

CWC POLICY COMMITTEE

May 5, 2026

MINUTES

Members Present: Shilo Williams, Richard Parete, Tina Molé, Alicia Terry, Innes Kasanof, Christopher Mathews.

Excused: Thomas Snow

- I. Called to Order at 10:07 AM
- II. April 2026 Minutes unanimously approved upon motion of Alicia Terry
- III. FAD presentation

Tim Cox presented a power point presentation describing the history of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the requirements to avoid the 1986 federal filtration mandate, and compared Boston, New York City, and San Francisco water supplies and their individual watershed regulations.

- IV. Election Update

Tim Cox noted that nominations must be received no later than May 15, 2026 from Delaware County watershed town supervisors.

- V. Other

Tim Cox explained that Riverkeeper had filed a legal challenge to the 4th Supplemental Side Agreement and had also given notice to the “defunct” Watershed Protection and Partnership Council (WPPC). CWC is not a defendant in this lawsuit.

Tim continued that he responded to Riverkeeper’s notice to the WPPC that CWC did not consider it defunct. Tim stated that he pointed out that after each CWC Board meeting, CWC gives notice of the funding resolutions to MOA signatories per MOA paragraph

107. Also, per that same MOA paragraph, any signatory can object to a CWC funding decision to the WPPC. Tim concluded in stating that he noted CWC also continues to appoint three members to the WPPC Executive Committee, and three members to the Technical Advisory Committee. Riverkeeper's attorney asked for the current list of appointments, and Tim provided those on the same day.

Pat Palmer (NYSDOH) spoke regarding the schedule proceeding issuance of the 2027 FAD. He said that in June, NYSDOH is meeting with EPA and NYCDEP. Over the summer, NYSDOH also will meet with other stakeholders, including the Watershed Agricultural Council and CWC. Four public meetings for comments are also anticipated to be held in June, including two virtual meetings. A draft FAD is anticipated to be released for a 90-comment period. A final FAD would be issued thereafter.

Pat noted a lot of programs would carry over into the 2027 FAD.

Jason Merwin stated that he received approximately 90 City owned parcels identified by local towns as potential candidates for land swaps. Per the Fourth Side Agreement, this list and a list being developed by NYCDEP are the starting place for discussions on a matter that had been discussed for many years. Jason emphasized that no land swaps were currently approved or in the works.

VI. Next meeting scheduled for Jun 2, 2026

VII. Adjourned at 11:02 am