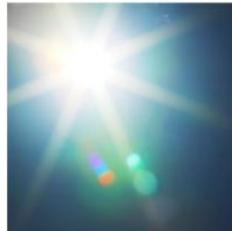


New River PCB TMDL Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Radford Public Library

Role of the Technical Advisory Group & Public
Participation

May 26, 2016





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Goals

- Advise the development of the PCB TMDL.
- Represent New River stakeholders.
- Collaboratively contribute to recommendations for effluent levels and other plan elements that are in the best interests of the Commonwealth as a whole.



Guidelines for Discussion

- Listen actively with an open mind.
- Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing.
- Be respectful and focus on the issue or the idea, not the speaker.
- Be concise. Weigh in with new or different information to share *after* everyone else has had an opportunity to speak.
- Simply note your agreement with what someone else has said if you feel that it is important to do so; it is not necessary to *repeat* it.
- Present options and alternatives at the same time you present the problems you see.
- Be courteous— don't interrupt.
- Stay positive; a negative attitude hinders the group's ability to reach agreement.



Public Participation

- The public is invited to observe the proceedings.
- Attendees not on the TAC are encouraged to work with TAC members that have common interests to ensure their concerns are heard.
- Interruptions will not be tolerated
- Please turn off all devices; take or make all calls outside the room.
- Take all conversations outside—no sidebars please!
- Comments in writing to staff.

Records

- Public notice for the TMDL under the State Water Control Law when:
 - TMDL or TMDL implementation plan (IP) development process is beginning
 - Draft TMDL or IP report or modification has been prepared and is ready for review and comment
 - Priority schedule for TMDL alternatives has been prepared
 - An advisory group meets



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Recording

- Notification of intent to record, photograph or film must be stated before the start of the meeting.
- The individual filming must sit or stand at the side or back of the room to ensure minimal disruption or inconvenience to other participants.
- Using the recording for commercial purposes without explicit consent from the filmed party is strictly prohibited and subject to legal ramification.



FOIA

- Meeting:
 - Any three or more members of a public body formally or informally discussing public business, or any subcommittee of that body.
- Meetings require:
 - Public notice
 - Open to the public
 - Minutes



FOIA: email precautions

- Do not “reply all”!!!
 - Reply only to the sender (DEQ staff)
 - Use staff to send information to the group
- DO NOT REPLY ALL

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