



Technical Advisory Committee

In Person

April 28, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Wallers, EEI/MWCOG; Haider Mehdi, IISG; Devin Mannix, ISWS; Mike Pubentz, City of Elgin; Jude Thomas, USGS; Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County; Amy Gahala, USGS; Bob Leible, City of Aurora; Kate Evasic, CMAP; Michele Piotrowski, EEI; Mayor Kaptain, City of Elgin; Andrea Podraza, City of Batavia; Gary Clark (retired ISWS); Jodie Wollnik, Kane County; Bob VanGysghem, City of Geneva; Dean Farr, Izaak Walton League of America; Wei Han, IDNR; Marcellus Anderson, DeKalb County; Margaret Schneemann, IISG; Dan Statkus, Sugar Grove Township Water Authority; Dan Nagel, Sugar Grown Township Water Authority; Dr. Jenna Shelton, ISWS (via Teams); Jeff Freeman, EEI/MWCOG; Angie Smith, EEI (via Teams)

Peter Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Mike Pubentz (City of Elgin) moved to approve the minutes. Amy Gahala (USGS) seconded. Minutes approved.

Presentation: “Data Centers and Water Resources in Illinois”: Scott Kuykendall (McHenry County) presented this information to the group. The presentation can be found on NWPA’s website under Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Materials.

Presentation: “Water Availability for Data Centers”: Dr. Jenna Shelton (ISWS) presented this information to the group. The presentation can be found on NWPA’s website under Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Materials.

Presentation: “Water Issues for Water Utilities”: Michele Piotrowski (EEI) presented this information to the group. The presentation can be found on NWPA’s website under Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Materials.

Sensible Salting Committee (SSC) (Update): Scott Kuykendall (McHenry County) No updates.

Library Exhibit Committee (Update): Haider Mehdi (IISG) reported on the subcommittee’s meeting from the previous week. The draft panels have been reviewed by Walt Kelly, Natalie Karney, and the Communication Team at CMAP. The subcommittee will be setting up regular working meetings with the library staff.

CMAP (Update): Kate Evasic (CMAP) shared information about their upcoming event next Wednesday at Brookfield Zoo.



IISG (Update): Margaret Schneemann (IISG) no other updates to report.

ISAWWA (Update): Michele Piotrowski (EEI/ISAWWA) no updates to report.

ISWS (Update): Devin Mannix (ISWS) reported that the Kane County Shallow Groundwater Report is complete. Dan Hadley will be presenting on this at the May TAC meeting.

IDNR (Update): Wei Han (IDNR-OWR) stated he will be attending the CMAP event next week.

USGS (Update): Jude Thomas (USGS) stated that they have purchased a database with the locations of current and future data centers in the nation.

SGTWA (Update): Dan Nagel (SGTWA) no updates to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pending legislation: Pete Wallers (EEI/MWCOG) stated that a lot is going on, so we will continue to monitor the bills.

Other Business:

Scott Kuykendall (McHenry County) shared that their MS4 Lake and McHenry Counties Conference is scheduled for May 15th, either in person or online. The focus will be on green infrastructure and how to successfully implement green infrastructure.

The next meeting will be held on May 26, 2026, via Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Submitted by Angie Smith, EEI