

SOUTHEAST COMPACT COMMISSION

POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

June 24, 2020

The Policy and Planning Committee was held via a virtual Zoom meeting. Chairman John Lanza called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. A quorum of the Committee was present.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:

John Lanza, Chair
David Walter
Jack Storton
Paul Burks (for Kevin Clark)
Donna Hodges

Steve Harrison, *ex officio*
John Williamson, *ex officio*
Paul Burks, *ex officio*

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Ted Buckner

OTHERS PARTICIPATING:

B.J. Smith
Les Foldesi
David Turberville

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Lanza asked for approval of the minutes of the June 19, 2019 committee meeting.

It was noted that corrections needed to be made to the attendees. Jack Storton made the motion to accept the corrected minutes as corrected.

STAFF REPORT

Ted Buckner, the Executive Director of the Commission, briefed the Committee on the agenda items for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

John Lanza, Chairman of the Policy and Planning Committee led the Committee through a discussion of the following:

Presentation on Activities of the Low-Level Waste Forum's Disused Sources Working Group (DSWG) – Michael Klebe, consultant to the DSWG, noted that small holders of disused sources are not as willing to get those sources to a permanent disposal sight because of the costs involved. The Committee discussed the possibility of using some of the Commission's funds to

provide some financial assistance to those licensees to encourage disposal. The Committee set up an ad hoc group, consisting of Debra Shults, David Turberville and John Williamson, to discuss the issue.

Texas Compact Commission Regional Disposal Facility -Brandon Hurley, Chairman of the Texas Compact Commission, provided an update the status of the operation of the regional disposal facility operated by Waste Control Specialists (WCS). He noted that WCS is operating the facility at an annual loss of \$10 and the site is at risk of closing. He discussed the possible options of alleviating the problem, including having more flexibility in setting disposal rates for the facility. He did not have any specific ideas on what the Southeast Compact can do other than monitor the situation.

Strategic Plan. During the review of the Plan, the Committee discussed the following minor changes:

- Values, 1. - The Committee recommends that the Commission change the language to state that “Each state is responsible for **ensuring access to available** capacity.....
- Goal 1, Objective 1, Action C. - The Committee recommends that the Commission change the language read “(Next update due annual meeting 2022.)”
- Goal 2, Objective 1, Action A. – The Committee recommends deleting “responsible Below Regulatory Concern limits” and replacing it with “very Low-Level Radioactive Waste disposal.”
- Goal 3, Objectives 3. and 7. - The Committee noted that these may need to be changed as the Commission moves ahead with transition planning.
- Goal 4, Objectives 2., Actions C. and D. - The Committee recommends that these be changed to include the Finance Committee to the text of both paragraphs.
- Goal 4, Objectives 3., Actions C. and D. - The Committee recommends that these be changed to read as follows:
 - A. The Finance Committee should receive input from all Commission members in order to prepare the annual Fiscal Year budget by June of each year to carry out the mission of the upcoming year. The Finance Committee will make every effort to involve all Commissioners in the budget preparation to insure transparency in the process.
 - B. The Administrative Committee, after consultation with the Executive Director and Finance Committee, shall submit a proposed annual budget for adoption, or amendment and adoption, to the Commission annually.
- Goal 4, Objectives 2., Action D. - The Committee recommends that these be changed to include the Administrative Committee to the text.

Jack Storton moved that the Committee recommend the suggested changes to the Strategic Plan to the Commission and David Turberville seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Statement on the Management of Low-Level Radioactive Waste. The Committee reviewed the policy and did not recommend any changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.