

New Jersey Clean Water Council
Minutes of September 13, 2016 Meeting

Location:
NJGIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 4, Suite 216, Lawrenceville, NJ

Members Present:	
George Bakun – NJ Business & Industry Jim Cosgrove – NJ Society of PEs Dan Van Abs – General Public Stan Cach – NJ Dept. Environmental of Protection Pamela Goodwin – General Public Maria Connolly – NJ Dept. of Community Affairs	Russ Furnari – NJ Chamber of Commerce Gina A. Berg – NJ Association of Counties Vincent Monaco – Water Supply Advisory Council Anthony Valente – NJ Dept. of Labor Lou Neely – NJ League of Municipalities Chris Sturm – General Public
Others:	NJDEP Staff: Michele Putnam-Director, NJDEP, Division of Water Quality, (DWQ) Rachael Pepe - NJDEP, DWQ Tracy Omrod – NJDEP, DWQ Scott Shymon – NJDEP, DWQ, Chief, Bureau, Construction Payments & Administration Thomas Andresen – NJDEP, DWQ, Bureau of Environmental Engineering and Permitting

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jim Cosgrove at 10:04 AM.

The motion to approve the June 14, 2016 meeting highlights was made by Dan Van Abs and seconded by Pam Goodwin, abstained by Lou Neely, Chris Sturm and was approved.

The Chair introduced the new member from the Department of Community Affairs, DCA, Maria Connolly, PP / AICP. James Requa, Ed. D retired July 1.

Helen Heinrich, PP LLA, Advisor, retired from the NJ Farm Bureau on July 31 after 31 years.

DEP Updates:

Update on the MS4 Draft Permit – Issuance will be in the fall with anticipated effective in early 2017. The Department thanks the Council for their final review comments of the pre-draft permit.

The NJ Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual will have updates to Chapter 1 and 5. The Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, BNPC anticipates that Chapter 1 will be finalized and posted to the Manual’s website located at www.njstormwater.org/bmp_manual2.htm by mid-September, 2016. The BNPC will hold a stakeholder meeting to discuss Chapter 5’s (Determining Runoff) potential revisions and solicit input from those who will be impacted. The BNPC will be inviting a diverse group of people, including professors from various universities, professional engineers, builders and representatives from other government agencies. The BNPC has identified September 21, 2016 as a possible meeting date. Invitations to the stakeholder meeting will be sent out next week once the date, time and location have been finalized.

On August 10, DWQ met with the Fort Lee Borough Mayor, Councilman, Borough Administrator, Assistant Engineer and Director of Public Works. This meeting is part of DWQ’s CSO outreach strategy to municipal leadership to discuss Fort Lee’s goals and how these goals can be integrated into the CSO LTCP. The meeting was very valuable and included a discussion of the CSO permit requirements, EIFP financing for projects with water quality benefit, Fort Lee’s redevelopment efforts, and opportunities for redevelopment activities and water infrastructure investment to complement one another. DWQ plans to meet with each CSO town.

The Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control is collaborating with the Division of Land Use Regulation to implement a Municipality-Wide Stormwater Maintenance Permit. This permit would enable a municipality to perform maintenance in

stormwater facilities across the entire municipality without the need or cost to obtain separate wetlands or flood hazard area permits for each individual action. Hopewell Township agreed to apply for a permit as a pilot before distributing this framework to all municipalities.

Jersey Water Works, in partnership with NJDEP, New Jersey Urban Mayors Association, and DC Water will be providing a three-phased workshop to CSO communities titled: Connecting with Stakeholders, A Program for CSO Communities on Water Infrastructure Communications. The first phase is 3 regional 90-minute kick-off workshops to demonstrate how cities can engage and excite the public with positive water infrastructure programs that not only address regulations but also advance other city initiatives. This meeting will include providing mayors with a platform to share their water infrastructure challenges and opportunities with staff and neighboring cities, share proven communications strategies, and explain the risks of ignoring water infrastructure. Phase two (Communications Workshop) is a 6 hour, in-depth communication strategies session held in a single central location and is designed for municipal and utility staff. Phase three is individualized follow-up coaching or custom communications strategy or design work for individual municipalities/utilities provided by DC Water. The first two meetings will take place late in September in Elizabeth and Hackensack. Other workshops are schedule for October 21 and 22.

The Water Quality Management Plan Rule Proposal is proceeding and is anticipated to be adopted by October 19, 2016.

The Updated Asset Management Planning Guidance will be issued soon and will be available on the Department's new website (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/assetmanagement/>).

On August 18, 2016, Commissioner Bob Martin announced the appointment of Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Manager of Constituent Relations and Stakeholder Outreach to the position of Director of Local Government Assistance. Outgoing Director Cindy Randazzo is leaving the Department to relocate to Seattle to be with her husband.

The Tiered Drinking Water Rule is currently under legal review.

Old Business:

Stan stated the NJCWC's Public Members nomination process was ongoing and that the Council's public members will be contacted directly.

The Chair stated the Council's 2016 Annual Public Hearing recommendation letter has been signed on August 22 and delivered to the Department.

The Reuse Committee Chair Dan Van Abs reported of his follow up discussion with the Water Supply Advisory Council (WSAC). The main issues are not technical but the "drivers" and "constraints" that ultimately impact the program. Are there regulatory / financial issues that constrain the program? Follow up meeting will be held to better frame the issue and develop an agenda.

New Business:

Scott Shymon, NJDEP, Municipal Construction and Financing Element, gave a presentation of the proposed Intended Use Plan, IUP. The IUP lays out programs eligible for loan forgiveness and the terms and conditions for both the Clean Water and Drinking Water funded projects. Proposal at http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwg/mface_njeifp.htm. The power point presentation is on the NJCWC's website link: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/cleanwatercouncil/presentations/cwc-ipupdate-2016.pdf>.

The discussion of Lead in NJ Drinking Water was postponed until the appropriate NJDEP staff can meet with the Council.

Announcements: The next meeting: October 11, 2016

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:46 am