

GLWA Water Supply Advisory Council (WSAC)

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: 10.30.2024



Meeting Highlights and Discussions

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. – Ed Haapala, Chair
2. Roll Call- Dan Gold, GLWA
 - Ed Haapala – present
 - Cheryl Porter - present
 - Bob Belair – present
 - Jerome Bivins – present
 - Mark Gaworecki – present
 - Tim Sikma – present
 - Maggie Hughes – absent
 - Quorum was reached
3. Approval of May 3, 2023, Agenda – Ed Haapala, Chair
 - Moved: Bob Belair; Seconded: Jerome Bivins; Motion Passed
4. Approval of September 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Ed Haapala, Chair
 - Moved: Bob Belair; Seconded: Cheryl Porter; Motion Passed
5. Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Update – Dan Gold, GLWA
 - State-level WSAC has met 4 times, in October, February, March, and April.
 - The next state council meeting is May 11th, 9:30am-12:00pm. You can attend at Constitution Hall in Lansing, or use a teams remote option.
 - Agendas and minutes from state meetings are posted on the state’s council [website](#).
 - EGLE recently released a Memo titled: *Complete Distribution System Materials Inventory (CDSMI) Evaluating Minimum Service Line Verification Data*. The purpose of the CDSMI is to characterize, record, and maintain a comprehensive inventory of distribution system materials, including service line materials on both public and private property. A copy of the memo is posted [here](#).
 - Legislative update: on April 20th, the Michigan Senate Voted to pass Senate Bills 88 and 89, the “filter first” bills. The bills would ensure schools and childcare centers are installing filtered bottle filling stations. They also include requirements around verification sampling to ensure the filters are functioning properly.
 - A heavy focus of recent state meetings has been the work being done by GUD Marketing. They spent the last two years doing research in pursuit of the creation of a tool kit to help with outreach and education around lead in drinking water.
 - The research has concluded and GUD’s tool-kit was officially launched via two webinars in April they hosted to demo the various tool for prospective users.
6. Report out from GUD Marketing Toolkit Launch Workshops – Amani Saiyad, GLWA
 - Toolkit materials can be accessed at [EGLE’s “Know Your Water” Website](#)
 - GUD put a lot of thought into inclusivity and accessibility, not only with language but also images, and different mediums of communication.
 - The Toolkit will ultimately be made available to the water system advisory councils, and the general public via materials that can be freely reproduced, social media

platforms, videos, direct mail, websites, and other means. The team from GÜD Marketing has also been active in presenting much of the research and Toolkit information to communities around the state.

- How the dissemination of the Toolkit will be monitored and its effectiveness will be evaluated at future State Council meetings.

7. Current and Future Initiatives

- Reminder of Lead Service Line Replacement Deadlines – Patrick Williford
 - Lead action level goes from 15 ppb to 12 ppb (January 2025)
 - Complete Distribution System Material Inventory due to EGLE (Jan 2025)
- Update on Corrosion Control Optimization Study Update – Nichole Sajdak, GLWA
 - GLWA’s Corrosion Control Program is based on a 1996 comprehensive study which identified phosphoric acid as the most efficient way to control corrosion
 - A minimum pH level and orthophosphate residual were required at each water treatment plant.
 - The corrosion control study undertaken in 2019’s goal was to evaluate our control technique’s performance and further opportunity for optimization.
 - GLWA constructed and installed pipe rigs at each water treatment plant to test water as it entered the transmission system, then worked with Member Partners to locate a pipe rig in each plant’s service area.
 - GLWA collected over 100 Lead service lines which were installed in the pipe rigs for testing. Galvanized piping is included in the study.
 - In addition, several pipe materials will be tested on individual rigs including Copper, brass alloy and copper with lead solder/
 - Each testing location consists of 4 rigs with each representing a different test conditions with one of them service as a control (or existing conditions).
 - Rigs were ran through a six month acclimation period before collecting data to account for the initial disruption when they were harvested.
 - The conditioning phase ended last November and the study will continue through the summer. The final report is expected in early 2024.

8. Other Business

A motion was made to move these council meetings to once a year unless key topics warrant a second meeting.

- Moved: Tim Sikma; Seconded: Cheryl Porter; Motion Passed

9. Public Comment

- None

10. Next Meeting: TBD, Spring 2024, unless needed in Fall 2023.

11. Council Member Remarks

- None.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.