

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

January 12, 2010  
Meeting Highlights

### Location:

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ.

### Attendees:

**Members:** George Bakun, Bob Breslin, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari (by phone), Amy Goldsmith, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Helen Heinrich, Ellen Gulbinsky and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened by Jessica Sanchez at 10:05 a.m. since Russ Furnari was participating by telephone.

### APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER'S 2009 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

November's Minutes were distributed. Jim Cosgrove made the motion to approve the minutes, and Bob Breslin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

### DEP UPDATES:

Stan Cach reported that Dennis Hart, Executive Director of the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, is retiring. His last day at the Trust will be January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Stan hadn't received any other updates to share with the CWC.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Dan Van Abs had previously distributed copies of the *NJCWC Water Infrastructure Financing Committee's Ideas and Recommendations* (attached). He summarized the document for the CWC Members. Dan said that the Ad-Hoc Committee had taken the initial core recommendations from the prior Public Hearing, and then the Committee had met twice, exchanged e-mails, etc., and that the results were incorporated into this draft document. The Committee discussed what is working well; what is not working well; and what is not working at all or is non-existent. They also discussed what sort of ideas could come out of the process to insure proper asset management and, also, to ensure the financing for that asset management. This document, *NJCWC Water Infrastructure Financing Committee's Ideas and Recommendations*, is not the formal consensus of the Ad Hoc Committee. They have not gotten to that point yet. This is the latest document draft document prepared to the CWC for their information.

Dan recommended that the CWC be prepared to discuss this further at the CWC's March meeting, and he would invite members of the Water Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee to come to that meeting. For now, Dan suggested that the Council send to him any questions, concerns, or ideas that you have for the Committee by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Then, his Committee will be responsive to your comments. Also, he recommended that as you are reading the Report, think about how you want the Council to proceed with the Report.

Jessica said that Dan and the Ad Hoc Committee did a great job preparing the *NJCWC Water Infrastructure Financing Committee's Ideas and Recommendations* Report.

CWC Public Hearing – Climate Change: The transcript from the Public Hearing had not been received from the Court Reporter, yet. The CWC asked that in the interim of the Council getting the transcript, to please forward the previously submitted written testimony to the Council Members. Also, the Speakers' Presentations will be put on the CWC Website.

Jessica asked if there were any volunteers to be on an Ad Hoc Committee regarding Climate Change. None of the CWC Members were able to volunteer @ this time. Amy said that many people talked about the problem, but not many solutions were received. The CWC will ask Dr. Marjorie Kaplan to come to February's CWC Meeting to discuss the testimony and comments from the Public Hearing.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Council needed to elect the new Chair, Vice-Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair for a 2 year period. A motion was made by Lou Neely to approve a full-slate of: Jessica Sanchez, Chair; Pam Goodwin, Vice-Chair; and Dan Van Abs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair, to a 2-year term. The motion was seconded by Jim Cosgrove and unanimously approved. Congratulations to all.

**It was recommended to move March's CWC Meeting up a week to March 2<sup>nd</sup>** so that Ellen Gulbinsky and others from the Water Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee will be able to attend, because if the CWC meeting is held on the 9<sup>th</sup>, there would be a conflict for them.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. with a motion from Lou Neely. It was seconded by Jim Cosgrove.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. \*\***

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

February 9, 2010  
Meeting Highlights

### **Location:**

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ.

### **Attendees:**

**Members:** George Bakun, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Pam Goodwin, Lou Neely, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Marie Banasik, Marjorie Kaplan, Rick Kropp, Jorge Reyes and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened by Jessica Sanchez at 10:05 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY'S 2009 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

January's Minutes were distributed. Dan Van Abs made the motion to approve the minutes, and Ray Zabihach seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

### **DEP UPDATES:**

Stan Cach distributed Executive Order No. 1 (List of DEP rule proposals suspended and not suspended, dated January 21, 2010) from Governor Christie and discussed it.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Dan Van Abs said that he has not received any additional comments on the *NJCWC Water Infrastructure Financing Committee's Ideas and Recommendations Report*. Dan will send out an e-mail to the Water Infrastructure Committee Members to see who will be able to attend March's CWC Meeting since the ideas that are represented in the committee paper will be discussed @ the Meeting.

CWC Public Hearing – Climate Change: The transcript from the Public Hearing has been received from the Court Reporter and distributed to the CWC Members. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding Climate Change are Pam Goodwin, Ray Zabihach, Russ Furnari and George Bakun. The committee is charged with developing a summary & recommendations for the Commissioner to be reviewed by the Council.

Dr. Marjorie Kaplan attended the meeting to discuss the testimony and comments from the Public Hearing. She handed out a matrix/table summarizing the hearing testimony (attached).

Some of the recommendations Dr. Kaplan referred to were from "*Meeting New Jersey's 2020 Greenhouse Gas Limit: New Jersey's Global Warming Response Act Recommendations Report*" which was released post the meeting. Those she mentioned that relate to water include the following:

Recommendation # 3 (Develop and facilitate the use of State Green Building Guidelines for all New Residential and Commercial Buildings) - page 46;

Recommendation #4 (Develop and facilitate a State Green Building Remodeling, Operations and Maintenance Programs for all Existing Residential and Commercial Buildings) - page 46 to 48;

Related Action(s) with Climate Benefits:

Support statewide outdoor water use limits on lawn and landscape irrigation to minimize consumptive water losses and water waste (page 47 to 48)

Recommendation #5 (Provide incentives to reduce the carbon footprint of public water supply and wastewater treatment facilities) - page 48 to 49

Also, Chapter 4 is the framework for Adaptation (beginning on p. 87). As she noted, the GWRA does not address Adaptation, but recognizes it is critical.

(The report can be downloaded from  
[http://www.nj.gov/dep/oce/njgrwa\\_final\\_report\\_dec2009.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/oce/njgrwa_final_report_dec2009.pdf) )

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

It was recommended to check with the CWC Members to make sure that if March's CWC Meeting is moved up a week to March 2<sup>nd</sup> that enough members will be able to attend so that there will be a quorum.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Bob Breslin missed the meeting because of a death in his family.

Lance Miller, formerly with the Board of Public Utilities, is now working with Jim Cosgrove at Omni Environmental as the Director of Energy Practice.

Jim Requa had a question about the process for supplying water to a development in Woolwich Township, Gloucester County, in connection with the Transfer Development Rights.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. with a motion from Lou Neely. It was seconded by Ray Zabihach.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. \*\***

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

March 2, 2010  
Meeting Highlights

### **Location:**

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ.

### **Attendees:**

**Members:** Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Amy Goldsmith, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Helen Heinrich, Howard Woods and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened by Jessica Sanchez at 10:10 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY'S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

February's Minutes were distributed. Lou Neely made the motion to approve the minutes, and Jim Cosgrove seconded the motion. Jessica Sanchez noted a few corrections so the Minutes will be amended. The Minutes were approved as amended.

### **DEP UPDATES:**

Stan Cach said that the Department is still looking at the schedule of Rule proposals which he distributed at February's CWC Meeting (Executive Order No. 1 - List of DEP rule proposals suspended and not suspended, dated January 21, 2010). Acting Commissioner Bob Martin hasn't had his Confirmation Hearing yet. It will be scheduled shortly.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ad Hoc Committee on Infrastructure Financing:** Jessica thanked Dan Van Abs and the Water Infrastructure Financing Ad Hoc Committee for all the work they have done in developing its Report. Jessica asked Dan to develop recommendations that the NJCWC could use, potentially as the basis for its 2010 Public Hearing, as a springboard for putting these ideas out to the public. The intent is to focus on two issues - asset management (preventive maintenance; routine asset management; accountability) and accounting/finance (increased transparency and a standard for all utilities) - pulling from the ideas presented by the Water Infrastructure Financing Ad Hoc Committee, but leaving out a lot of the detail. The CWC would also like to include some case examples of utilities that have done great work in asset management, and how they fared. Camden County MUA is one possibility based on Andy Kricun's testimony in 2008. Are there any other good examples out there? We are looking for a combination of asset management (as we have discussed the concept) and good rate structures and accounting to achieve it. Dan will send out a really focused draft to the CWC Members for any additional comments they may have.

The Council wants to develop a Strategy over the next three meetings, produce a proposal for public release, and then hold the 2010 Public Hearing in October. Jessica asked Stan to invite both Jeff Reading and Michele Putnam to the next CWC Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Public Utilities and NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust would be invited to May's CWC Meeting, and at June's CWC Meeting, there would be an Internal Wrap-Up and Briefing.

Results of 2009 Hearing on Climate Change & Recommendations for Acting Commissioner Bob Martin: 3 of the 4 Members of the Ad Hoc Climate Change Committee were absent from today's CWC Meeting; therefore, it was decided that this issue would be tabled for the immediate future since the Council is concentrating on the Water Infrastructure Financing Issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Topic for 2010 Clean Water Council Public Hearing: Suggested to continue discussion on Water Infrastructure Financing (see above).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. with a motion from Lou Neely. It was seconded by Ray Zabihach.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. \*\***

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

April 13, 2010  
Meeting Highlights

### **Location:**

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ.

### **Attendees:**

**Members:** George Bakun, Robert Breslin, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jessica Sanchez, Tony Valente, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Karen Cerra, Alan Dillon, Helen Heinrich, Jeff Reading, Michele Putnam and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened by Jessica Sanchez at 10:05 a.m. Jessica asked everyone to introduce themselves since there were a few new faces at the CWC Meeting today.

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH'S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

March's Minutes were distributed. Lou Neely made the motion to approve the minutes, and Tony McCracken seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as distributed.

### **DEP UPDATES:**

Stan Cach is out on leave so Jeff Reading gave the DEP Report. Jeff reported that Bob Martin has been confirmed by the State Senate and sworn in by the Governor as the DEP Commissioner. Commissioner Martin has not announced his Team yet, but he should be announcing it soon. Red Tape Rules information has been coming out slowly. The Governor's Budget has the DEP Budget being cut by 2%. The Budget Process is just beginning though. RGGI funds for one year were being diverted to the general fund.

Jessica asked Jeff for updates on Integrated Water Quality Monitoring & Assessment Report and the Water Supply Master Plan release dates. Jeff will check on this information.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ad Hoc Committee on Water Infrastructure Financing:** Council discussed the latest version of the Report on Water Infrastructure Financing and the process for releasing it. Jeff asked Dan if he is envisioning that this Report would be enacted through Statute and Regulations from DCA or DEP? Jeff commented that on the wastewater side, DEP has ongoing regulatory authority over POTWs; however, DEP does not have authority over collection systems.

Michele Putnam & Alan Dillon (Bureau of Safe Drinking Water) attended the meeting, and Alan spoke regarding Asset Management, Sustainability, etc. (See attached article from Alan with detailed information regarding Capacity Development.)

CWC would like the Board of Public Utilities and Department of Community Affairs to attend May's CWC Meeting. Jessica will send letters to Messrs. Pfeiffer (DCA) & Fortkiewicz (BPU) inviting them to attend the CWC Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Council would like positive case studies of Asset Management to include in the Report. Dan needs case studies - 1 for water supply and 1 for wastewater. It was recommended to check the AWWA Journals to see if there are articles that have been already published related to this issue.

The Council discussed having articles published related to the Water Infrastructure Financing Recommendations, as well as, the upcoming October Public Hearing. Dan will finalize the Water Infrastructure Financing document so that it will become a White Paper and publish it as an Article in relevant Publications. Lastly, Gerry will check on the availability of the DEP Public Hearing Room and schedule it so that this year's Public Hearing can be held in October.

2009 Hearing on Climate Change & Recommendations for Commissioner Bob Martin: The Ad Hoc Committee will hold a teleconference call on April 19<sup>th</sup> to work on the draft letter to Commissioner Martin regarding the 2009 Hearing on Climate Change. Pam Goodwin is coordinating the meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee.

The CWC will invite Commissioner Martin to attend June's CWC Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Housekeeping; i.e., expired terms; letters of (re)appointments; updated membership list – CWC Members updated their info (addresses/phone numbers/e-mails) where appropriate, and Gerry is going to follow-up with the Governor's office on the (re)appointments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion from Jim Cosgrove. It was seconded by Ray Zabihach.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. \*\***



## NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

May 11, 2010  
Meeting Highlights

### **Location:**

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ.

### **Attendees:**

**Members:** Ferdows Ali, George Bakun, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Tony Valente, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Karen Cerra, Joy Farber, Victor Fortkiewicz, Helen Heinrich, Marc Pfeiffer and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened by Jessica Sanchez at 10:05 a.m. Jessica asked everyone to introduce themselves since Messrs. Fortkiewicz and Pfeiffer were at the CWC Meeting today.

### **APPROVAL OF APRIL'S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

April's Minutes were distributed. Lou Neely made the motion to approve the minutes, and Ray Zabihach seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as distributed.

### **DEP UPDATES:**

Stan Cach distributed copies of the revised NJ Department of Environmental Protection organizational chart.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ad Hoc Committee on Water Infrastructure Financing:** Jessica stated the purpose of today's CWC meeting. Marc Pfeiffer of DCA and Victor Fortkiewicz of BPU are attending the meeting to share their expertise and comments related to the Report that is based on the discussions of the Ad Hoc Committee about New Jersey's system of water infrastructure financing and oversight.

Marc Pfeiffer noted that utility size matters, as some municipal systems are very small. Local utilities regulated by DCA use two different accounting standards, both distinct from those used by BPU-regulated utilities. Municipalities pushed hard to get exempt from BPU and will not want to have BPU controls re-imposed. There are also costs of oversight, and of layering in another type of accounting. Victor Fortkiewicz noted that BPU doesn't have accounting standards per se - the private sector uses GAP, and each company has its own depreciation rates. In general discussion, the decision was made to modify the recommendations so that they refer to accounting "principles and general practices" that would establish "best practices" for utilities. The specific accounting method is less important than what it accomplishes.

Mr. Pfeiffer noted that DCA has fixed asset reporting standards for MUAs, which probably should also apply to municipal utilities but this has not been implemented. He acknowledged that the system could be improved. He also noted that the Local Finance Board is currently understaffed but recommended that the NJCWC not assume this to be a permanent condition. He also recommended that institutional capacity to undertake these recommendations be mentioned, not just within utilities, but also resources of local and State government. He asked how regulatory and financial incentives and disincentives could play into the process and whether phased implementation would be necessary.

Joy Farber of DCA-OSG suggested a focus on "worst first."

**2009 Public Hearing on Climate Change & Recommendations for Commissioner Bob Martin:**

Commissioner Martin will meet with the CWC on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor large conference room to hear the Council recommendations related to the 2009 Public Hearing. **The regular monthly CWC meeting will begin at 10 am, and the Commissioner will join the meeting when he is available at 11:30 am.**

The Report on Climate Change & Recommendations to the Commissioner is being finalized. There will be one cover letter that Jessica will prepare to the Commissioner transmitting both documents, one related to Water Infrastructure Financing Recommendations and the second related to the Climate Change Recommendations.

**Housekeeping; i.e., expired terms; letters of (re)appointments; updated membership list –**

Jason Varano is no longer the contact so Gerry is working on getting a new contact in the Commissioner's/Governor's office that will be able to assist the CWC in getting the expired terms of the CWC Members reinstated.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2010 CWC Public Hearing will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. with a motion from Russ Furnari. It was seconded by Ray Zabihach.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, June 8th, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJDEP – 6<sup>th</sup> floor large conference room, Trenton NJ. Note that Commissioner Martin will join the meeting at 11:30 pm. \*\***

**NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL**  
**June 8, 2010**  
**Meeting Highlights**

**Location:**

NJ Department of Environmental Protection, 401 East State Street – 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Trenton, NJ.

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Ferdows Ali, George Bakun, Robert Breslin, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Tony Valente, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Commissioner Martin, Assistant Commissioner Wittenberg, Michelle Putnam, Jorge Reyes, Christine Schell, Helen Heinrich and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened to order by Jessica Sanchez at 10:15 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MAY'S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

May's Minutes were distributed. Jim Cosgrove noted a correction to the Minutes. Lou Neely made the motion to approve the minutes, and Jim Cosgrove seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as amended.

**DEP UPDATES:**

Stan Cach reported that no new appointments have been made since the last CWC Meeting.

Also, Stan updated the CWC on the 2008 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey. Stan said that through a lot of DEP staff effort, New Jersey was able to document New Jersey's needs that they now rank No. 1 in the United States (over \$36 billion in wastewater needs) in USEPA's Report to Congress. Stan thanked the CWC for the effort they made in encouraging municipalities to fill out the forms and submit them to the DEP to document their communities' needs. The CWC acknowledged the efforts of Stan and staff in accomplishing this goal.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held about how to best present the information to the Commissioner regarding the 2008 Public Hearing on Water Infrastructure Financing and the 2009 Public Hearing on Climate Change. It was recommended that Pam Goodwin take the lead with the conversation regarding Climate Change and Dan Van Abs be the lead on the discussion on Water Infrastructure Financing.

Commissioner Bob Martin joined the meeting at 11:30 am. He walked around the room and introduced himself to all the Clean Water Council Members. Jessica welcomed the Commissioner to the Meeting and explained to him the diverse group that makes up the CWC Council.

Pam summarized the testimony and CWC recommendations from the 2009 Public Hearing which addressed *Water Policy & Climate Change*. She discussed the responses received to the two questions posed by the Council: 1) What are the high priority risks to clean water posed by the increasing variability of climate and weather events?; and 2) What changes to water management policies are needed to increase flexibility and adaptive management, and how will NJ meet the cost? Pam also summarized the Council's 2009 Public Hearing Executive Summary on Water Policy & Climate Change. The Commissioner thanked the Council for its good work on this important topic and requested any data that was submitted with testimony. He said he is working with the Science Advisory Board on some of these issues. The Commissioner said NJDEP decisions concerning climate change will be made only when all the facts and data are on the table. He also said that he intends to recommend to his staff that they use the information the Council has provided to the Department regarding Water Policy & Climate Change and include it in reports that they are currently working on.

Dan updated the Commissioner on the CWC's work since the 2008 Public Hearing whose topic was *New Jersey's Water Infrastructure – Sustainable Funding*. Dan said it really broke down to two fundamental issues: 1) establishing best practices for asset management and how to drive people in the right direction; and 2) the financial management part of it. Dan informed the Commissioner that the Council has already met with BPU and DCA because they would also be involved with the financial aspects of the Programs. The Council has put together a White Paper with the hope that it will serve as a guidance document that someone would reference to say "yes, this is where NJ needs to go". We realize that it may take a few years just to put the basic program in place. Also, we have hopes that by then, the recession would be past us. Additional case studies may be needed to that illustrate where utilities have spent more money on asset management that actually allowed them to reduce their rates long-term. The Council wants to get this out to the public prior to the CWC's Public Hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup> so the public can really think about it and come to the Hearing with thoughtful responses.

The Commissioner said that he believes that good asset management in the long run is the right answer and asked if privatization has been considered as an option. Dan said that there are many private-sector water supply utilities, but very few of any significant size in the wastewater field. Good public managers, if they have good Boards, can do all of this work and do it well. The Commissioner noted that the bottom line is that profitability drives things like asset management. Dan said that we want to get to the point where the form of ownership does not impact the quality. The Commissioner said that the asset management piece of the Report is golden. Dan said the utilities have to have standards and benchmarks; decision makers have to be held accountable. A comment was made that we should reward "going green" and the implementation of positive programs. Another comment was made that standards need to be set that will be applicable to every type of utility.

Jessica asked the Commissioner if the Council should continue in this direction with the Water Infrastructure Financing White Paper. Commissioner Martin said that he was happy with the conversation today. He is going to take the Climate Change information and will get it rolling into the current work the Department is doing. He wants the Council to keep building on today's conversation and help think through further on how to make the White Paper work and give him specific recommendations. Also, he wants us to see if there are

other ways we can challenge ourselves and change others - How do you change the paradigm long-term? Consider privatizing; a public private partnership, etc. How do we deal with issues of money with authorities? Commissioner Martin would appreciate feedback on these issues. He encouraged the Council to continue on the path they're on and be innovative. John Plonski, Assistant Commissioner of Water Resource Management will be the contact on the CWC for the Commissioner. Assistant Commissioner Plonski will be invited to the next CWC Meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Housekeeping; i.e., expired terms; letters of (re)appointments; updated membership list**

Stan will be contacting Assistant Commissioner Plonski and his office to have those CWC terms that have expired appointments re-appointed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2010 CWC Public Hearing will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 a.m. with a motion from Tony McCracken. It was seconded by Ray Zabihach.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ. \*\***

**NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL**  
**July 13, 2010**  
**Meeting Highlights**

**Location:**

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building # 6, Suite 201,  
Lawrenceville, NJ.

**Attendees:**

**Members:** M. Ferdows, George Bakun, Robert Breslin, Stan Cach, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith,  
Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Karen Cerra, Helen Heinrich and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened to order by Jessica Sanchez at 10:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE'S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

June's Minutes were distributed. Jessica asked that page numbers be put on the Minutes, and also she noted a typo on page 2. Dan Van Abs made the motion to approve the minutes, and Russ Furnari seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as amended.

**DEP UPDATES:**

The Commissioner is meeting with the Managers this week to discuss the DEP Vision and Transformational Change Seminars. DEP staff will then be attending these Seminars over the course of the next month.

Jessica asked about the status of Water Supply Planning? Dan said that in regard to the Water Supply Plan itself, there were meetings of the Water Supply Council in February and March and the data is now updated through 2007. The June meeting was cancelled. The July meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Tony McCracken asked Stan to provide an update at the next CWC Meeting of the status of the Wastewater Management Plan.

Helen Heinrich asked about the Status of the Clean Water Watersheds Needs Report – Stan said that the Report will be utilized in future funding of Clean Water Capitalization Grants to the States.

Ali Ferdows asked Stan to update the CWC on the overall water quality of the State; i.e., any hot spots such as Oyster Creek and beach closings. It was requested to invite Bob Confer to attend the CWC Meeting in September to discuss the status of Beach Closings.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Dan had distributed the final “**Draft Recommendations for Water Infrastructure Management and Financing: White Paper for Public Hearing and Comment, October 12, 2010**”. Jessica said that she accepts the changes to the document. Ray Zabihach made a motion to accept the document as final. Bob Breslin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. It was recommended to prepare the Hearing Announcement and include it with the White Paper on the CWC Website ASAP. The Hearing Announcement will be sent to the CWC Members, DEP staff, etc., for distribution.

Also, Jessica will prepare letters to DEP Commissioner Martin; DCA Commissioner Grifa and BPU President Solomon inviting them to be Speakers at the Public Hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, all the Working Group Members who assisted in the preparation of the White Paper will be invited to the Public Hearing. The Council will send out a “Hold the Date” Flyer, soon, announcing the Public Hearing, and then in September, a second Notice will be sent when the Agenda is finalized. The Council Members thanked Dan for all the work that was done, and for taking the lead in developing the White Paper.

Follow-up to June’s Meeting with Commissioner Martin - Jessica asked Stan if he had received any additional feed-back from the Commissioner since he met with the CWC in June. Stan said that the Commissioner appreciated the information on the Water Policy and Climate Change Document. Jessica asked if anyone would be interested in taking one piece of the recommendation; i.e., Temperature, and ask DEP to come in and talk about Water Quality at the next meeting; specifically, any long range, long term temperature data that they have for water and air. Stan will invite Marjorie Kaplan to November’s meeting to provide updates and status of the Climate Change Initiatives presently being studied by the Department. Russ offered to follow-up with Marjorie, also.

Assistant Commissioner John Plonski called and informed the Council that he was unable to attend the CWC Meeting today, but he would be willing to meet with some Members of the Council prior to the next scheduled Meeting in September. It was decided to have Jessica, Pam and Dan (Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairs) meet with him in August.

### **Housekeeping; i.e., expired terms; letters of (re)appointments; updated membership list**

Stan said he’s been following up with the Governor’s Office on the Reappointments and was told that the new Administration is currently evaluating all the Councils and Commissions. After they are done evaluating and making their decisions, they will announce their recommendations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2010 CWC Public Hearing will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion from Pam Goodwin. It was seconded by Amy Goldsmith.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ. \*\***



**NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL**  
**September 14, 2010**  
**Meeting Highlights**

**Location:**

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building # 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ.

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Ferdows Ali, George Bakun, Robert Breslin, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jessica Sanchez, Tony Valente, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Maria Banasiak, Karen Cerra, Virginia Lofton and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened to order by Jessica Sanchez at 10:10 a.m.

Jessica gave an update of the meeting that she, Dan Van Abs, Pam Goodwin and Stan Cach attended with Assistant Commissioner John Plonski. Jessica also told the Council about a call she received from Assistant Commissioner Plonski yesterday informing her that it has been recommended that the Clean Water Council and Water Supply Advisory Council be combined.

**APPROVAL OF JULY'S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

July's Minutes were distributed. Russ Furnari made the motion to approve the minutes, and Lou Neely seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as amended.

**DEP UPDATES:**

Stan Cach introduced Virginia Loftin, who has been with the DEP for 18 years, to update the CWC on New Jersey's Beaches. She said that the DEP has administered the Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program since 1974 with the participation of county and local health departments. Each year, 218 ocean and bay beaches are sampled on Mondays for enterococcus bacteria concentrations. Sampling locations are located at public recreational bathing beaches and are usually located in areas near potential sources of contamination. DEP also performs aerial surveillance of the coast six days per week during the summer. A sensor installed in the aircraft detects chlorophyll levels in near shore waters and indicates when algal blooms may be occurring.

The Clean Shores Program began in 1989 and uses state inmates to clean tidal shorelines of trash and debris. The goal of Clean Shores is to prevent this debris from washing up on bathing beaches. Clean Shores removes approximately 5 million pounds of debris from the state's shorelines each year. Both Clean Shores and the CCMP are funded by the sale of the Shore Protection license plates. CCMP gets additional funding from the EPA BEACH Act Beach Grant.

Stan provided the Council with a handout on the Wastewater Management Plan Status. He also provided copies of the DEP Press Releases on the Statewide Drought Watch and on the New DEP Science Advisory Board. A list of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) initial topics, plus a complete list of members of the SAB and its four standing committees, and their qualifications, are available at: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/sab/>. Stan notified the Council of an upcoming Public Hearing on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust @ 10:00 am on the Proposed FFY2011 Priority System, Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Clean Water Financing. Also, a Stakeholder Meeting Regarding N.J.A.C. 7:22, "Financing Assistance Programs for Environmental Infrastructure Facilities" will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the DEP Public Hearing Room.

Dan Van Abs made a Motion that the CWC strongly recommends that the Department, in its reconsideration of NJAC 7:22 regulations, take into account the CWC's final recommendations on Water Infrastructure Asset Management as it relates to those Rules, and that this Resolution be submitted to the Department for their Stakeholder Meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Lou Neely seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved. (Pam Goodwin abstained since she had missed some of the conversation.) Jessica will submit a letter to Stan.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The 2010 Public Hearing on Water Infrastructure Management and Financing was discussed. Dan reviewed the Agenda. He also reported the various ways he has outreached to get the information about the Hearing into publications, etc. He also encouraged everyone to get the word out about the Hearing. The Department will get out a Press Advisory, but that will be closer to the Hearing.

Housekeeping Items: appointments – Once the proposed merging of the CWC and the Water Supply Advisory Council is resolved, the Appointments/Re-appointments should be made.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

2011 Work Plan and Hearing – this discussion was postponed until November's meeting.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion from Lou Neely. It was seconded by Russ Furnari.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ. \*\***

**NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL**  
**November 9, 2010**  
**Meeting Highlights**

**Location:**

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building # 6, Suite 201,  
Lawrenceville, NJ.

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Ferdows Ali, George Bakun, Robert Breslin, Russ Furnari, Pam Goodwin,  
Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, James Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Tony Valente, Dan Van Abs, and  
Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Karen Cerra, Gene Chebra, Helen Heinrich, Ken Klipstein, Christine Schell and  
Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened to order by Jessica Sanchez at 10:05 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER'S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

November's Minutes were distributed. Lou Neely made the motion to approve the minutes,  
and Bob Breslin seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as submitted.

**DEP UPDATES:**

Jessica Sanchez introduced Gene Chebra who was representing Stanley Cach as the DEP  
Representative.

Gene spoke regarding the DEP reorganization which was recently announced. The  
Commissioner's Transformation Update Memo, dated November 5<sup>th</sup>, was shared with the  
Clean Water Council Members. Gene said that one of the Transformation initiatives is  
assuring that we finance the right projects.

Jessica said that she had sent an e-mail to Ray Cantor and asked for an update on Water  
Quality Management Planning. Jessica feels that in light of the Council's past contributions  
to the development of the WQMP regulations, it would seem appropriate for the Council to be  
involved in the evaluation process. Ray has asked Marilyn Lennon to be the contact person.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Christine Schell from the Department's Office of Climate and Energy gave an update on the  
on-going climate initiatives happening in the State. After briefly reviewing the climate  
legislative mandates for the State, Christine gave an update on the implementation status of  
the water-related recommendations in the State's Global Warming Response Act's  
Recommendations Report, release in December of 2009. She then covered other sector  
actions, both related to mitigation and adaptation. Ms. Schell was unable to show her  
Powerpoint presentation during the meeting, but it was distributed to CWC members and is  
attached as part of the meeting minutes.

Ken Klipstein spoke regarding the DEP's consideration of a Green Roof for the DEP complex in downtown Trenton. One issue that inhibited the roof greening project was that the state building code lacks criteria or performance standards for green roofs.

2011 Work Plan and Hearing – this discussion was postponed until December's meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Water Infrastructure Management and Financing Public Hearing – A motion was made by Dan Van Abs and seconded by Ray Zabihach to approve, subject to final editing, the draft letter to Commissioner Martin which transmits for consideration the Council's Recommendations for improvements to water infrastructure management and financing. The Motion was unanimously approved.

The schedule of Clean Water Council Meetings for 2011 was distributed.

The Council asked that the DEP Public Hearing Room be reserved for October for the Council's 2011 Public Hearing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Tony McCracken announced that the Water Infrastructure Summit will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Commissioner Martin will be one of the Speakers.

Russ Furnari announced that PSE&G will be holding a Workshop on Climate Change during the Fall, 2011.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. with a motion from Ray Zabihach. It was seconded by Russ Furnari.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ. \*\***

**NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL**  
**December 14, 2010**  
**Meeting Highlights**

**Location:**

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building # 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ.

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Ferdows Ali, George Bakun, Robert Breslin, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Amy Goldsmith, Tony McCracken, James Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Karen Cerra, Helen Heinrich, Pat Matarazzo and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened to order by Jessica Sanchez at 10:05 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER'S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

December's Minutes were distributed. Dan Van Abs made the motion to approve the minutes, and Ray Zabihach seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as submitted.

**DEP UPDATES:**

Stan Cach said that the DEP is still working on the Transformation.

Water Quality Management Planning Revisions - Jessica has been trying to get DEP to involve the Clean Water Council more intimately in the process. Jessica talked to Michele Putnam and now she has reached out to Tom Micai to get more information.

Pat Matarazzo said that he got an e-mail from Assistant Commissioner Plonski asking him to participate as a Stakeholder for the Transformation process.

Dan Van Abs reported that the Water Supply Advisory Council is working with Kerry Pflugh who is a lead person in the Stakeholder process. They will be convening a Public Advisory Committee of a selected group of people in January. There is a meeting on Friday (12/17) to nail down the details of that. They are talking about a North Jersey, Central Jersey and South Jersey public hearing on the actual draft of the Water Supply Plan so that the expectation is that as of early next year the Water Supply Plan will be public and adoption is targeted for May.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dan noted that the article about the 2010 CWC Public Hearing was not in the League of Municipalities' October Issue of the Magazine. Dan said he updated the Article and has been in contact with the Editor, and it should be in the February Edition of the Magazine.

Also, Dan asked if anyone knows if the Articles were published in AWWA and NJWEA related to the Public Hearing? If not, he would like to also give them the revised Articles to be put in their future Publications.

Council members discussed the next steps to be taken to maintain momentum from the October public hearing and the final *Infrastructure Financing & Management Recommendations* that have been publicly disseminated. Both Commissioner Martin and Board of Public Utilities' President Solomon support the need for changes to current management strategies, and Council sees merit in garnering additional interest in adopting the recommendations. However, since the issue straddles several state agencies and Council serves the Commissioner of NJDEP, there is a need and desire to maintain coordination with NJDEP staff and the support of Commissioner Martin.

The 2011 Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at NJDEP. Among viable topics was that of technological innovations/green alternatives to maintain/improve water quality and infrastructure resilience and asset management. Decisions on a hearing topic and development of a 2011 Work Plan were deferred pending our meetings with BPU & DCA representatives and NJDEP.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Chair to prepare meeting summary to facilitate NJDEP staff review of CWC preferred plan of action on implementation of the *Infrastructure Financing & Management Recommendations*.
- Council to invite representatives from BPU and DCA to February 15, 2011 meeting to discuss intra-agency plans for implementing recommended changes to infrastructure financing & management. Suggested contacts are Marc Pfeiffer, Local Government Services at DCA who spoke at the October public hearing, and Rhea Brekke, Chief of staff for Lee Solomon, BPU.
- Schedule a meeting with Commissioner Martin (March or April 2011) to discuss implementation steps on the infrastructure recommendations as well as other items on which the Council could assist the Commissioner and NJDEP staff.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The DEP Public Hearing Room has been reserved for October 19<sup>th</sup> for the Council's 2011 Public Hearing.

2011 Work Plan – In January, the Council would like an update on the Water Quality Management Plan. Invite the Board of Public Utilities and Department of Community Affairs to February's CWC Meeting. Invite Commissioner Martin to the CWC meeting in March or April.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jessica thanked everyone for all the hard work they have done on the Council the past year, and said she looks forward to next year. The Council thanked Jessica for her efforts, also.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion from Ray Zabihach. It was seconded by Bob Breslin.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ. \*\***