

Meeting Minutes
CRDA South Meadows Committee
100 Columbus Boulevard, 5th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103
Friday, February 13, 2026
10:00am

(The Committee Meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams)

Committee Members Present: Paul Hinsch (Chair); David Robinson (Board Chair)

Committee Members Absent: Scott Murphy; David Jorgensen

Staff Members Present: David Steuber; David Bodendorf; Christopher Shepard

Others Present: Robert Carr, Weston & Sampson; Christopher Lindahl, TRC

1. Call to Order

Paul Hinsch called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Due to the absence of a quorum at the start of the meeting, approval of prior meeting minutes was initially deferred.

2. New Projects

a. Flood Control System Penetration, Encroachment, Abandonment, Engineering, and Permitting Project

David Bodendorf reported that the selection committee determined Weston & Sampson submitted a qualified and responsive proposal and was selected for the project. The firm has been notified and returned a draft agreement with minor comments. Contract execution is anticipated in the coming days.

- Estimated contract cost: approximately \$616,000
- Scope includes engineering, permitting, and full-time construction inspection services
- Construction and deconstruction costs will increase once implementation begins

Following contract execution, coordination meetings will begin with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Flood Commission, and Connecticut DEEP. Previously prepared emergency preparedness and operations/inspection/maintenance plans will be updated and finalized prior to permitting and bidding.

No questions were raised.

b. Solid Waste Closure Plan Revision and Implementation

Chris Shepard provided an update on the RFP issued December 1, 2025 for engineering consulting services to revise the solid waste facility closure plan and prepare plans and specifications for demolition and cleanup.

- Proposal deadline: January 21, 2026
- Multiple proposals received
- Interviews scheduled for late February with three shortlisted firms
- A selection committee has been established

Connecticut DEEP has requested a project timeline. Once a consultant is selected, time will be needed to review existing information, revise the closure plan, and meet with DEEP in the spring prior to formal submission.

3. Coal Pond Discharge Permit Renewal

Chris Shepard reported that Connecticut DEEP reissued the General Permit for Significant Industrial User Discharge to the sanitary sewer in November 2025.

- Application for coverage under the reissued permit is due March 1, 2026
- TRC is preparing the application package

Sampling conducted as part of the renewal identified mercury concentrations exceeding newly lowered permit limits. To address this, staff plans to install additional treatment, likely using granular activated carbon vessels in a temporary treatment system, prior to resuming discharge.

Estimated cost for treatment installation is in the tens of thousands of dollars. Long-term closure plans already include dewatering and removal of coal and ash, which will eliminate the source of mercury.

4. Stormwater General Permit Registration

David Bodendorf reported that the Stormwater Industrial General Permit was also reissued by Connecticut DEEP.

- Application due: April 1, 2026
- Requires revisions to the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and site drawings

Sampling for the final quarter of 2025 has been completed and will be submitted under the existing permit until the new permit is approved.

5. Quorum Determination and Approval of Minutes

David Steuber confirmed for the Committee after conferring with counsel and reviewing the Board resolution that established the Committee, that the Committee is a four-member committee consisting of Mr. Hinsch, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Jorgensen, and Mr. Robinson, and therefore, a quorum of two Committee members is present.

David Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 South Meadows Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Hinsch and approved unanimously.

6. Project Updates

a. S&S Recycling and Demolition Contract

David Bodendorf reported that removal of jet-related equipment is nearing completion. Transformer oil has been removed and disposed of properly, and copper coils have been extracted for recycling.

- Copper recovery estimated at approximately 40,000 lbs.
- Remaining transformer shells will be cut and removed by a demolition contractor
- Work expected to take approximately four days once mobilized

Minor cleanup items will be completed in the spring when site conditions improve.

b. Security Fencing

David Bodendorf Installation of new perimeter security fencing is substantially complete, including fencing along the flood protection system and beneath the Charter Oak Bridge.

- Two gates remain to be installed, fabrication underway
- Some delay due to weather
- Installation expected in the next several weeks

d. Verification Report

Chris Shepard reviewed the status of the Site Verification Report submitted to Connecticut DEEP in May 2025, confirming remediation to industrial/commercial standards.

DEEP is auditing the report with a focus on PFAS. Additional PFAS sampling conducted during coal pond permit renewal showed detections below established drinking water standards.

TRC is preparing supplemental communication to DEEP to support the ongoing audit review.

7. Other Committee Business

David Bodendorf provided an update on coordination with Eversource regarding grid interconnection and ongoing decommissioning and demolition planning.

- Maintaining electrical service is critical for security, pumping, and aviation lighting
- Eversource may install an alternate power source if it aligns with their project needs
- No anticipated negative impacts to site operations

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by David Robinson and seconded by Paul Hirsch. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

These minutes are draft and subject to approval at the next meeting.

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