

Ground Water GWPC Protection Council

RESOLUTION 06-2 REGARDING THE CRATION OF A JOINT GWPC-ASIWPCA STATE GROUND WATER / SURFACE WATER ISSUES WORKGROUP

WHEREAS, the members of the Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) include the state ground water program managers and the members of the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators (ASIWPCA) include the state surface water program managers that share interest in the quality of waters of the nation; and

WHEREAS, there are members of both organizations, in some cases common individual members, whose responsibilities within their state agencies include oversight of both ground water and surface water related programs and initiatives (e.g. septics, stormwater, wetlands, animal agriculture, monitoring, watersheds, coastal issues, and source water); and

WHEREAS, a joint workgroup would enable both organizations to expand the pool of expertise that is needed to address the necessary connections between the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA); and

WHEREAS, a joint workgroup will enable better understanding of the roles of the two organizations; and

WHEREAS, a joint workgroup would enable the organizations to work holistically to protect water resources as a single resource (a three dimensional watershed);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GWPC Board of Directors supports the creation of a joint GWPC-ASIWPCA State Ground Water/Surface Water Issues Workgroup (Joint Workgroup) that is neither solely under the GWPC or ASIWPCA, but made up of equal numbers of members appointed by each of the organizations' Presidents for a one-year term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint workgroup should investigate potential projects and products that would support each organization's mission and be used by both organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GWPC Board of Directors encourages the ASIWPCA Board of Directors to also support the establishment of this Joint Workgroup.

Passed by the GWPC Board of Directors, October 4th, 2006



Michel J. Paque, Secretary