

New Jersey Clean Water Council
Minutes of December 13, 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 Dave Pringle for Amy Goldsmith – General Public	Russ Furnari – NJ Chamber of Commerce Vincent Monaco – Water Supply Advisory Council Chris Sturm – General Public Pam Goodwin – General Public Mary Anna Holden – NJ BD of Public Utilities Jessica Sanchez – DRBC Anthony McCracken – General Public
Others: Maria Zazzera – NJBPU NJDEP Staff (cont’d) Kathleen Burkhard – Bureau of Water Systems Engineering, DWS&G Barbara Greenhalgh-Weidman – Office of Water Resource Management Coordination, OWRMC, NJDEP Elizabeth Balladares – OWRMC, NJDEP Amanda LeBon – OWRMC, NJDEP Scott Sullivan – OWRMC, NJDEP	NJDEP Staff: Michele Putnam-Director, NJDEP, Division of Water Quality, (DWQ) Rachael Pepe - NJDEP, DWQ Tracy Omrod – NJDEP, DWQ Patricia Gardner - Director, NJDEP, Division of Water Supply & Geoscience (DWS&G) Sandy Krietzman – Bureau Chief, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, DWS&G

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

The motion to approve the October 11, 2016 meeting highlights was made by Sandra Howland and seconded by Russ Furnari and was approved.

The Chair requested each one present to introduce themselves and identify their representing organization.

DEP Updates:

The Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control’s Stormwater Management Unit has completed updates to the Pervious Paving Chapter of its technical guidance document, the *NJ Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual*. This updated chapter is posted to the Department’s website link: http://www.njstormwater.org/bmp_manual2.htm Updates to this chapter were the result of public input and were subjected to public comment, a stakeholder meeting and reviews by the Division of Land Use Regulation. Comments received were incorporated into the final version of the chapter.

The inaugural PVSC Supplemental CSO Team meeting was held on October 5, 2016 in Harrison. PVSC is the first CSO permittee to hold a supplemental CSO team meeting. These meetings are required as per the CSO permit under their Public Participation Process. About 30 members of various organizations/clubs/educational institutions in PVSC’s combined sewer area were invited to attend as part of the Supplemental CSO Team. PVSC’s consultants lead the meeting which included background information on the CSO permit, the role of the Supplemental CSO Team and discussion of the future meetings.

On October 21, 2016, the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, BNPC, posted a new “Tool Box” to supplement the TMDL Look-Up Tool currently on the DWQ website link: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/msrp-tmdl-rh.htm> The Draft Tier A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit proposes to require all Tier A municipalities to review approved and adopted Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports to identify any TMDLs that apply to surface water bodies wholly or partially within or bordering the Tier A municipality. The municipality will use the information to prioritize maintenance of stormwater facilities and to identify and develop strategies to address specific sources of stormwater-related pollutants contributing to a waterbody with an approved or adopted TMDL. To support permit compliance, BNPC has developed a “Tool Box” of strategies that municipalities can consider to address stormwater-related pollutants. The “Tool Box” is a table that lists potential pollutant sources and potential responses for common stormwater pollutants. The “Tool Box” will be posted on

the TMDL Look-Up Tool website. The “Tool Box” has been reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards.

In response to revisions made to the Flood Hazard Area Control Act rules and the Stormwater Management rules, the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control’s Stormwater Management Unit updated the Stormwater Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which will be posted on www.njstormwater.org. The Stormwater Management rules were revised to remove the special water resource protection area (SWRPA). Further, the additional protections applicable to a SWRPA were incorporated into the Flood Hazard Area Control Act rules, now applicable to the 300-foot riparian zone. Thus, the Stormwater FAQs as currently posted are outdated as they contain numerous questions and responses relative to the SWRPA, which is no longer a part of the Stormwater Management rules. The updated FAQs will reflect the changes to the Flood Hazard and Stormwater Management rules.

In the Department’s ongoing outreach regarding CSO permits, members of the Division of Water Quality met with the City of Newark on October 17th, North Bergen and the Town of Guttenberg on October 26th, the Village of Ridgefield Park on November 3rd, and the Town of Harrison on November 14th. These meetings are generally conducted with the Mayor, Business Administrator, Director of Public Works, City Council, the Director of Planning and Zoning and/or various other members of the city government. 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. These meetings include a discussion of the CSO permit requirements, EIFP financing for projects with water quality benefit, redevelopment efforts, and opportunities for redevelopment activities and water infrastructure investment to complement one another and suggestions on how to include green infrastructure into their stormwater ordinances.

DWQ, in coordination with Water Compliance & Enforcement, will be posting a Compliance Advisory and sending correspondence to those NJPDES permittees that have not yet registered with the Department to submit monitoring report forms electronically. Prior notifications and guidance have been sent the past year in DMR mailings, permit billings, and through permit modifications that have been completed to include electronic reporting requirements. This final action is being taken to provide additional compliance assistance prior to the December 21, 2016 deadline contained in the regulations adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s in its final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Electronic Reporting Rule, published on October 22, 2015. The correspondence signed by the Director of Water Compliance & Enforcement will inform those permittees of the requirement to register as well as the consequences of failing to register, including violation and penalty liabilities. DWQ is also updating its web page to include an instructional video series along with and enhanced electronic data interchange (EDI) manual that are designed to better assist permittees with the registration and electronic reporting process. The link to the Monitoring Report Forms, Guidance and Video Training is: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/mrf.htm>

The Department has issued a Public Notice regarding the Proposed FFY17 Priority System, Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List Documents for the Clean Water and Drinking Water Financing Programs. The Plan format has been updated to provide an easy reference to new priority areas of attractive low cost financing for water infrastructure improvements, as well as an interactive format to help provide additional information to support these projects. The Public Notice and the IUP Documents can be found at: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cwpl.htm> The Public Hearing is scheduled for January 11, 2017 and that the close of the comment period is January 16, 2017. The Public Notice includes details on the hearing location and time and identifies key DEP contact persons if any questions arise.

The Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control is prepared to issue the draft renewal of the stormwater general permit for Construction Activities (5G3). This general permit authorizes stormwater discharges to surface water from construction projects that disturb more than one acre of land or less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development. Notice of the draft renewal will be published in the December 7th NJDEP Bulletin, as well as three newspapers throughout the State, thereby initiating the 30-day public comment period. The 5G3 permit is set to expire February 28, 2017. Under the NJDPES rules, the Department is not allowed to issue authorizations under an expired general permit. It is important that the permit renewal be issued so that new construction projects could seek authorization under the general permit. The permit is expected to be issued final on March 1, 2017 resulting in no lapse in permit coverage/availability.

DWQ is coordinating with DOIT-GIS staff (and their GIS provider, ESRI) to develop a mobile web-based application to assist MS4 permittees with permit requirements relative to proper system operation and maintenance by providing an easy to use stormwater infrastructure inventorying system. As part of the process, DWQ plans to conduct a pilot project beginning in

December to work out details and/or workflow methods for collecting and submitting data to the Department. DWQ will also take this opportunity to promote the value of having a stormwater facility inventory and the ease of use of the application. The pilot project will be conducted with a potential of 10-15 municipalities that have expressed interest in the mapping application. These municipalities will represent a range of experience with GIS and GPS applications, as well as varying levels of existing inventory data. Pilot participants will be invited individually beginning late November and those who agree to participate will be given the necessary credentials to use the methodology that best fits their needs. The goal is to test a sufficient number of methodologies to meet the needs of all MS4 permittees regardless of their experience or quality of existing inventory data. DWQ will work closely with municipalities during the pilot process. The target for completing the application and making it available to the public is April 1, 2017.

Old Business:

Stan stated there is no new information regarding any more appointments for the NJCWC.

The Reuse Committee Chair Dan Van Abs indicated there is a scheduled meeting at NJDEP this Friday with the Water Supply Advisory Council (WSAC), NJCWC and NJDEP to discuss Beneficial Water Reuse and the Council's Discussion Paper, *Draft Conceptual Approach to Beneficial Reuse Discussions*.

The Chair lead the discussion regarding Council's consideration of endorsing the Wm Penn Foundation's Watershed Protection investment strategies in the Delaware Basin. It was agreed, this action would be unprecedented and since the Council is responsive only to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, this action would be inappropriate. The Chair indicated he would follow up and contact Dr. Tom Belton.

New Business:

Barbara Greenhalgh-Weidman, Office of Water Resource Management Coordination, NJDEP updated the Council on the new Water Quality Management rule. Her presentation is on the NJCWC's web site, link: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/cleanwatercouncil/presentations.htm> Given limited time to answer questions, Ms. Greenhalgh-Weidman agreed to attend the January meeting to answer any additional questions on the new WQMP rules.

Kathleen Burkhard, Bureau of Water Systems Engineering, NJDEP, updated the Council on the Lead Rule. Her presentation notes are on the NJCWC's website link: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/cleanwatercouncil/presentations.htm>

Sandra Krietzman, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, NJDEP, made a presentation to Council of the Unregulated Monitoring Rule 3, which includes, PFOA's and copper. Her presentation is on the NJCWC's website link: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/cleanwatercouncil/presentations.htm>

Announcements: The next meeting: January 10, 2017

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm