

New Jersey Clean Water Council

June 14, 2016

Location:

NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 4, Suite 216, Lawrenceville, NJ

<b>Members Present:</b>	
George Bakun – NJ Business & Industry Jim Cosgrove – NJ Society of PEs Dan Van Abs – General Public Stan Cach – NJ Dept. Environmental of Protection G. Christian Andreasen, Jr. - NJWSAC James Requa – NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Max Brekke (Chris Sturm)– General Public	Russ Furnari – NJ Chamber of Commerce Anthony McCracken- General Public Gina A. Berg – NJ Association of Counties Mary Anna Holden - NJBPU Jessica Sanchez – DRBC Anthony Valente – Dept. of Labor
<b>Others:</b> Helen Heinrich – NJCWC Advisor Maria Zazzera- NJBPU Greg Fisher – NJEIT	<b>NJDEP Staff:</b> Michele Putnam-Director, NJDEP, Division of Water Quality, (DWQ) Breana Whittaker- NJDEP, DWQ Tracy Omrod – NJDEP, DWQ Melisse Carasia-Auriti – DWQ., Section Chief, Bur. of Surface Water Permitting Ben Manhas – Bureau of Surface Water Permitting James Murphy – DWQ., Bureau Chief, Bureau of Non-Point Pollution Control Jaime Gray – Water Resources Management Mark Theiler – Water Resources Management

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jim Cosgrove at 10:03 AM.

The motion to approve the May 10, 2016 meeting highlights was made by Anthony McCracken and seconded by Gina Berg and was unanimously approved.

**DEP Updates:**

DWQ continues to conduct Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program Outreach to promote the program and increase awareness on the benefits of the program and the diversity of projects that can be funded. Recent outreach activities include speaking at MS4 County Outreach Sessions, Brownfield Meetings and Barnegat Bay Partnership meeting.

DWQ is beginning a series of meetings with Planners and Business Administrators in CSO communities to discuss the CSO permit and opportunities to ensure the Long Term Control Plan aligns with the goals of the city and community. The first meeting is scheduled with Hoboken.

North Hudson Sewerage Authority (NHSa) is the first of the CSO permittees to have their public notification website up and running. The website provides the “real time” data on whether or not the CSO is operating.

The final version of the resource document for CSO permittees on “Forming and Utilizing your Supplemental CSO Team” has been sent to all CSO permittees and posted to the DWQ CSO website.

DWQ in coordination with CCMUA, NHSa, and NJ Future is planning a CSO Permittee Network meeting for late June. The Network would like to bring together permittees and key DEP program (e.g., DWQ Permitting and Financing, Permit Coordination, Green Acres and Land Use) at their next meeting. This meeting is intended increase understanding of funding and permitting challenges facing CSO projects and how they can be addressed; and explain to CSO permittees the extent of internal coordination DEP is undertaking to support them and their projects.

The Bureau of Pretreatment & Residuals hosted a half-day workshop on May 25, 2016 in the Public Hearing Room for the Pretreatment Program stakeholders which consists of the Delegated and non-Delegated Pretreatment Program Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and the Significant Industrial Users (SIUs) that discharge into those sewer systems. The purpose of the workshop was to initiate discussions about the final Guidance Document for Pretreatment Programs During Emergency

Situations. This guidance document was posted on the Bureau's webpage in April 2016, which details emergency planning and implementation measures that STPs and their SIUs should implement before and during emergencies

On May 23, 2016, the Department held a stakeholder meeting to discuss comments previously received during a 60-day public comment period and to solicit additional comments on proposed revisions to the pervious paving systems chapter of the NJ Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual. During the meeting the proposed changes were discussed by NJDEP staff and attendees were able to share their opinions. As a result, the Department will be incorporating some of the suggested changes to the draft chapter, which is expected to be finalized in the near future.

On June 1st the Treatment Works Approval program held informal fact finding discussion with several municipal and treatment plant representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to understand how committed flow is being accounted for locally. It was determined that each facility had their own accounting methods. Based on these conversations DWQ is evaluating the need to revise several TWA reporting forms.

**DWQ Training Opportunities for Staff:**

(a) Stan Cach has developed a curriculum and training program schedule including both monthly in house and onsite training to advance professional growth and development for DWQ staff. Each of the in house training session will last 90 minutes with a site visit to follow. The classroom contact training sessions will include, at a minimum: discuss the wastewater treatment facilities' design, permitted treatment systems, wastewater facilities operation fundamentals, concepts, and the unique attributes of the wastewater infrastructure.

(b) DWQ is launching a cross training program offering employees opportunity to work in another DWQ program for approx. 10 hours a week for 6 months. This program is an investment in the professional development of our staff and will improve the overall internal DWQ communication.

**Old Business:**

Stan stated the NJCWC's Public Members nomination status was proceeding in the Governor's office and that the Council's public members may have been contacted in the follow up process.

The Council discussed the May 31, 2016 draft annual hearing letter to the commissioner. The Department is looking for specific issues. The Council's subcommittee will convene and redraft the letter and then address the issues with the Department. It was anticipated to have the final draft by August 1.

The Reuse Committee Chair reported that his discussion with the Water Supply Advisory Council (WSAC) indicates the WSAC may want to co-sponsor with the NJCWC the upcoming 2017 annual hearing on the topic of Water Reuse.

**New Business:**

Ben Manhas, NJDEP, Bureau of Surface Water Permitting, gave a power point presentation on Beneficial Reuse. The presentation is on the NJCWC's web site:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/cleanwatercouncil/presentations/CWC%206-14-16.pdf>. Discussions focused on the program's and permitting hurdles. The Council thought it might be helpful to know how other states, such as Arizona, California and Florida, handle water reuse. The Council will collaborate with the Department in an effort to identify avenues for program improvements.

Jaime Gray, NJDEP, Water Resources Management, gave an overview update of the Department's Asset Management initiatives. She requested the Council's comments on the Department's Draft Asset Management Planning Guidance.

Mark Theiler, NJDEP, Water Resources Management, presented a power point presentation of the results from the recent survey that was received from NJ's Wastewater and Water Utilities. The presentation is on the NJCWC's website: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/cleanwatercouncil/presentations/asset-management-update%206-2016.pdf>

**Announcements:** The next meeting July 12, 2016

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm