

**SUFFOLK COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL AND WETLANDS MANAGEMENT  
LONG TERM PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
2/10/03**

**Draft Minutes**

The meeting began at 10:15 with introductory remarks by Walter Dawydiak. Mr. Dawydiak provided a short PowerPoint presentation discussing the program, and how the budget grew to \$4.5 million. The increase was due primarily to requests made by various agencies for additional work, as was explained in the Scoping report.

Baykeeper Kevin McAllister and CAC representative Adrienne Esposito asked why they did not receive e-mail notification of the meeting. Bob Nuzzi indicated that he thought they had been notified, and apologized. If they had not been notified, it was an oversight.

Mr. Dawydiak indicated that a question had been raised as to whether the TAC should be involved in determining what cuts should be made if the Legislature refused to fund the entire project as it currently stands. Craig Kessler and Jack Mattice agreed that the TAC should have input, but only insofar as it can comment on the technical aspects of the proposed studies. Mattice indicated that the TAC should comment on the subcontracts and provide advice and recommendations, but should not make the decision as to whether or not they should be included. The TAC should not set program priorities as doing so might affect its objectivity.

Mr. Ninivaggi indicated that the TAC is strictly an advisory committee, that decisions are made by the Steering Committee, and ultimately by the County as it is a County project, supported by County funds.

Adrienne Esposito questioned how the positions in the County Departments of Health and Vector Control would be supported after the completion of the program. Walt Dawydiak indicated that it would require the reallocation of funds through operating budget, grant, ¼% funds, etc.

| The CAC was moved to become a voting member per request of Kevin McAllister and Adrienne Esposito. After discussion of the question raised by Sheldon Reavon concerning the need for technical expertise, it was indicated that Kevin McAllister would be the CAC representative. The motion was voted on and passed.

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Charles DeQuillfeldt asked if the Estuary Programs on Long Island were represented on the TAC. They are not currently, but will be asked to provide representation. Cornelia Schlenck, South Shore Estuary Program TAC Chairperson was suggested as a potential candidate from the SSER, and the EPA representative for the Peconic Estuary Program as the candidate from that program. Larry Swanson and/or Mark Tedesco will be consulted for a Long Island Sound Study candidate.

Jack Mattice noted that Dr. Dave Conover was named as the new Dean of the SUNY/Stony Brook Marine Sciences Institute. Dr. Conover will replace former Dean, Dr. Marvin Geller, as the TAC representative. Mark Maghini noted that Constantine Dillon was no longer the Park Superintendent. Bob Nuzzi indicated that Dillon's name would be replaced when the new Superintendent is named.

Walt Dawydiak moved to accept the bylaws as written. Emerson Hasbrouck suggested amending Section 1 of the bylaws to differentiate between voting and non-voting members. In response to a question from Jack Mattice, Walt Dawydiak indicated that each organization represented on the TAC will have only one vote and that one individual from each organization will be named as the voting member. In the absence of the voting member, that individual may delegate a representative.

Jack Mattice noted that there was no description of the Vice-Chair responsibilities. Can the V-C, for instance, be appointed by the Chair to preside in his/her absence? Also, will the Chair be expected to attend Steering Committee meetings? Walt Dawydiak answered in the affirmative to both.

Jack Mattice noted that the first bullet on the bottom of Page 2, "A" TAC Chairperson, should read "The" TAC Chairperson.

Mattice asked if it would be necessary for people who have a conflict on an issue to leave the room. Dewitt Davies noted that it would be difficult to legally determine conflict and that the difference between bias and conflict would have to be explained. Dominick Ninivaggi suggested that such a rule might mean he would rarely be in attendance. It was decided to table this matter until the SCDHS could investigate the legal considerations.

Jack Mattice inquired as to whether there was a budget to bring experts to the TAC. Dawydiak indicated there was, but it was the Health Department's responsibility to do so, not the TAC's.

Walt Dawydiak made a motion to adopt the bylaws as amended pursuant to the above suggestions and comments. The motion, seconded by Dewitt Davies, passed unanimously.

Dewitt Davies nominated Jack Mattice to serve as TAC Chair. The nomination was accepted by Mattice, and seconded by Sheldon Reavon. Kevin McAllister nominated John Pavacic, who declined, explaining that his agency, the NYSDEC, is not a voting member of the TAC.

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A motion by Walter Dawydiak to elect Jack Mattice as TAC Chair, seconded by Dominick Ninivaggi, passed unanimously.

As no one offered a nomination for Vice Chair, it was decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

It was suggested that the establishment of work groups (subcommittees) for specific items of interest should be one of the first tasks undertaken by the TAC at its next meeting. The idea of holding the TAC meetings in the morning, to be followed by subcommittee meetings in the afternoon, received approval.

Jack Mattice, as Chairperson Elect, suggested for the sake of continuity that Walter Dawydiak continue to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Dawydiak asked if the TAC was in conceptual agreement with add-ons to the program developed from the scoping report. Jack Mattice indicated that he did not come prepared to make a decision like this and, he also did not have prior written notice of this decision item as is required by the bylaws.

Susan Antepan indicated that the additions reflected the entire scoping process, not just the people in this room who may support the program. She noted that the Nature Conservancy feared the Legislature might make arbitrary cuts to the program and she wanted to provide general support and endorsement of the amended program as reflected in the scoping report.

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Vito Minei asked if it was the consensus of the group that Suffolk County should not do what New York City and Westchester County did in their programs. Adrienne Esposito noted that the Westchester County EIS was not vector control oriented, but was rather a West Nile Virus response plan. It is so different from the Suffolk County plan that it is not a good comparison. Stephen Terraciano voiced support for general consensus.

Minei asked if the TAC agreed that the process followed by the County is appropriate, although individual items might require fine-tuning. Dawydiak asked if the TAC endorsed the product of the scoping.

John Pavacic indicated that the program should remain within the GEIS concept as defined by SEQRA.

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Dawydiak moved for TAC endorsement of the document's conceptual framework and elements, not necessarily of the money involved. He further explained that he was asking for the TAC to endorse the Task 1 Report of the consultant insofar as it endorses the EIS and workplan. The motion, seconded by Ninivaggi and Hasbrouk failed, as there were only 6 in favor with one abstention.

Dawydiak made another motion to endorse the development of a management plan as opposed to just a GEIS, and that the scoping product is an appropriate attempt at developing such a plan. The motion, seconded by Ninivaggi, passed without objection.

Dawydiak indicated that the next meeting would take place in 6-8 weeks, and that the Office of Ecology would make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.