



## **NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 12, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.**

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Start of meeting- 10:03 am

Council Members: Ashley Kerr, Gary Brune, Jim Cosgrove, David Kovach, Sandra Howland, Russ Furnari, Maria Connolly, Harry Wozunk, Mark Wadiak, Vincent Monaco, Amy Goldsmith, Pamela Goodwin, Maryanna Holden

Members of the Public: Bree Callahan, Ryann Reagan

NJDEP: John Gray and Jennifer Feltis Cortese

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- December 8, 2020- Motion Jim Cosgrove, second by Vincent Monaco, approved.

#### **DEP UPDATES**

Program updates provided by Jennifer Feltis Cortese

- Water Bank Update:
  - The Water Bank had an outstanding month in December with staff from Municipal Finance and Construction approving 61 requisitions and setting a new record total of \$101 million. The program also closed on almost \$153 million in new short term loan funding for 11 projects, bringing the total closing thus far for this Fiscal Year to \$431 Million. This amount puts us on pace to exceed the old record of \$711 million for the year. From July to December 2020, the program closed on 58 clean water projects for \$370 million and five drinking water projects for \$61 million (for the total above \$431 million).
  - The NJ Water Bank has issued more than \$7.4 billion in low-interest long term loans and has an additional \$1.48 billion in short-term construction loans outstanding.
  - New Jersey's ratepayers have saved an estimated \$2.7 billion in interest costs and through Principal Forgiveness loans.
  - It is estimated that loan spending has generated over 140,000 direct construction jobs throughout the State.
- The CSO program meet with the City of Elizabeth and with North Bergen MUA- Woodcliff/ Town of Guttenberg to discuss their LTCPs and go over any comments or questions.
- Other: John Gray let the Council know that he will be leaving his position at DEP and thanked them for their support. Several council members returned the sentiment and thanked John for his assistance with the Council and wished him well.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2020 Public Hearing Discussion
  - Confirmed Speakers include DEP's Acting Commissioner Shawn LaTourette, Virginia Wong from EPA Region 2 and Meg Parish and one of her scientists from Colorado.
  - Logistics
    - Teams meeting link has been posted to the Clean Water Council website, but CWC members will be sent a meeting request with the link.
    - Please be prepared to sign on a little early in case there are more than 250 people.
    - We will be able to mute people as needed, but we hope that members of the Council will turn on their cameras and be introduced as well as listening to those who testify.
  - Other
    - Jennifer will provide information for Tony's introduction including speaker bios, where to find emails for presenters if you have questions, and that the meeting will be recorded.
    - Jennifer will also develop an opening screen for the meeting with information on how to let us know you want to testify, please remain on mute, and that the meeting is being recorded.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Scheduled Council Meeting – February 9, 2021

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Jim Cosgrove, Second Amy Goldsmith, Adjourned.