

Lead Service Line Planning Task Force
Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 2:02 p.m. by Kenley Farmer, appointed Chair.

I. Roll Call of Task Force Members

- Kenley Farmer, designee for Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)
- Maureen Schmelling, designee for DC Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)
- Stephen Varga, designee for District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- Matthew Nestopoulos, designee for Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)
- Randy Speck, public representative appointed by Council
- Valerie Baron, public representative appointed by Council

II. Adoption of Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agenda

The agenda has been adopted, and meeting minutes from the 12/23/2021 meeting will be adopted via email.

III. Review of Plan Timelines

Draft report due April 23, 2022.

IV. Update on the Identification of Lead Service Line Replacements Experts

- Randy Speck: more difficult than anticipated, Valerie Baron and Randy Speck will work on it.
- This will be a standing agenda item

V. Review of Infrastructure Bill

- The Build Back Better Plan was a legislative framework proposed by President Biden prior to his inauguration comprised of three parts, showing the relevant items related to drinking water and lead:
 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):
 - (1) \$65 billion slated for FY21-FY24, provided to cities/states/territories based on population
 - (2) Key goals to pursue transformative policy initiatives and fill critical budget gaps.

- (3) To date, the District received nearly \$3.3 billion, split into capital investment and specific recovery grants.
 - (4) \$30 million for lead service line replacements over the next three years, distributed and determined by DOEE.
- American Jobs Plan (AJP)
 - (1) Signed into law as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) November 15, 2021
 - (2) Investment of \$1.2 trillion over 10 years - \$284 billion for surface transportation and \$268 billion for all other critical infrastructure needs.
 - (3) FY22 allotments for drinking and clean water state revolving funds (SRFs).
 - (4) Infrastructure Bill allocates \$143.3 million for lead service line replacements over the next five years, for public and private side costs.
- American Families Plan (AFP).
- DC Water's Lead Free DC Plan
 - DC Water's plan to replace all lead service lines in the District by 2030.
 - Estimated to cost \$1.1 billion
 - DC Water has committed \$628.8 million to this work

VI. Review of Third-Party Cost Study

- Valerie Baron noted that DC Water's estimate for the Lead Free DC Plan of a billion seem high, a report created by an expert engineer with knowledge of the water sector, which had a mean estimate \$142 million and a high estimate of \$228 million. Points of disconnection include using numbers from emergency as a basis for estimates, not taking into account that over time efficiencies are gained, and the numbers drop.
- Valerie Baron will circulate her testimony from June.

VII. Review of Task Force Work Plan and Subcommittee Assignments

- Valerie Baron requested to be added to the funding subcommittee.

- Randy Speck and Valerie Baron will be each other's proxy on the subcommittees.
- Subcommittees will meet outside of task force meetings and report to the public forum meetings:
 - Review of DC Water Plan – Thursday 1/13 2-3 pm
 - Interagency Coordination Friday 1/14 3-4 pm
- Each subcommittee to report back on January 20, 2022.

VIII. Action Items and Future Agenda Items

Action Items

- Randy Speck will:
 - Continue to identify lead service line replacement expert(s) that can join one of the task force meetings to talk about their experience.
 - Share the public notice and other relevant materials with ANCs.
- Valerie Baron will:
 - Receive confirmation from Council if the plan for the removal and replacement of all lead water service lines in the District by 2030 can include protective measures of recommendations that will aid in the protection against lead in drinking water.
 - Provide a prospective plan of action based on proposed budget.
- Marueen Schmelling will:
 - Define in writing how lead service lines are identified in the District.
- Task Force members will:
 - Continue to identify District agencies that can aid in the development of the lead service line plan to the Council.
 - Share related documents (memo of agreement, studies, etc.) to help with the formulation of the plan via the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force Box.com account.

Future Agenda Items

- Summary of Revised Lead and Copper Rule
- Finalize the Guiding Principles
- Public Input

Proposed Agenda for 1/20/22

1. Roll Call of Task Force Members
2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agenda
3. Report from Subcommittees
4. Action Items and Future Agenda Items