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DRAFT AGENDA
ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
February 13, 2025

Agency Meeting Thursday, February 13, 2025 at
9:30 am

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FULL AGENCY

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM*

1. Call to Order
2. Welcoming Remarks (John Ernst, Chair)
3. Public Comment

Public comment will be available to members of the public who attend the Agency meeting in person as well as those who attend the meeting remotely. If you would like the opportunity to speak remotely during public comment, please send your name, the phone number you will be using to call into the WebEx (noted above), and the topic on which you will be commenting to AgencyMeeting.PublicComment@apa.ny.gov. Commentators will be limited to no more than three minutes each.

The Agency encourages public comment that will assist us in improving our practices, procedures, and our responsibility to the public. However, to promote fundamental fairness, and in consideration of the substantial time available for written comment, the policy of the Agency is to exclude public comment on matters pending decision until the conclusion of Agency business. This includes: (1) any matter which is before the Agency for action at this meeting; (2) any enforcement case which is before the



Agency; (3) any matter for which an adjudicatory public hearing has been convened. Conduct of the meeting is always at the discretion of the Chair or Committee Chair.

4. Approval of January 9, 2025, Draft Agency Minutes
5. Recusals
6. Motion for Executive Session
7. Executive Director's Report (Barbara Rice)
 - a) 2024 Annual Report
8. Community Spotlight - Town of Waverly (Ernest Witkowski, Supervisor, Town of Waverly)
9. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Agency Chair may serve as a voting member of any of the committees.

10:45 AM – 12:30 PM*

Park Ecology

Zoë Smith (Chair), Benita Law-Diao, Steve Hunt (ESD), Joe Zalewski (DEC)

1. RASS Division Report (Dr. Elizabeth Schuyler, APA)
2. Herbicide Treatment of Invasive Milfoil in the Adirondacks: Assessing Outcomes and Success Metrics (Aaron Ziemann, APA)

For information: Agency staff will provide an overview of post-treatment reports associated with eight Agency-permitted herbicide treatments to control Eurasian watermilfoil, undertaken in 2024. The overview will include: an assessment of pre and post-treatment plant survey data, residual herbicide concentration monitoring, and applicator observations during the treatment process. Staff will also provide an evaluation of each applicant's stated treatment goals, and whether the treatments were successful by those metrics. The presentation will end with a discussion of each applicant's anticipated next steps in ongoing management efforts.



3. Getting My Feet Wet: An Internship Mapping Wetlands with the Adirondack Park Agency (Lydia Harvey, 2024 APA Intern)

For information: As part of her master's project, Lydia Harvey will present her research focusing on mapping deep water marshes in six lakes in the Park during the summer of 2024. Using GIS technology, boat-based surveys, and field data collection, the project focused on the distribution of these critical plant communities. The work provides essential data for the Agency to guide land use planning, monitor ecological changes, and enhance wetland conservation efforts.

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9. Committee Reports

Public Awareness and Communication (Mark Hall)
Park Ecology (Zoë Smith)

10. Interim Reports

Park Policy and Planning (Benita Law-Diao)
Enforcement (Art Lussi)
Economic Affairs (Mark Hall)
Legal Affairs (Art Lussi)
Administration (John Ernst)
Local Government Services (Dan Wilt)
Regulatory Programs (Dan Wilt)
State Land (Ken Lynch)
Local Government Review Board Report (Gerald Delaney, LGRB)

11. Member Comment

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

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