

Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup Meeting - Minutes

August 22, 2022 2:00 pm

Virtual MS Teams Meeting

Workgroup Member Attendance:

Alicia Jacobs, Kentucky Division of Water (DOW), Co-Chair

Amy Stoffer, NKWD/KY-TN AWWA, Co-Chair

Greg Heitzman, Bluewater Kentucky

Jennifer Burt, Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH)

Mike Gardner, Bowling Green Municipal Utilities (BGMU)

Justin Sensabaugh, Kentucky American Water Company

Brad Montgomery, CDM Smith

Tom Rockaway, University of Louisville

Jacob Northington, Paducah Water Works

Emily Fritz, Louisville Water Co. (LWC)

Absent Workgroup Members:

Obe Cox, Carroll County Water District

Sarah Jon Gaddis, DOW

Other Attendees:

Carey Johnson, EEC

Russell Neal, EEC

Carole Catalfo, EEC

Julia Harrod, EEC

Benjamin Hamm, GWADD

Amber Agee, DPH

Robin Kinney, KY Department of Education

Scott Young, KRWA

Roy Gray, RCAP

Maggie Mahan, RCAP

Kay Sanborn, KY-TN AWWA

Donna McNeil, KY Water Resources Research
Institute

Spencer Bruce, LWC

Peter Goodmann, LWC

Jordan Basham, LWC

James Bates, LWC

Barry Miller, NKWD

Johnathan Moor, NKWD

Mary Carol Wagner, NKWD

Lindsey Rehtin, NKWD

Dustin Horn, Lebanon Water

Daren Thompson, Lebanon Water

Doug Kimbler, BGMU

Christy Twyman, BGMU

David Billings, Frankfort Plant Board

Sharmista Dutta, Frankfort Plant Board

Rusty Anderson, TerraGraphics

Katie Umberg, Arcadis

Ameerah Palacios, HDR

Mary Austin, Clark Dietz

Minutes from 9 May, 2022: motion to approve by Brad Montgomery; seconded by Greg Heitzman; approved by all with revision that Brad Montgomery is the chair of the corrosion control treatment subgroup.

Small System subgroup updates (Maggie Mahan)

- Drafted a letter to small systems, but put on hold pending review of new EPA guidance on LSL Inventories.

- Contributed to the funding options fact sheet spearheaded by funding/finance subgroup
- Next meeting 9/6/22

Funding/Finance subgroup updates and discussion (Jordan Basham)

- Reported on letter of recommendations sent to the committee (attached with these minutes)
- Discussion about whether principal forgiveness could be granted on a project basis, rather than on a utility basis (principal forgiveness for individual projects, not for entire utility's SRF loan)
- Discussion about a maximum allotment of \$2.5 million for a LSL project. Intent of the letter is that there could be a \$5 million project, and \$2.5 million would be the maximum that could qualify for principal forgiveness. For any projects that exceed \$5 million in cost: principal forgiveness of 49% would only be available if there are extra principle forgiveness funds available after all other loans/projects have been decided.
- Need for a funding priority for LSL inventory projects in the DWSRF lead allotment prioritization document.
- Funding subgroup would like to have a focused discussion with Sandy Williams at KIA, and Russell Neal and Jory Becker from WIB.

Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) and Replacement sub-group (Elizabeth Dowling)

- Group developed a framework for water systems to submit ideas/plans for their LSL Inventory and have them pre-reviewed by DOW; this was sent out to systems last Wednesday in DW Wed.
- The LSL Inventory template has been updated based on EPA guidance; sent to entire workgroup for review after the meeting. Request that any comments be returned to DOW by September 1.
- Future steps:
 - Replacement plan guidance and template
 - Case studies: what water systems are doing, what they've learned re: LSL inventory and replacement so far. Will record videos or create a written document to distribute statewide.
 - Customer communications guidance
 - Investigate service line identification emerging technologies
- Next meeting: September 29

Next Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup meeting: October 31, 2:00 pm

The meeting will be virtual via Zoom videoconference.