



Friday, December 11, 2009

Mark Your Calendars

Coordination Workshop

Planning has begun for the fifth CASA coordination workshop. This time we're expanding. As well as all CASA teams and committees, the next one will include external groups and factors that can impact CASA project teams.

The 2010 Coordination Workshop will be in Calgary on Wednesday, June 2 – a good fit with Clean Air Day. The workshop is an easy way to learn about all CASA projects and have fun at the same time.

News

Bridging Interests, Building Agreement



Even the breaks generated opportunities for lively discussion about consensus.

Over one hundred consensus practitioners gathered Dec. 2 at the Matrix Hotel to explore consensus-building.

This highly-successful workshop honoured Martha Kostuch and her devotion to consensus building, as participants

shared knowledge and learnings from case studies. Keynote speaker Paul Emond spoke about the promise and the challenges of the consensus process.

More than 40 participants continued a second day to build tools to enhance consensus-building.



Jennifer Allan used the Clean Air Strategy as her case study on consensus decision-making.

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Priority Setting Workshop

For the third time this decade, CASA helped AENV with a very successful Priority Setting Workshop. By consensus, the group agreed on 11 substances to send to AENV. They also forwarded a list of other substances that all the groups considered.



Above: Members of the Secretariat at the Priority Setting Workshop.

Right: Diana McQueen, MLA for Drayton Valley-Calmar, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment welcomed participants.



Performance Measures Committee

The board approved all nine of the 2009 committee's recommendations, including two new potential performance indicators for more review. The committee will bring one low-rated recommendation to the board in March 2010.

Enhancing Collaboration between CASA and the Alberta Water Council (ECWC)

All consensus recommendations from the committee were approved. They committed both CASA and the Alberta Water Council to continue to collaborate and to explore their respective roles around the Land Use Framework.



Airshed Zones Board Committee

This committee presented a summary of its activities as they seek clarity about the roles and relationships between the CASA Board and the Airshed Zones. Because of the many questions raised by the committee, the CASA executive has agreed to work with the committee so it can finalize their report for presentation to the board in March.

CASA Business Plan

The CASA Board approved the 2010 – 2012 Business Plan, which focused on strategic development, air quality management, pollution prevention and continuous improvement, and knowledge and information.

Updates Provided

A number of updates were presented to the CASA Board of Directors at their December meeting:

- the Electricity Framework Review team reports that they expect the team's final report will be complete for presentation in early 2010.
- The Palliser Airshed Zone, West Central Airshed Society and Fort Air Partnership provided annual updates.

People

Board Member Update

CASA welcomed Brian Wiens as the new alternate director for Environment Canada.

Executive Committee

Kerra Chomlak was confirmed as secretary-treasurer of the board for two more years, ending December 2011.

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