

## MINUTES

### RPC Legislative Policy Committee

August 9, 2017 \*\* 4:30 PM \*\*

RPC Conference Room

Attendance: Barbara Kravitz, Chair, James Van Bokkelen, Tim Moore  
Staff Attending: Tim Roache, Glenn Greenwood,  
Guest: Brandon Kernan, NHDES

#### 1. Minutes of June 28, 2017

The minutes of June 28 were reviewed and approved.

#### 2. Continuation of discussion on 2017 Legislative Forum

Kravitz welcomed Brandon Kernan and provided an overview of the RPC Legislative Forum. She reviewed prior discussion about the water issues and water resources. Moore added that the September Commission meeting will include a discussion of local water issues to set the stage for the November Legislative Forum. Kravitz explained that the goal of the forum is to help legislators understand what it is they can do to help local communities when it comes to water resources. Kernan added that the presentation could include a discussion of known gaps in regulations.

The discussion turned to the content of presentations. Kernan and Greenwood led the conversation and proposed that Kernan could provide an overview of water resources and provide discussion of known constraints such as drought and demand. Kernan indicated he could include a discussion of emerging trends related to surface water and subsurface water. Kravitz added that two local presenters might be able to highlight local concerns related water rights and emerging contaminants. Van Bokkelen added that there are larger concerns related to the impacts of developing municipal water infrastructure. We should consider land use/preservation as well as what it would mean for development and economic growth.

Roache recapped the discussion highlighting the September meeting focus on local concerns and the November Forum providing an over view of resources and known gaps in regulation as well as local concerns and emerging contaminants. There was a consensus among the members supporting this direction. Roache and Greenwood agreed to coordinate with Kernan and identify additional speakers.

#### 3. Other / Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:45.