



A clean lake reflects well  
on all of us.

**(final)**  
**ONONDAGA LAKE PARTNERSHIP (OLP)**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Special Meeting**  
**April 13, 2010**

**ATTENDEES**

**Committee Members Present:**

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Daniel B. Snead, District Commander, USACE, Buffalo District (tc)  
Mr. Mario DelVicario, Chief, Community and Ecosystem Protection Branch, USEPA Region 2 (tc)  
Mr. Kenneth Lynch, Regional Director, NYSDEC, Region 7  
Mr. Charles Silver, Environmental Scientist, NYS Office of the Attorney General (tc)  
Mr. David Coburn, Director, Onondaga County Office of the Environment  
Mr. Andrew Maxwell, Director of Planning and Sustainability, City of Syracuse

**Others In Attendance:**

Mr. Seth Ausubel, USEPA, Region 2 (tc)  
Mr. Chris Dere, USEPA, Region 2 (tc)  
Ms. Julie Zielinski, USACE, Buffalo District (tc)

**Committee Members Absent:**

None

**MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:** The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. at the Region 7 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation office in Syracuse, New York.

**1. OPENING REMARKS:** LTC Snead welcomed everyone to the meeting. This special meeting was convened as a continuation of the previous day's special meeting regarding OLP resolution 2009-6 to allocate USEPA remaining grant funds through September 30, 2012.

**2. MEETING DOCUMENTS:** The only document distributed for discussion at the meeting was revised draft OLP Resolution 2009-6.

**3. DISCUSSION:** Mr. Ausubel explained that the draft resolution before them was the same resolution tabled at their March 30, 2010 meeting with the inclusion of an additional RESOLVED statement adding the Outreach Committee's budget line as a blank for discussion.

Mr. Lynch recommended that the 2010 Outreach Committee budget be left at the proposed amount of \$83k and the remaining funds will be scrutinized by the Partners and re-allocated if necessary. USEPA's funds must be spent by September 30, 2012. Mr. DeVicario recommended a strategy be developed by the Outreach Committee that will be completed by the timeframes identified so that the OLP completes all projects prior to grant expiration.

Mr. Ausubel requested that as the Project Committee reviews all the OLP projects it keeps in mind that the emphasis should be adequately supporting projects related to environmental protection. He advised that the Outreach Committee be directed to revise their strategy to expend funds as a close-out exercise for posterity and with an emphasis on producing products that have a long shelf life. Mr. DeVicario added that USEPA Region 2 has received a strong push to protect human health and safeguard the environment.

LTC Snead asked Mr. DeVicario if USEPA expects any additional funds. Mr. DeVicario responded that they do not at this time but if additional resources are received they may be obligated to other programs and not the OLP. He recommended partnering with other stakeholders to create educational materials with a shelf life beyond FY2012.

Mr. Coburn asked if USACE was authorized to fund the Outreach Committee program. LTC Snead replied he would check into that. Mr. Lynch stated that the Partner agencies themselves have an outreach component to get the word out if the Outreach Committee is not funded beyond FY2010. He recommended coordinating with other non-government agencies (NGOs) for outreach so that public outreach becomes self-sustaining.

Other suggestions for spreading out the remaining funds to last through FY2012 were spending less in 2010 and not continue the mini-grant program in 2011.

Mr. Ausubel stated that USEPA did not expect to see such an expanded outreach program for 2010-11 from the Outreach Committee. Mr. Lynch added that the Partners allow some expansion of the outreach program while tempering the Outreach Committee to pull back some line items to get the most bang for the buck. Clear limitations should be set for both standing committees. Mr. DeVicario stated that the Outreach Committee may have to re-think their program and figure out what needs to be done to maintain the OLP legacy.

Mr. Coburn asked if anyone has asked OEI to revise their budget proposal as it seems high. Mr. Ausubel replied that OEI has very limited room but will ask Dr. Michalenko to re-visit his budget once funds have been approved for the interim. Mr. Coburn added that OEI's budget contains a 3% increase over the next two years when in actuality costs should be winding down.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Project Committee is directed by the Executive Committee to review OLP projects funded by USEPA to ensure completion by September 30, 2012.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Outreach Committee is directed by the Executive Committee to reassess their 2010-11 outreach plan and budget as a close-out exercise to complete tasks and develop a strategy to work with other entities to carry on outreach.

The following Motion was moved by Mr. DelVicario, seconded by Mr. Coburn and was approved unanimously.

**MOTION:** The Executive Committee approves OLP Resolution 2009-6, as amended, and authorizes \$83k for the Outreach Committee program for 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.