

Albemarle and Pamlico Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting
American Legion Building
Edenton, N.C. 7:00 P.M.
25 April 1991

MINUTES

Attachment A - Attendance List
Attachment B - Agenda

The second joint meeting of the Albemarle and Pamlico Citizens' Advisory Committees met in Edenton with Chairmen Brewster Brown and Derb Carter presiding. Director Randall Waite, before giving the program update, called on Jennifer Steel, technical coordinator, to inform the members of the state of the Status and Trends Report, which she has been revising. Steel noted that valuable comments and updated data were received from the document's original 35 plus authors, in addition to the editorial and organizational suggestions she has made. Revisions were incorporated, and in April the document was sent to the Technical Committee which will make its final review on 8 May 1991. The Policy Committee will review the revised draft STR on 11 June 1991 and if approval is given, Steel said, the document can be finalized. Waite pointed out that the Status and Trends Report can be continually changed and updated as new research information becomes available.

Program Report - Waite continued with the program report stating that staff is going through proposals and negotiating final workplans on those. At the March meeting the Policy Committee approved a tentative budget for next year, including 7 public participation projects totalling \$277,000 and 16 technical acquisition projects totalling around \$905,000. Three projects are also being submitted through the action plan demonstration totalling about \$100,000.

New technical reports should be coming in soon, Waite said, adding that the CAC effort, Blueprint for Action, has been finalized and is being bound. He informed members about a document put together by the Sierra Club, entitled Budget for a Green Assembly, (Attachment C) which has been submitted to the General Assembly for its review. Copies were available for anyone interested in the document.

Public Involvement Report - Joan Giordano noted that fourth cycle projects are ongoing and that public service announcements (PSAs) directed at various targeted audiences are being produced now. These will be ready for distribution in two months to television stations within the study area. Members were told the outreach programs are in full swing and everyone was urged to check the APES calendar for notations of these outreach presentations. Giordano introduced the latest outreach poster and explained there will be a companion poster which will come out in the 5th cycle projects, depicting the human environment. The posters have been distributed and they were also well received at the Coastal Celebration in Raleigh earlier this month. Giordano told the members negotiation meetings for public participation projects were held and revised proposals are being submitted. She also mentioned that Forest Stewardship will be the theme of this year's State Fair to be held in Raleigh sometime in October. Due to budget restraints, the Department will have an extensive tabletop exhibit and individual Divisions will set up exhibits around

the perimeter of the building. The theme of the APES exhibit will be swamp/maritime forests and how they relate to forestry.

Concerning the program exhibits, Giordano noted the free-standing exhibit has been updated, and the dry aquarium is now on tour in the Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County School System. Members learned that the Citizens' Water Quality Monitoring Program conducted workshops recently with Division of Environmental Management personnel. Robert Blinkoff, Director of the Citizens' Water Quality Monitoring Program recently presented a professional paper at an anthropology meeting and, as a result, was invited by Kathy Ellett of the Alliance for the Chesapeake to undertake writing on a regular basis for the national publication for citizens water quality monitoring. This will give the program national exposure, Giordano noted.

In response to a question on the due date for technical projects, Waite explained they could continue as late as November/December of 1992, but noted that those feeding directly into the management plan have been accelerated for availability in the spring of 1992. Some of the projects are actually going to be a testing of the management plan in terms of using the GIS system now and in the future. Waite stated that information from projects concluding in the latter stages of the 5 year program can be useful in plan implementation. "A good part of the CCMP will be to show what needs to be done still in terms of research in the future."

Giordano informed the committee members that the program newsletter has been contracted out to the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation for the remainder of this year. The first issue will come out in early June. She stated that PTRF also included as part of its 5th year cycle to produce the newsletter for that time period, as part of its outreach project. During the negotiation meetings on 5th cycle projects, PTRF and program staff agreed to publish the newsletter in 6 issues with an expanded format, rather than the original proposal of 12 issues printed front and back. Following discussion, Giordano requested the committees' vote on the change in the number of issues and expanded format for the newsletter. Polk Williams moved that PTRF produce an expanded 6 issues of the Advocate during the final year of the program. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Hess and carried by a majority vote.

Federal Legislation - The next agenda item concerned a discussion of federal legislation. Chairman Brown told the members he received a letter from Buzzards Bay Estuary Study asking for support to amend Section 320 of the Clean Water Act, to provide extended funding to estuary studies to implement the CCMPs and to carry funding on for five additional years. Dan Ashe was requested to look at the information from Buzzards Bay and he sent some of the proposed legislation, which has not yet been put in bill form. Basically, Brown stated, some of the estuary programs which have completed their five year funding cycles feel they need federal money to implement and continue. Chairman Derb Carter was requested to review the matter to determine if the A/P Study should support this proposed legislation.

New Committees - Waite led the discussion about the formation of two new committees over the next two months to assist with the development of the CCMP. The first committee discussed was the financial planning committee. This is necessary to ensure there is a funding mechanism for implementation of the

management plan. The financial planning committee will consist of a group of experts to help develop the financial plan. Waite noted that EPA headquarters will provide contract support to hold a seminar to help with the first steps of developing a financial implementation plan. Waite explained that the first order of business for the CACs is to identify who the financial planning experts are, in terms of committee membership. Representatives should come from the following specific groups: legislative appropriations committee members, legislative commission members, state budget officers, any policy, technical or citizens advisory committee members who have a good financial background, local government officials, public interest group members, state fees experts, and private sector officials, such as someone in the banking community.

CAC suggestions for membership on a financial planning committee included: Melvin Daniels, Parker Chesson, Marc Basnight, Bill Holman, Bill Hogarth, Roger Schecter, George Everett and Lyn Muchmore. A question was raised concerning the validity of drawing members of a financial committee from outside the CACs whose members already represent many of the target groups just mentioned. Waite stated the intent was to have the CACs interact in a sharing role, as well as serve on both the financial and CCMP steering committees. "Where we have the expertise here at the table, we definitely ought to be using that," Waite said, adding that there is also value in pulling in others. This should be a joint effort, because it is going to be a joint report at the end, Waite noted. Discussion ensued over CAC membership on the two new committees, and a suggestion was made to have the two CAC chairmen appoint the committees and then contact people to find out if they would serve. Members were then polled to determine how many would be willing to serve on either the Financial Planning Committee or the CCMP Steering Committee, and sign-up sheets were passed around the table. Waite explained that the committee meetings would be very extensive, probably entailing 10-12 day long meetings over the next year. A member suggested that sections of the draft CCMP be mailed out to reviewers for comments, much like the process followed for the Status and Trends Report. Waite replied if there were CAC members who wished to review the CCMP, but could not attend so many meetings, provision could be made to include them as reviewers by mail. He also expressed the belief that face to face meetings led to a valuable interchange of ideas.

Additional discussion followed on the role of the CCMP steering committee and on possible sources of money for plan implementation. Chairman Carter commented on the need to send some kind of message as far as the type of committee composition that we want. It is inevitable that 8 to 10 of the seats on the steering committee will be filled by program managers, he told the members. A suggestion was made to include a representative from Virginia, as the A/P Study area takes in the southeastern part of that state. Another member thought local government representation on the committee should be increased, while someone else suggested bringing in state agency people at this stage, both to gain their insight and to inform them that a management plan is forthcoming which will require their response to stated objectives. Waite noted that many of the resource managers were already involved in the CCMP development process, although he acknowledged the benefit of bringing in people from outside if they possessed a high degree of expertise in a certain area which could be useful in writing the plan. He also told the members that the financial plan and management plan needed to be developed concurrently.

Following extensive discussion about the makeup of the CCMP Steering Committee, Chairman Carter stated three themes he heard coming out of all the comments. These were: involve existing committee members to the maximum extent, ensure adequate local government involvement and include appropriate legislators. Carter stated that the Technical Committee will meet in two weeks to name the CCMP steering committee, and Waite suggested that the CACs have specific recommendations for membership to present to the Technical Committee, rather than just submitting categories for representation. The Policy Committee will make the ultimate decision, Waite said.

Waite outlined an idea to the CACs and asked for their feedback. The proposal is to select a sub-basin and begin this summer to work through a management plan for a small area, sort of a mini-management plan. By the fall this plan will go back to the groups for review and discussion to determine if "we're on the right track with what you want in a management plan. Do we have enough detail, or too much detail?" If we decide this is where we want to go with the entire document, then this will serve as a model for the whole thing, Waite explained. Responding to a question, Waite said that the staff would basically write the CCMP, with oversight and review from the steering committee.

Public Comment and Questions - A suggestion was made to rotate future joint CAC meeting locations between the Pamlico and Albemarle area. Waite stated that the decision on meeting location was up to the CAC committees.

John Stallings commented that the APES Program has helped to bring state program managers into closer communication with each other.

Chairman Brown stated he and Chairman Carter would discuss meeting jointly or separately in the future, although Brown expressed the opinion that joint meetings were more positive in providing a potential pool of 60 people from all across the estuary study area coming together and learning from each other. However, he noted that adjustments could be made to accommodate the members' wishes. Waite commented from a program viewpoint that joint meetings gave the staff one direction to follow.

Bertie County resident Lynn Henry, who attended the meeting, expressed concern over the problem of sediment loads going into streams, and he requested the members look into additional incentives or other measures to keep these sediments out of these rivers and sounds, along with additional pollutants that go along with those sediments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M. The CACs will meet again in early August at a time and place to be announced.

Note: The document, Budget for a Green Assembly, is included as an attachment to the minutes for all CAC members. Policy and Technical Committee members who also want a copy of the document should contact Joan Giordano.

Attendance CAC Meeting 4/25/91

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AGENDA

Welcome	Chairmen Brown & Carter
Consideration of Minutes	
Program Update	Randy Waite
Public Participation Update	Joan Giordano
Federal Legislation	Chairman Brown
Discussion & Recommendations	Chairmen Brown & Carter
- Financial Planning Committee	
- CCMP Steering Committee	
- CCMP Development Schedule	
Public Comment/Questions	
Adjourn	