



**2015 Environmental Kitchen Cabinet Agenda**  
**Lewis & Clark State Office Building**  
**March 27, 2015**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**I. Welcome and Introductions** (*Sara Parker Pauley*)

In 2014, the department held the Governor's Conference on Natural Resources where participants shared great ideas and provided valuable feedback. The findings from that collaborative effort are available on the department's website at:

<http://dnr.mo.gov/governor-conference/>.

In 2015, the department will continue efforts to support its water and land legacies which include: working on the state's comprehensive water plan, engaging locals in Our Missouri Waters, providing community services to our small communities, supporting the Parks and Soils Sales Tax renewal, restoring our injured natural resources, developing the pristine land adjacent to Current River State Park, and taking steps to expand the Rock Island line making it the largest contiguous hiking and biking trail in the world stretching more than 400 miles.

**II. EPA Region 7 Acting Director** (*Mark Hague*)

EPA and the states are embarking on a new partnership, E-Enterprise for the Environment, in which the EPA and states are working together to solve environmental challenges and breaking down the silos. This partnership will improve the current system where each state and EPA works on solutions on their own and lends itself well to the agency's efforts to LEAN its business practices.

Significant rulemakings

- Clean Power Plan. EPA appreciates feedback from the public during the listening sessions and more than four million comments received on the proposed rule. The final rule is expected to be issued this summer.
- Clean Water Rule. EPA is attempting to clarify the jurisdictional waters role between the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The final rule is expected to be issued this summer.

Lead legacy sites in southeast Missouri remain a priority to EPA Region 7. They will continue to pursue cleanups and taking actions to address the issues that they recognize are unique to the region.

Region 7 continues working to improve water quality and exploring creative solutions. They are a voice for small communities and represent the four states at the national level.

### III. Natural Resource Updates and Discussion

- **Enhancing Efficiency and Effectiveness (E3)** (*Todd Sampsell*)
  - E3 will result in more efficient practices being used throughout the department.
  - The goal is to provide better and faster services without losing effectiveness and reducing environmental protection.
  - Participants were encouraged to think about ways they interact with the department and to suggest possible improvements.
  
- **DNR Strategic Framework** (*Andrea Balkenbush*)
  - The Strategic Framework is an outline of the department's broader Strategic Plan.
  - Past plans were prepared in silos based on media or division; however, the new plan will be a more holistic approach and will include priority focus areas for the next five years including: Our Missouri Waters, Comprehensive State Water Plan, Community Services, Youth Education, Compliance Assistance, Enhanced Efficiency and Effectiveness (E3), Restoration of Natural Resources and Climate Reliability.
  - The department's Mission Statement has also been revised.
  
- **Our Missouri Waters** (*Jennifer Hoggatt*)
  - This is a framework that allows the department to engage locals in assessing their watershed needs.
  - It brings partners to the table to pool their resources to best address the needs of a watershed.
  - Each watershed will have a Healthy Watershed Plan (general; not 9-element).
  - The department is working with the Regional Planning Commissions and Missouri Association of Councils of Government to establish 20 Local Watershed Advisory Committees to discuss the needs and priorities of each watershed.
  - The department recognizes that doing watershed planning at a local level can be difficult under the current guidance.
  - The Spring River Watershed Management Plan (page 116) was discussed as an example of how groups can use a document to identify a portion of the work they may be able to provide in addressing issues within a particular watershed. The plan can be found at: <http://www.hstcc.org/#!/spring-river-watershed/c1bx7>.
  - Additional information on Our Missouri Waters can be found at: <http://www.dnr.missouri.gov/omwi.htm>.
  
- **Comprehensive State Water Plan** (*Todd Sampsell*)

- The department is statutorily charged with maintaining and implementing a comprehensive water plan and the last plan was developed in 2002.
- The revision effort will be led by the department's Missouri Geologic Survey and will include the public, an inter-agency task force, and members of the water related commissions.
- The process will evaluate the state's water needs, available resources, uses, current demand, current supply, and potential solutions to help the state avoid water future shortages.
- This will be an 18-36 month planning effort and the department is researching the plans of several other states.
- CDM Smith has developed comprehensive plans for some surrounding states and they will serve as a consultant for Missouri's efforts.
- Damon Hall, Ph. D with St. Louis University attended and explained his experience in working with states seeking to engage citizens in water resource issues. He believes Missouri's stakeholder engagement approach to water planning and plan development is valuable and something many other states are not currently doing.
- **Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax Efforts** (*Dave Murphy and Steve Mahfood*)
  - The citizens committee is beginning its renewal effort and could use assistance.
  - This tax is shared between the department's division of state parks and the soil and water conservation program.
  - There will be a push to educate the public on the benefits of the tax including the ability to visit our state parks at no cost and the cost-share program available to landowners.

#### **IV. Legislative Updates** (*Mary Mulhearn*)

- House Select Committee on Agriculture is chaired by Rep. Reiboldt
- House Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment is Rep. Rocky Miller.
- House Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources is Rep. Sonya Anderson
- Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment is Senator Mike Kehoe.
- Senate Bill 476, sponsored by Senator Kehoe, creates a framework to allow the department to establish a fee structure for permitting and regulating oil and gas activities in Missouri.
- Bills filed by Rep. Rocky Miller (House Bill 92) and Sen. Mike Kehoe (Senate Bill 285) to revise Missouri's statutory definition of waters of the state. There is some concern that this may reduce the department's authority to regulate waters in the state essentially giving additional authority to the US Environmental Protection Agency.
- Senate Bill 142, sponsored by Senator Romine, would require the department to produce an Implementation Impact Report when submitting plans to the EPA pursuant to the Clean Air Act or the Clean Water Act.

- Additional information on the department's role in the Clean Power Plan and 111(d) can be found at: <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/apcp/airadvisory/apcpstakeholder.htm>.
- House Bill 955, sponsored by Representative Ross, attempts to codify water riparian rights law. The bill also protects nuisance actions if an entity is operating with a permit or under an order issued by the department or the Attorney General's Office. Finally, the bill includes a provision that would prohibit state agencies from engaging in mitigation activities.

#### **V. Roundtable Updates by Participants**

- James River Basin Partnership is holding a River Rescue cleanup event on June 6 and a River Jam on the Springfield square on June 13. –Joe Pitts
- Table Rock Lake Water Quality completed a 319 project to repave the parking lot at the Kimberling City Shopping Center with pervious pavers. –Dave Casaletto
- Table Rock Lake Shoreline cleanup is April 4.
- June 2 is the Connecting Families with Nature event in Branson.
- The Nature Conservancy (TNC) will have prairie chicken viewing opportunities starting in the next few weeks. –Steve Mahfood
- TNC continues its Water Matters partnership with Channel 9.
- Springfield continues preparing its Integrated Plan taking a holistic look at the city's air, land and water investment needs to ensure they are making the most of their resources. –Mike Kromrey
- Deer Creek Watershed Alliance is looking to improve Best Management Practices and continues working with Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District on a bank stabilization project. –Karla Wilson
- Deer Creek Watershed Alliance is working on demonstration projects to reach landowners in the tributary.
- The Lake Ozark Watershed Alliance (LOWA) recently completed a successful 319 project. –Donna Swall
- LOWA is building floating wetlands to remove nutrients from the Lake and noted that 11 miles of the water trail have been completed on the Niangua.
- LOWA will host a Lakeside cleanup on April 2 and a Household Hazardous Waste pick-up day on April 22.
- Missouri Parks Association is following House Bill 1344 that would stop development on Camp Zoe and will participate in Conservation Day at the Capitol on April 2. –Deb Schnack
- Missouri Parks and Recreation Association encouraged participants to go to their new website, [visitmissouritrails.com](http://visitmissouritrails.com), to learn more about the thousands of miles of trails in the state. –Jan Neitzert
- The Missouri Coalition for the Environment is completing a 319 watershed project. –Heather Navarro
- The Coalition will host a Beer4Water day on April 4 in the St. Louis area and the Clean Energy Coalition will be at the state capitol on April 22.
- The Sierra Club encouraged participants to attend a forum on EPA's coal ash rules on March 31. –John Hickey