



NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.

Microsoft Teams meeting

JAGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

Tony provided a welcome and started the meeting at 10:05am.

Council Members: Ashley Kerr, Jim Cosgrove, George Bakun; Tony McCracken, Chris Andreasen, Pamela Goodwin, Mark Wadiak, MaryAnna Holden, David Kovach, Amy Goldsmith, Harry Woznuk, Maria Connolly, Russ Furnari, Sandra Howland

Advisor: Peggy Gallos

DEP Staff: Janice Brogle, Jennifer Feltis, Benjamin Steinberg, Kerri Standowski, Marzooq Alebus, Fayard Ali, Susan Rosenwinkel, Kristine Iazzetta, Sanjay Shah, Kelly Perez

Guests: Virginia Wong, Gary Brune, Rayna Laiosa

APPROVAL OF MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- December 14, 2021- Jim Cosgrove moved, Mark Wadiak second- All in favor, approved.

DEP UPDATES

Jennifer provided the program updates:

- On January 13, we will hold our second CSO Stakeholder meeting on the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) NJPDES permits. This meeting will include discussions on permit conditions for environmental justice that may be considered for incorporation into the next CSO permits. Our first stakeholder meeting was on December 7, 2021, and during that meeting we discussed permit conditions for public engagement. There will be two more stakeholder meetings to cover metrics and climate change in the upcoming weeks. More information can be found on our website.
 - A council member asked about how we were evaluating the comments received and incorporating increased public participation as described by the Sewage Free Streets and River Campaign (SFSRC). The council member noted she supported the comments from SFSRC, particularly those regarding public engagement and green infrastructure
- DWQ with DWSG will be holding a series of engagement sessions in January of 2022 to provide an update to interested parties on the draft direction of the IUP in response to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These sessions will also provide an opportunity to provide input into the Department's IUPs including priorities, affordability criteria, funding packages, project types that qualify for principal forgiveness (PF), and disadvantaged community determination criteria. There will also be discussion on the allocation of PF and funding packages to address lead, PFAS, and climate change. More information can be found on our website in the near future.

Approved March 8, 2022

OLD BUSINESS

- Tony asked for an update on the CWC webpage. We expect to have all of the meeting agendas and highlights on the website by the end of the day.
- The Council was asked if there was a particular topic they would like to have presented. Tony requested an update on the WQMP.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation from EPA Region 2: PFAS Strategic Roadmap: EPA's Commitments to Action 2021-2024
 - Virginia Wong, Chief, Clean Water Regulatory Branch, Water Division - EPA Region 2
- Continued discussion about public hearing
 - The Council asked if DWQ had a target date for the hearing. As DWQ is still researching what other states are doing they don't expect to be ready for a hearing for a number of months.
 - DWQ requested suggestions from the Council on questions that could be posed to the public to help in developing a strategy in addressing PFAS in sludge and the management of the material.
 - Tony asked for participants to serve on a Public Hearing Committee. George, Jim, Mark, Pam, and Rayna (limited) volunteered with Janice and Jennifer offering assistance. The hope is that this hearing will help lay the groundwork for how DWQ can move forward with looking into PFAS in sewage sludge.
 - There was discussion about how best to proceed and Tony will follow up with Janice and Jennifer on next steps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next meetings would be scheduled for February 8, 2022 (likely to cancel) and March 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Jim, seconded Chris Andreasen; adjourned 11:17am.