on Monday. Then the groups will have one month to review the papers and a question and answer section will be July 7th. The draft paper will be given to the full TAG to be voted on June 20th (which is the last TAG meeting).

Meeting adjourned.