

New Jersey Clean Water Council
Minutes of October 11, 2016 Meeting

Location:

NJEIT, 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 Maria Connolly – NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Sandra Howland – NJ Dept. Agriculture Amy Goldsmith – General Public Anthony McCracken – General Public	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 Robert Breslin – NJ State AFL-CIO Mary Anna Holden – NJ BD of Public Utilities Jessica Sanchez - DRBC
Others: John Yagecic – DRBC Tom Belton – Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University (ANSDU) Carol Collier – ANSDU Frank Minch – NJDA Andrew Johnson – Wm. Penn Foundation Maria Zazzera - NJBPU	NJDEP Staff: Michele Putnam-Director, NJDEP, Division of Water Quality, (DWQ) Rachael Pepe - NJDEP, DWQ Tracy Omrod – NJDEP, DWQ

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jim Cosgrove at 10:00 AM.

The motion to approve the September 13, 2016 meeting highlights was made by Dan Van Abs and seconded by Russ Furnari abstained by Jessica Sanchez and was approved.

DEP Updates:

DWQ staff continued outreach meetings with the CSO communities. Meetings were held with the mayor, business administrator, city engineers, city planner and the city attorney. These meetings are a part of DWQ's CSO continued outreach strategy to municipal leadership to discuss municipality goals and how these goals can be integrated into the CSO LTCP. The meetings included a discussion of the CSO permit requirements, EIFP financing for projects with water quality benefit, redevelopment efforts, opportunities for redevelopment activities and water infrastructure investment to complement one another.

Jersey Water Works – Fall Communication Workshops for CSO Communities featuring DC Water-Jersey Water Works, in partnership with NJDEP, New Jersey Urban Mayors Association, and DC Water has provided 2 out of the 3 workshops to the CSO communities titled: Connecting with Stakeholders, A Program for CSO Communities on Water Infrastructure Communications. The first two meetings were held in Elizabeth and Hackensack on September 21st and 22nd, respectively. The third is scheduled for October 20th in Trenton. These workshops demonstrated how cities can engage and excite the public with positive water infrastructure programs that not only address regulations but also advance other city initiatives. The Elizabeth session had 40 attendees and the Hackensack session had 15 attendees. Phase two (Communications Workshop) is a 6 hour, in-depth communication strategies session to be held in Newark on October 24th 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 and will be held in Newark on October 25th.

Stormwater Training for CSO Permittees- On September 20, 2016, staff from the Stormwater program traveled to PVSC to provide training for all CSO permittees. This training was provided at the request of the NJ CSO Group (a cooperative of CSO permittees who are located in northern New Jersey). Because CSO permittees are typically more focused on dealing with sanitary wastewater conveyance and treatment issues, not all of them are as proficient/experienced when it comes to dealing with stormwater design, maintenance and regulation, or the regulatory aspects of the MS4 permit. This training was presented as a stormwater “primer” and provided a basic overview of the following: Overview of how stormwater designs are regulated (who approves designs, and when; when do you need state approval; role of the municipality); NJDEP tools for

stormwater design (BMP manuals; training videos; guidance documents); Maintenance requirements (what are the requirements; who is responsible; video and other training tools); Requirements of MS4 permit (focus on requirements that relate to design, operation and maintenance of stormwater facilities).

Stormwater Management Training for DWQ Staff -The Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control's Stormwater Management Unit recently began a series of in-depth training sessions on stormwater management and the Stormwater Management rules for Division staff. The purpose of the training is to provide an overview the NJAC 7:8 regulatory requirements, along with the necessary calculations completed by engineers when conducting reviews of major development or redevelopment projects. Approximately 15 staff members from the Division (and one staff member from the Division of Land Use Regulation) attended the first training session which was held on September 29, 2016. Additional sessions are scheduled each Monday for the next 8 weeks. The first session laid out the basics of the Stormwater Management rules; while subsequent sessions will explain how standards are addressed and how to perform calculations required to demonstrate compliance.

CSO Training for Land Use Staff- On September 28, 2016, staff from the Division of Water Quality (the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control's Stormwater Management Unit and the Bureau of Surface Water Permitting's CSO Unit) held a one-day training session on CSO's for staff from the Division of Land Use Regulation. The purpose of the training was to provide background information on CSOs and to promote teamwork between the two Divisions when CSO and Land Use issues overlap. The training proved to be valuable and was well received by the Land Use program staff.

Director Colleen Kokas reported on October 7, 2016 that the Water Quality Management Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15 are now final and are effective November 7, 2016. Link to the adopted rule is: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/wrm/index.html>

The Notice of Substantial Change of the CAP Rule was signed by Commissioner Martin, to be filed with OAL for publication in the December 2016 NJ Register.

Old Business:

Stan updated the Council with the required Ethics Training for the Council members. This was a follow up to his May 23, 2016 e-mail to Council members. Members of boards are considered Special State Officers (SSOs) and are subject to the State's Uniform Ethics Code (UEC). All Council members that have taken the full ethics course last year must take the "ethics briefing" this year. Compliance with the State Ethics Commission's requirements include (i) ethics training and (ii) the submission of outside employment questionnaires (OEQs). All SSO's must submit the outside employment questionnaire. Compliance with the State Ethics Commission's requirements are a condition to serving on the Council. To date, I have not seen documentation of compliance with several Council members. I have sent a reminder e-mail to those Council members.

The Reuse Committee Chair Dan Van Abs recommended a joint meeting should be coordinated with the Water Supply Advisory Council (WSAC), NJCWC and NJDEP in order to better frame the issue and develop an agenda.

New Business:

John Yagecic, Manager, Water Quality Assessment, DRBC gave a presentation of the just released Water Quality Assessment Report for the Lower Delaware River. The link to the Existing Water Quality Assessment project is: http://www.nj.gov/drbc/quality/reports/biological/lower-delaware_EWQAssessment2016.htm

Andrew Johnson, Wm. Penn Foundation, gave a presentation of the Foundation's strategies for watershed protection including \$35M/year supporting three investment strategies in the Delaware Basin. His presentation will be included on the NJCWC's website.

Carol Collier, Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, gave a presentation of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative. Her presentation will be included on the NJCWC website.

Announcements: The next meeting: November 8, 2016

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am