

Draft Minutes



Enhanced Collaboration with the Water Council, meeting #4

Date: Friday, June 13, 2008
Time: 10:30 am to 2:00 pm
Place: CASA Office, Edmonton

In attendance:

Name	Stakeholder group
Rejeanne Cool	ME Global Canada
Dave Belyea	Alberta Environment
Carolyn Kolebaba	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
Gord Edwards	Alberta Water Council
Kerra Chomlak	CASA
Robyn Jacobsen	CASA

With regrets:

Name	Stakeholder group
Bob Cameron	South Peace Environmental Association

Kerra chaired the meeting, which convened at 10:30 a.m. Quorum was not achieved, but Kerra committed to discussing any decisions with Bob to get his consent.

Action Items:

Action items	Who	Due
3.4: Coordinate CASA and AWC board meeting schedules for one meeting in 2009	Kerra, Gord	Carry forward.
3.9: Consider an appropriate explanation to be included with the link to AWC on the CASA website and vice versa and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.	All	Carry forward.
4.1: Follow-up with the Water Council Executive to see how they are planning to respond to recommendations made by CASA	Gord Edwards	Update at next meeting.
4.2: Update PowerPoint presentation for the CASA Board meeting and send it to the team.	Kerra	ASAP
4.3: Send out Dave's PowerPoint presentation for team members to share with stakeholders, removing one slide.	Kerra	ASAP
4.4: Poll for dates for the next meeting.	Kerra	ASAP

1) Administration

- a. Review meeting objectives and approve agenda
 - o Agenda approved by consensus.
- b. Review and approve minutes from meeting #3
 - o The minutes from meeting #5 (February 22, 2008) were approved. Bob Cameron will be asked to approve the minutes by e-mail.
- c. Review action items from Meeting #3:

Action items	Who	Due
3.1: Update members on the Land Use Framework, Cumulative Effects and SREM at the next meeting.	Terry	Done.
3.2: Add Terry's presentation to the agenda for the next meeting.	Kerra	Done. On agenda (presentation by Dave).
3.3: Draft and circulate a workplan based on today's minutes for discussion at the next meeting	Kerra	Done.
3.4: Coordinate CASA and AWC board meeting schedules for one meeting in 2009	Kerra, Gord	Carry forward.
3.5: Send the full list of 15 CASA project teams to Carmen	Kerra	Done.
3.6: Send Carmen a complete list of organizations that belong to the AWC, including organizations that are represented as a collective.	Terry	Done. Included in report.
3.7: Develop a merged list and a visual to compare the organizations that belong to AWC and CASA for discussion at the next meeting.	Kerra, Carmen	Done. Included in report.
3.8: Draft and circulate the beginning of the report from this committee for discussion at the next meeting.	Kerra, Carmen	Done.
3.9: Consider an appropriate explanation to be included with the link to AWC on the CASA website and vice versa and discuss at the next meeting. <i>- No new information has been posted on the website.</i>	All	Carry forward.

- d. CASA Update
 - Kerra Chomlak gave a brief overview of the progress of other relevant CASA project teams.
 - There will be a new project starting at CASA that involves the development of a consensus workshop as a tribute to Martha Kostuch. This project will be the first ever project involving CASA and the Water Council working together.

2) CASA Board Meeting

- The ECWC will be presenting their terms of reference to the CASA Board at the June 24 board meeting.

- The Board may be interested in possibilities for integration with other Government of Alberta initiatives. They will be hearing a presentation on this at the strategic planning session on June 25.
- Public consultation is not in the mandate of this committee, as the public is not a key stakeholder in the ECWC Committee.

3) Review Draft Report

- It was felt that the visual presentation of the report was good. However, it was noted that there are some issues with the printing format.
- It was suggested that the recommendations should be at the beginning of the report, because this should be the focus. Figure 2-1 should be presented next, as it summarizes the background information.
- The purpose of the report is to inform the CASA board of what collaboration is already occurring and what possibilities there are for the future. It was suggested that the recommendations need to be broadened to state that CASA can help the Water Council with a range of issues, not just communications tools/technology (potential recommendation 1).
- There was some discussion about adding another recommendation, regarding the formation of a joint committee, rather than just a CASA committee. There may be the potential to join with the lands secretariat in the future as well.
- There was some question about how the Water Council Executive Committee would respond to a recommendation from CASA. Will they accept CASA recommendations? Or would the recommendations need to come from a joint committee for them to be accepted by both organizations?

Action Item 4.1: Gord will follow-up with the Water Council Executive Committee to see how they are planning to respond to recommendation made by the CASA Enhanced Collaboration with the Water Council committee.

Action Item 4.2: Kerra will update the PowerPoint presentation for the CASA Board meeting to reflect this discussion and send it to the team.

4) Linkages between Air, Land, and Water

Dave Belyea gave a presentation on integrating air, land, and water.

- Initially, the Clean Air Strategy, Water for Life, and the Land Use Framework were seen as discreet initiatives. It has been realized that everything needs to be integrated. Also, the Cumulative Effects Framework could not be done separately from the other initiatives. The Minister's mandate is to integrate the Land Use Framework and the Cumulative Effects Framework into one piece of legislation.
- During stakeholder consultation on the Land Use Framework (LUF), the government heard that people were concerned about:
 - Lack of a provincial policy.
 - Lack of effective, integrated regional policy.
- The LUF is looking at developing integrated regional plans that will provide direction to airsheds, watersheds, municipal plans, and public land plans.
- Implications for air and water management:

- This new framework will not just parallel air and water. It will be integrated provincial governance.
- Recommendations from airsheds and WPACs will feed into regional plans. Regional plans will provide over-arching direction for air and water management. Regional plans will have legislative backing.
- Timelines:
 - The draft LUF has been released.
 - General public consultation will be complete by the end of June. Aboriginal consultation will be completed in September.
 - The LUF will be approved in October and an implementation plan will be developed.
 - A Northeast and Southern regional plan will be developed before Christmas 2008.
 - Legislation will be developed by Spring 2009.

Action Item 4.3: Kerra will send out the PowerPoint presentation for team members to share with stakeholders.

Action 4.4: Kerra will poll for dates for the next meeting.