

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Environmental, Health & Safety Committee**

Minutes of the November 21, 2024 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee (“Committee”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) took place on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

Present: **Committee** – Messrs. Ricozzi, Borowy, Curseaden, and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski and Calo(R), and Messrs. Barger, Hill(R), Lakshminarayanan, and Singh
RPB – Mr. Oslander
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

D. MEET AS ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

D.1 APPROVE MINUTES – AUGUST 22, 2024

On motion made by Ms. Sack and seconded by Mr. Curseaden, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its meeting held on August 22, 2024.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

D.2 HAZWASTE CENTRAL SEASON END UPDATE

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Vice President of Engineering & Environmental Services, provided an update on HazWaste and the season that recently closed. He reported that the 2024 HazWaste season commenced on May 18, 2024 and concluded on October 26, 2024. During that time there was a 7.66% increase from the previous year in the number of households participating, with a rise in satellite collections of 28.01%, which were conducted in Guilford, Orange, Fairfield, Woodbridge, Milford, and Meriden.

He also reported on the results of the environmental compliance audit, required as part of our operating permit. In 2025, the RWA will consult with its vendor, Clean Harbors, to explore ways to diversifying the types of materials collected while also assessing the feasibility of establishing additional satellite collection sites.

D.3 LAKE WHITNEY DAM DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Lakshminarayanan provided an update on the Lake Whitney Dam Design project, which is currently at 90% completion. The design team is focused on finalizing the plans for regulatory submission. Concurrently, the RWA is revising contract documents to streamline contractor selection. Permit discussions with multiple agencies have begun.

To improve safety during the proposed construction, a temporary traffic signal is planned for the Whitney Avenue and Armory Street intersection, with initial designs under review by the Town of Hamden and CT DOT. The RWA is also coordinating with utility companies to address conflicts with existing infrastructure and manage the relocation of gas and power lines as required. Communications with officials is underway to discuss the implications of these actions.

D.4. REGULATORY UPDATES – PFAS AND LSL

At 12:46 p.m., Mr. Barger, the RWA’s Water Quality Manager, entered the meeting. He provided an update on the RWA’s Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), which included:

- LCR Improvements
- Primary Focus Areas
- Lead Connectors (formerly goosenecks)
- Machine Learning – Predictive Analysis, including for converting service lines of unknown material to the appropriate material categorization
- Challenges
- Next Steps

He also provided a PFAS update which included:

- Sampling Completed
- Monitoring
- Piloting of Treatment Options and Sources
- Manufacture Class Actions
- PFAS Testing Certifications

At 1:39 p.m., on motion made by Ms. LaMarr and seconded by Mr. Curseaden, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Mario Ricozzi, Chair

(R) = Attended remotely.