

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

Location:

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

<b>Members Present:</b>	
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 Amy Goldsmith – General Public Mary Anna Holden – NJ BPU – Energy Lou Neely – NJ State League of Municipalities Dan Van Abs – General Public	Anthony McCracken – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, General Public Sandra Howland – NJ Dept. of Agriculture Chris Sturm – General Public Russ Furnari – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, NJ Chamber of Commerce Shane McAleer – DRBC Maria Connolly – NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Vincent Monaco - WSAC
<b>Others:</b> Peggy Gallos – Advisor Ashley Kerr - Advisor	<b>NJDEP Staff:</b> Janice Brogle – Director – Division of Water Quality, DWQ Julie Krause – Director’s Office, Division of Water Quality Rachael Pepe – Director’s Office, DWQ John Gray – NJDEP, DWQ Director’s Office Gabriel Mahon – Chief, Bureau of Non-Point Pollution Control

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 September 11, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Anthony McCracken, seconded by Amy Goldsmith, and abstained by Dan Van Abs and Lou Neely. Minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

There was no update on the appointment of a new member from the NJ Association of Counties. Anthony McCracken will follow up with the Association.

**DEP Updates**

Janice Brogle, NJDEP-A Year in Review. Janice gave an update on the combined sewer overflow submittals, the MS4 program, the drinking water funding challenges, the proposed stormwater management rules revisions, the revision of the NJPDES permit fee rule, nitrate in the Passaic and Raritan watersheds, affordability regarding CSOs and how the Department has been reaching out to other states and EPA to see how they handle affordability.

**New Business:**

Gabe Mahon, NJDEP - discussed what’s next on the Stormwater Management Rules: He spoke about the previous stake holder meetings that discussed the infiltration of larger storm events. The collaboration with the stake holders resulted in NJDEP creating a draft document on groundwater mounding that will be released for public comment soon. It also resulted in reconsidering our soil testing criteria. He also discussed the other issues raised in the

stakeholder process, namely: how to get better stormwater designs; how to ensure better reviews of stormwater design; how to better ensure that what is approved is constructed properly; and how to get better maintenance.

Next, Gabe discussed the new round with the stakeholders. NJDEP requested the stakeholders submit ideas for potential changes to the Stormwater Management Rules. NJDEP's ongoing dialogue with the stakeholders received twenty (20) suggestions. The stakeholder process will also address future changes to the BMP Manual and the Rule.

John Gray, NJDEP, discussed an operating permit for sanitary conveyance systems - the DWQ is evaluating regulatory options to improve the operations and maintenance for sanitary conveyance systems. DEP has robust regulations and permitting around the treatment systems and discharges but lacks much specificity for the conveyance systems upstream of the treatment plants. This initiative will advance DEP's asset management goals and staff are communicating across various water sectors to ensure consistency in approach. DWQ looks forward to working with stakeholders as we move forward.

Annual Hearing Discussion – The Council discussed conducting the annual public hearing early in 2019. The Chair led the discussions of possible hearing topics. Several topics discussed today and previously may be considered. Another topic discussed is the affordability regarding combined sewer overflow long term plans.

**Announcements:**

The next scheduled Council meeting is January 8, 2019.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.