
Date: May 31, 2013

On Wednesday, May 29, the first Water Management Series Workshop was held titled Utility Planning and Asset Management. DuPage Water Commission collaborated with Metropolitan Planning Council, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and MWH Global to create this workshop series that focuses on the importance of conservation and the role it plays in utility management, regulations and ordinances, water use by end users, and revenues.

The first workshop provided an overview of utility planning and asset management and focus on the context of water management operations within the wider supply and demand issues in the region, as well as within other water resource and energy contexts.

Water Preservation Group Member Jenessa Rodriguez presented a background on the Commission and gave an overview of the workshop series. Manager of Operations Terry McGhee spoke about the Key Takeaways for the workshops. Other speakers and topics included:

• Current Water Supply & Demand Issues in NE Illinois and Recommendations for Integrated Water Resources Planning in Lake Zurich- Josh Ellis, Metropolitan Planning Council
• Sustainable Water Utility Planning & Management- Margaret Schneemann, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant
• Asset Management 101- John Wiemhoff, Environmental Protection Agency
• Water-Energy Nexus- Hillary Holmes and Karl Johnson, MWH Global
• A discussion on Internal & External Outreach & Communications Strategies lead by Abby Crisostomo, Metropolitan Planning Council

To view the presentations and other handouts please click here.

Don’t forget to join us for the other three workshops listed below! Please contact Jenessa Rodriguez at rodriguez@dpwc.org or 630-834-0100 to register.

Workshop 2: Regulations and Ordinances
June 26th, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to noon
This workshop will highlight how existing regulations and ordinances hinder or help water management operations and water conservation.

Workshop 3: Indoor and Outdoor Water Use
July 31st, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to noon
This workshop will focus on how water managers can work directly with end users to use water most efficiently.
Workshop 4: Water Rates and Revenue
August 28th, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to noon
This workshop will provide an intensive look into utility revenue options and rate-setting.

See below for pictures from the workshop.

Scott Meyer presenting Analysis of Lake Michigan Water Availability in Illinois

John Wiemhoff presenting Asset Management 101
Karl Johnson and Hillary Holmes presenting Water-Energy Nexus

Abby Crisostomo leading the discussion on Internal & External Outreach & Communications Strategies