

New Jersey Clean Water Council
Minutes of September 11, 2018 Meeting

Location:

NJ Infrastructure Bank (formerly NJEIT), 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 4, Suite 216, Lawrenceville, NJ

Members Present:	
George Bakun – NJ Business & Industry Jim Cosgrove – Chair, NJ Society of PEs Stan Cach – NJ Dept. Environmental of Protection Mark Wadiak – NJ Dept. of Labor Pamela Goodwin – General Public Amy Goldsmith – General Public Robert Breslin – NJ State AFL-CIO	Anthony McCracken – 1 st Vice Chair, General Public Jennifer Coffey - WSAC Sandra Howland – NJ Dept. of Agriculture Chris Sturm – General Public Russ Furnari – 2 nd Vice Chair, NJ Chamber of Commerce Shane McAleer – DRBC Maria Connolly – NJ Dept. of Community Affairs
Others: Peggy Gallos – Advisor Ashley Kerr - Advisor	NJDEP Staff: Julie Krause – NJDEP, Director’s Office, Division of Water Quality Rachael Pepe – Director’s Office, DWQ Nicholas Horiates - NJDEP, Deputy Ethics Liaison Officer Kristin Tedesco - NJDEP, Division of Water Supply & Geoscience, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water

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

The Chair requested all attendees to introduce themselves. The Council welcomed new member, Mark Wadiak, representing the NJ Dept. of Labor.

The motion to approve the June 12, 2018 meeting highlights was made by Anthony McCracken, seconded by Russ Furnari, and abstained by Amy Goldsmith and Maria Connolly. Minutes were approved.

DEP Updates:

Four significant submittals under the NJPDES CSO permit were due on July 1, 2018 and form the basis to the Long-Term Control Plans due on June 30, 2020. All of the reports have been submitted and can be found on DWQ’s website: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cso-ltcsupmittals.htm>

The Department issued a preliminary draft of the Public Complex MS4 NJPDES permit on July 23, 2018. Additionally, the Department held numerous presentations with existing permittees and interested parties in an effort to explain and gather feedback about proposed permit conditions. Minor clarifications have been made to the draft permit based on the feedback received and the formal draft of the Public Complex MS4 NJPDES permit was issued on September 5, 2018. For more information regarding this permit, please see <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pc.htm>.

The Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, BNPC, staff conducted a two-day stormwater management design review training course for consulting engineers, municipal engineers and other individuals who review stormwater management designs for development and redevelopment projects on behalf of a municipality. This training, required once every five years pursuant to the Tier A MS4 permit, was held for the second time this year on July 31st and August 1st. It was attended by approximately 95 stormwater management reviewers. In total, since May 2017, approximately 315 individuals have attended the training course. Overall, the course has generally been well

received. In order to provide ample opportunity for all reviewers to attend the course, BNPC staff is planning one additional session for this year.

On Tuesday August 14, 2018, the DWQ held a stakeholder meeting on potential revisions to chapter 5 of the New Jersey Stormwater BMP Manual. Chapter 5 contains information on how to calculate stormwater runoff and volume when demonstrating compliance with the requirements of the Stormwater Management rules. Revisions to chapter 5 are one of the numerous steps, in conjunction with drafting amendments to the Stormwater Management rules to require the use of green infrastructure. The proposed changes regarding the calculations were well received, and consensus was reached on most issues. After the revisions are completed, the revised chapter will be posted on the Department's stormwater website for comment.

Kristin Tedesco, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, gave an overview of the rule amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, N.J.A.C. 7:10-5.2.

Old Business:

There is no update on the appointment of a new member from the NJ Association of Counties.

Russ Furnari was nominated to fill the term of the Second Vice Chair. The motion to approve was made by Anthony McCracken, second by Pam Goodwin and was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Council continued the dialogue on what the Council recommends as the top three most important solvable water quality issues in New Jersey. Topics mentioned were: high nitrate levels at drinking water intakes in the Passaic watershed; high nitrogen and phosphorus levels that are found in nonpoint source pollution; MS4 municipalities do not require monitoring of stormwater runoff of salt piles (create a program to monitor compost piles to track runoff); what can be done with single use plastic bags; clarification on recycling plastics; beach closings due to stormwater discharges; NJDOT and Highway Authority road runoff; source water protection; update NJDEP's BMP manual; and nutrient offsets.

New Business:

The Council continued the discussion of the following future topics: Stormwater engineers licensing framework, Road salting – balancing safety with water quality impacts, and stormwater utilities.

Ethics Briefing:

Nicholas Horiates, Deputy Ethics Liaison Officer, conducted the required Ethics Briefing to those in attendance. (Attendance was taken.)

Announcements:

The next scheduled Council meeting is October 9, 2018.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.