

Presentation & Public Hearing

New Jersey's Water Infrastructure: When Success Is the Only Option

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Public Hearing Room
401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey

Purpose of the Hearing

The Clean Water and Water Supply Advisory Councils of New Jersey jointly seek public testimony on an issue critical to both environmental protection and economic vitality – water infrastructure management and financing, specifically the issues of asset management, accounting and responsibility. The purpose of the hearing is for public testimony on the array of issues associated with improving asset management of water infrastructure throughout New Jersey.

AGENDA

- 9:00 **Welcome and Introductions** - Jessica Sanchez & Neil Goldfine, Chairs
- 9:10 **Opening Remarks and Presentation: NJ Program for Asset Management**
- Bob Martin, NJDEP Commissioner
- 9:40 **Approaches for Asset Management** – Steve Allbee, Project Director,
Gap Analysis, Municipal Support Division, USEPA
- 10:10 **Making it work** - Dennis Doll, President & CEO, Middlesex Water Company

Brief Q & A [No public testimony taken at this time]

Break

11:00 Public Testimony

Specifically the Council seeks input and reaction to the following questions:

- ♦ *What standards of performance should apply to asset management?*
- ♦ *Who should be responsible for compiling, releasing and publicizing assessments?*
- ♦ *How should we recognize and reward successful utilities for doing a good job?*
- ♦ *How should we facilitate improvements for utilities that are doing a poor job?*
- ♦ *How should NJ assure sufficient funding and budgeting for proper asset management?*
- ♦ *How do we convince the public to support these actions?*

End of Public Testimony – 1:00 or end of testimony, if earlier

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Process

The members of the Clean Water Council and Water Supply Advisory Council welcome your participation and public testimony on this important topic. Please note that there will be an opportunity following the final presentation and before a programmed Break for the audience to ask questions on the substance of the presentations. The hearing will re-convene 11:00 a.m., at which time public testimony will be heard. **All speakers are asked to identify themselves by name and organization.**

We ask that questions during the Q&A period be confined to the substance of the presentations, with declarations and opinions reserved until the hearing reconvenes for public testimony. **A 5-minute time limit for testimony will be strictly enforced.** If time permits at the end of the public hearing, additional testimony may be heard at the discretion of the chairs.

The submission of detailed written comments is strongly encouraged to augment testimony and will be accepted until December 31, 2011. Testimony should be addressed to *Joint Public Hearing on Infrastructure 2011, and mailed c/o* NJ DEP, Division of Water Quality, Mail Code 401-03D, Geraldine Skrajewski, 401 E. State St., PO Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420; emailed to geraldine.skrajewski@dep.state.nj.us, or sent via fax to 609.341.4518. If submitting via email or CD, the preferred format is Microsoft Word® 2003 or above. Macintosh formats should not be used.

The NJ Water Supply Advisory Council and NJ Clean Water Council thank you for your interest and participation.

| NJ Clean Water Council Members | NJ Water Supply Advisory Council Members |
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| Jessica Rittler Sanchez, PhD, Chair – Delaware River Basin Commission | Neil A. Goldfine, PE, PP, Chair - Residential Water Users |
| Pamela Goodwin, Esq., Vice Chair - Public | Ella Filippone, Ph.D., Co-chair - Private Watershed Protection Associations), |
| Daniel J. Van Abs, PhD, PP, 2 nd Vice Chair - Public | Chris Andreasen - Investor-owned Water Company* |
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| George Bakun, PE - Business & Industry* | Pamela J. Carolan, P.E., - Municipal/County Water Utility |
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| Stanley Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – DEP Liaison | Pete Haran - Nursery, Landscape & Irrigation Contractors |
| James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs | William Hutchinson - Municipal/ County Water Co.* |
| Ella Filippone, PhD – General Public (WSAC Liaison) | Norman Nelson, P.E., C.M.E. - Industrial & Commercial Water Users |
| Russell Furnari – Chamber of Commerce | Michael Stachowski - Golf Course Superintendents |
| Amy Goldsmith – General Public | Steven Tambini, P.E. - Investor-owned Water Co.* |
| Anthony McCracken, PP – General Public | |
| L. Mason Neely - League of Municipalities | |
| James Requa, Ed.D. – Dept of Community Affairs | |
| Chris Sturm – General Public* | |
| Anthony Valente – Labor & Industry | |
| Raymond Zabihach, PP – NJ Assoc. of Counties | |

* Appointment pending