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Meeting Minutes
CRDA South Meadows Committee
100 Columbus Boulevard, 5th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103
Friday, June 12, 2026
10:00 a.m.
(The Committee Meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams)

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

Committee Members Absent: Dave Jorgensen

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

Others Present: Bob Carr, Weston & Sampson

1. Call to Order

Paul Hinsch called the meeting to order at approximately 10:04 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

David Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2026 South Meadows Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Hinsch and approved unanimously.

3. Project Updates

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

David Bodendorf reported that the underground utility survey, drone flyover, and ground survey activities have been completed. Hazardous building materials sampling for the screen houses was also performed. Survey data is being compiled to support design and permitting efforts. Several anomalous utility readings were identified and will require test pits to verify underground conditions. Applications are being prepared for approvals associated with environmental land use restrictions and U.S. Army Corps requirements. Staff also discussed inspection of the historic intake and discharge tunnels, management of contaminated tunnel water, and potential coordination with ongoing coal pond mercury treatment efforts.

b. Solid Waste Closure Plan Revision and Implementation

Christopher Shepard reported that CRDA and TRC have executed the contract for the Solid Waste Closure Plan update and implementation. TRC has been authorized to proceed and is reviewing existing site conditions and the original closure strategy. A kickoff meeting is anticipated in June, and discussions with Connecticut DEEP will be initiated regarding revisions necessary to support eventual demolition of site structures.

c. Coal Pond Discharge Permit Renewal

Mr. Shepard reported that TRC collected water samples for a mercury treatment bench-scale study that will be used to design the treatment system and size equipment. Clean Harbors also completed cleaning and sediment removal from the neutralization basin to improve future discharge operations.

d. S&S Recycling and Demolition Contract

Mr. Bodendorf reported that JFS returned to the site and completed additional scrap metal and debris removal and repaired disturbed vegetated areas. S&S still plans to return to remove remaining transformer shells and complete final cleanup activities, but its schedule has been delayed due to work on another project.

e. Stormwater Discharge Permit Renewal

Mr. Bodendorf reported that the permit application remains under review. Staff continues to comply with permit requirements and is coordinating required sampling and analysis under the renewed permit conditions.

f. Dead Tree Removal

Mr. Bodendorf reported that approximately eight dead ash trees near the site security fence are scheduled for removal to prevent damage to fencing and avoid potential disturbance of environmentally controlled areas. The estimated cost of the work is approximately $23,000. Tree contractors are expected to perform the work within the coming months.

g. Historical South Meadows Remediation Update

Mr. Shepard reported that Eversource has requested a temporary release from environmental land use restrictions to perform geotechnical borings associated with a future transmission tower replacement project. He also provided an update on Connecticut DEEP's audit of the May 2025 Verification Report. DEEP has requested additional PFAS-related groundwater and soil sampling to further demonstrate the absence of PFAS sources on the property. TRC is developing the sampling program and remains responsible for the associated investigation costs under the existing remediation agreement.

4. Other Committee Business

Staff reviewed the South Meadows financial status and expenditure tracking. Committee members discussed current project expenses, including vegetation management, utility costs, site maintenance, environmental consulting services, and temporary technical support staff. Staff reported that project activities and expenditures remain generally consistent with expectations and that no significant unforeseen issues have been encountered to date. Interest earnings continue to help offset ongoing costs.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2026.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Murphy and Seconded by David Robinson. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:36 a.m.

These minutes are draft and subject to approval at the next meeting of the South Meadows Committee.