

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

January 18, 2012

Meeting Highlights

Location:

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

Members Present:	
Ferdows Ali, PhD - NJ Dept of Agriculture George Bakun, PE – Business & Industry Robert Breslin – AFL-CIO Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs Russ Furnari – PSE&G	Amy Goldsmith – General Public Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public Tony McCracken, PP - General Public Jim Requa, Ed.D. – NJ Dept of Community Affairs Jessica Sanchez, PhD – DRBC Dan Van Abs, PhD, PP – General Public
Others: Fred Sickels, Water Supply, NJDEP	Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Sanchez at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER'S 2011 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

November's Meeting Highlights will be approved @ February's CWC Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election and confirmation of new Officers: Pam Goodwin is the Chair of the CWC;
Dan Van Abs is the Vice Chair; and Jim Cosgrove is the 2nd Vice Chair.

Pam thanked Jessica for the wonderful job she did as the Chair and gave her beautiful flowers.

DEP UPDATE:

Stan Cach reported that his contact was out, and he will follow-up on the status update on the Water Quality Management Plan.

Stan distributed the Department's Five Priority Goals.

Stan announced that Tom Micai has retired and is working at Bayshore Recycling. He also announced that Marc Pfeiffer is retiring from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on April 1, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing on Asset Management:

The CWC Public Hearing was held on November 30th @ the DEP. A discussion was held to see if the Council should have an Ad Hoc Committee get together to create a paper to submit to the Commissioner regarding this year's Public Hearing. Some of the Council Members were disappointed that the Department did not go further with their recommendations and/or release a position paper on Asset Management. Stan said that the Commissioner is supportive, and the Commissioner will enlist the unified support of the DCA and Board of Public Utilities. After discussion, it was agreed that the CWC would wait for the Department's issuance of the Asset Management Guidance before the CWC would provide their comments of same. Jessica said she's not sure if the Water Supply Advisory Council wants to weigh in on this position, also, since it was a Joint Public Hearing.

Fred Sickels said that that the Department is working toward setting up (5 – 6) utilities (wastewater/water) to pilot the Department's Asset Management Guidance. The Department will issue the draft Asset Management Guidance to stakeholders for comment upon finalization. The CWC suggested inviting Commissioner Martin to the March CWC Meeting. Stan explained the Water and Wastewater Programs, in concert with the Commissioner's Office, DCA and BPU, have been working diligently to launch the Asset Management Program

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am with a motion from Jim Cosgrove, and it was seconded by Russ Furnari.

The Clean Water Council Members now joined the Clean Air Council and Water Supply Advisory Council Members for a joint meeting to discuss various common issues and hear the Presentation from Dan Kennedy on the State's Strategic Plan.

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, February 14th, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6 – Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ. ****

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

February 14, 2012

Meeting Highlights

Location:

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

Members Present:	
George Bakun, PE – Business & Industry Robert Breslin – AFL-CIO Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs Russ Furnari – PSE&G	Amy Goldsmith – General Public Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public Jim Requa, Ed.D. – NJ Dept of Community Affairs Jessica Sanchez, PhD – DRBC Tony Valente – Department of Labor Dan Van Abs, PhD, PP – General Public
Others: Helen Heinrich, AIA – NJ Farm Bureau	Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP

The meeting was called to order by Pam Goodwin @ 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER’S 2011 and JANUARY’S 2012 MEETINGS’ HIGHLIGHTS:

The Highlights for November’s and January’s meetings were distributed. The Minutes were amended per comments from Dan Van Abs. Jim Cosgrove made a motion to approve the meeting Highlights, and Russ Furnari seconded the motion. The Highlights for November’s and January’s meetings were approved.

DEP UPDATE:

Stan Cach read an e-mail that Suzanne Dice-Goldberg sent to him regarding the WQMP Rule Status “we’re in the early stages of working on an overhaul of these rules. We anticipate scheduling some stakeholder meetings in a couple months.”

Stan reported that Commissioner Bob Martin announced leadership moves @ the DEP. Assistant Commissioner for Economic Growth and Green Energy (EGGE) Michele Siekerka will replace current Assistant Commissioner for Water Resource Management John Plonski, who is leaving the Department. Robert A. Marshall, who currently serves in the Office of Counsel to the Governor, is joining DEP to lead EGGE. To more accurately reflect the mission and activities of that office, its name has been changed to Sustainability and Green Energy (SAGE).

Also, Janice Brogle will be joining the Division of Water Quality on a six month assignment to assist with the continuing transformation of the Water Quality Program. During this temporary assignment, she will be the Acting Assistant Director of the Water Pollution Management Element working with particular focus on the Stormwater Program, the Statewide Combined Sewer Overflow Strategy, and the Green Infrastructure Initiative.

Stan indicated that representatives from SYRACUSECOE would be willing to give their Presentation on Green & Sustainable Infrastructure & CSOs to the NJ Clean Water Council and NJDEP. The Council is receptive, and is also interested in inviting the NJ Water Supply Advisory Council to join the CWC. May 8th would be the best date for the Council since it's already on a regularly scheduled meeting date. Also, Stan referred the Council to check out the "Save the Rain" website which is a resource on green infrastructure improvements that help prevent storm run-off pollution in the Onondaga Lake area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Asset Management:

The CWC agreed to invite Commissioner Martin to an upcoming CWC Meeting so that the Council can offer their support to the Commissioner in the advancement of the statewide Asset Management Program, and they would offer their comments on the draft Guidance prior to its release. Also, the Council requests to meet with the new Water Resource Assistant Commissioner, Michele Siekerka. The CWC Chairperson, Pam Goodwin, will formally send an invitation to Commissioner Martin. The Department is coordinating with the Board of Public Utilities and Department of Community Affairs. Also, the Department will be working with several communities and utilities that volunteered to assist in the advancement of the Asset Management Program.

Pam asked for any comments from the Joint Councils Meeting held on January 18th with the CAC/CWC/WSAC, Re: the Presentation on State Strategic Plan given by Dan Kennedy. Jessica distributed Editorial on the State Strategic Plan (SSP). A comment was made that, by intent, there is not a lot of detail or content in the SSP. Another comment was that this is an Outline, and all technical aspects will be worked out later. Further, comments from the Joint Councils Meeting included managing pharmaceuticals; fracking; and green infrastructure.

A discussion was held regarding a proposed Bill on the fluoridation of drinking water. The Council previously opposed this practice. The CWC agreed to send their recommendation letter to Commissioner Martin regarding this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am with a motion from Jim Cosgrove, and it was seconded by Russ Furnari.

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

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

April 10, 2012

Meeting Highlights

Location:

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

Members Present:	
Ferdows Ali, PhD – NJ Dept of Agriculture George Bakun, PE – Business & Industry Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs Russ Furnari – PSE&G	Amy Goldsmith – General Public Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public Jim Requa, Ed.D. – NJ Dept of Community Affairs Tony Valente – Department of Labor Dan Van Abs, PhD, PP – General Public
Others: Helen Heinrich, AIA – NJ Farm Bureau	Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP

The meeting was called to order by Pam Goodwin @ 10:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY'S 2012 MEETINGS' HIGHLIGHTS:

The Highlights for February's meeting were distributed. Jim Cosgrove made a motion to approve the meeting Highlights, and Russ Furnari seconded the motion. The Highlights for February's meeting were approved.

DEP UPDATE:

Stan Cach reported that the Commissioner will be available to attend the CWC Meeting on Tuesday, June 12th. The meeting will be held @ the DEP (401 East State Street) in the 3rd floor large conference room. The Commissioner will join the meeting @ approximately 11:00 am.

The CWC has been invited to a Meet and Greet with Assistant Commissioner Michele Siekerka on April 27th. Chair Pam Goodwin, Vice Chair Dan Van Abs and 2nd Vice Chair Jim Cosgrove will attend the meeting.

Stan asked the Council for a date that representatives from SYRACUSECOE would be able to give their Presentation on Green & Sustainable Infrastructure & CSOs to the CWC and the DEP. It was recommended that Friday, June 15th @ 1:30 pm be the date/time for Syracuse to come to the DEP. Dan requested an Agenda regarding the content of the SYRACUSECOE Presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stan & Director Michele Putnam briefed Assistant Commissioner Michele Siekerka regarding the past joint sponsored Public Hearing with NJCWC & NJWSA; Asset Management, Proposed Pilot Projects; the upcoming meeting with Commissioner Bob Martin; and the scheduled upcoming “Save the Rain” Presentation

Water Quality Management – Jim Cosgrove reported that the Department is holding Stakeholder Meetings. He said he attended one of the meetings and everything is on the table, and the Department is very open to suggestions in improvements to the Program.

Dan Van Abs gave a Highlands Council Update: Executive Director Eileen Swan and Deputy Executive Director Tom Borden are no longer with the Highlands Council. Dan is the Acting Executive Director, but he will be retiring June 1st. The Personnel Committee is going through the process of finding a replacement for these vacancies..

The Council discussed the letter/agenda for the meeting with the Commissioner. Dan recommended sending a letter to the Commissioner thanking him for participating in the 2011 PH; reiterate that the testimony at the Public Hearing strongly supported efforts of DEP to enhance the practice of Asset Management in NJ; and offering the Council’s assistance to the Department.

The CWC discussed conducting a joint Public Hearing with the Clean Air Council. Given that each Council has different time frames for their respective Public Hearings (Spring and Fall) it was decided that the Council would conduct their own Public Hearing in the Fall.

The 2012 CWC Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 10th. (The Public Hearing Room is available on that date so it will be reserved.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jim Cosgrove reported that the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission submitted an application to DEP for an increase in their Safe Yield.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am with a motion from Jim Cosgrove, and it was seconded by Russ Furnari.

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, May 8th, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6 – Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ. ****

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

May 8, 2012

Meeting Highlights

Location:

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

Members Present:	
Ferdows Ali, PhD – NJ Dept of Agriculture George Bakun, PE – Business & Industry Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public	Tony McCracken, PP, General Public Jim Requa, Ed.D. – NJ Dept of Community Affairs Jessica Sanchez, PhD - DRBC Tony Valente – Department of Labor Dan Van Abs, PhD, PP – General Public Ray Zabihach, PP, NJ Association of Counties
Others: Helen Heinrich, AIA – NJ Farm Bureau	Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Goodwin @ 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF APRIL'S 2012 MEETINGS' HIGHLIGHTS:

The Highlights for April's meeting were distributed. Jim Cosgrove made a motion to approve the meeting Highlights, and Jessica Sanchez seconded the motion. The Highlights for April's meeting were approved.

DEP UPDATE:

Stan Cach reported that:

The Stakeholder Process is on-going regarding the Water Quality Management Plan.

Jessica Sanchez said that she attended a meeting at which Michele Siekerka discussed the WQMP transformation process.

Asset Management – the Department is working on multiple fronts. DEP is collaborating with the Department of Community Affairs and Board of Public Utilities. The Commissioner has engaged DCA Commissioner Constable and BPU President Hanna.

Representatives from SYRACUSECOE and Onondago County will give their presentation on implementing Green & Sustainable Infrastructure to the CWC and the DEP on Friday, June 15th @ 1:30 pm in the DEP public hearing room. Invitations will be sent out via e-mail to present on-site or via webcast.

The Barnegat Bay Blitz will be held on May 9th with Commissioner Bob Martin leading the DEP team, community, business volunteers and students from all 37 towns across the Barnegat Bay watershed in the second Barnegat Bay Blitz, a watershed-wide cleanup day.

Stan has reached out to several members of the CWC to obtain cost information for the construction of porous pavement projects constructed in New Jersey over the past two years for the 2012 Clean Watershed Needs Survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pamela Goodwin briefed the Council about what was discussed at the meeting between Assistant Commissioner Michele Siekerka, Pamela, Dan Van Abs and Jim Cosgrove. The Council leadership team provided Assistant Commissioner Siekerka with examples of how the Council operates, its legislative mandate and examples of ways in which it has, and can be, useful to the Department.. Assistant Commissioner Siekerka confirmed that the Wastewater Management Planning Program will be moved to Water Resource Management.

The CWC's Hearing Report Letter sent to Commissioner Martin dated April 25, 2012 regarding the 2011 Public Hearing was distributed to the Council.

The Council is arranging to meet with Commissioner Martin and Assistant Commissioner Siekerka. At that meeting, they will solicit Topic recommendations for the 2012 Public Hearing that will be held on December 10th @ 9:00 am in the Public Hearing Room @ DEP.

OLD BUSINESS:

Some Hearing Topic ideas from the Council: Sustainable Technology; Green Design. A possible title for the 2012 Hearing - Redevelopment Techniques to Maximize Water Resources Management and Economic Growth. "DEP Can Become Agent of Change."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Duke Estate having Open House on May 19th. (It is free, and everyone is encouraged to come.)

Delaware River Sojourn – last week in June – paddle down the Delaware River (kayak or canoe).

Soil Health Conference @ Ocean County College on May 30th.

American Water Resource Association - Tony McCracken and Ray Zabihach are involved in the upcoming Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am with a motion from Ferdows Ali; seconded by Dan Van Abs.

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, July 10th, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the NJDEP – 6th Floor Large Conference Room. ****

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Date: Friday, June 15, 2012

Time: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM EDT

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Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

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Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer

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**Clean Water Council 2012: Implementing a Successful Green
and Sustainable Infrastructure**

June 15, 2012

AGENDA

1:30 PM	I	Welcome Introductions	Pamela Goodwin, Esq. Chair – NJ Clean Water Council
	II	The County's Implementation Strategy – An aggressive & progressive Stormwater Management Program – Focus: Green Infrastructure Technologies including capitalization & financing approaches with policy implications	Matt Millea Deputy County Executive Onondaga County, New York
	III	“Save the Rain” Public Education, Outreach & Training	Mark Lichtenstein Executive Director Syracuse Center of Excellence-COE Center for Sustainable Community Solutions
	IV	Implementation of Green Infrastructure – Academic Research & the Public Sector	Aimee Clinkhammer Project Scientist Syracuse COE Center for Sustainable Community Solutions
4:00 PM	V		Q & A Wrap-Up Adjourn

BACKGROUND

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NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

July 10, 2012

Meeting Highlights

Location:

NJDEP, 401 East State Street – 6th floor large conference room, Trenton, NJ

Members Present:	
Ferdows Ali, PhD – NJ Dept of Agriculture George Bakun, PE – Business & Industry Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs Russ Furnari – PSE&G Amy Goldsmith – General Public Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public	Tony McCracken, PP, General Public Jessica Sanchez, PhD – DRBC Chris Sturm – General Public Tony Valente – Department of Labor Dan Van Abs, PhD, PP – General Public Ray Zabihach, PP, NJ Association of Counties
Others: Janice Brogle, NJDEP Eugene Chebra, NJDEP David Glass, NJDEP Debra Hammond, NJDEP Helen Heinrich, AIA – NJ Farm Bureau	Bob Martin, Commissioner, NJDEP Fred Sickels, NJDEP Michele Siekerka, NJDEP Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP David Zimmer, NJEIT

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Goodwin @ 9:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MAY'S 2012 MEETINGS' HIGHLIGHTS:

The Highlights for May's meeting were distributed. Jim Cosgrove made a motion to approve the meeting Highlights, and Ray Zabihach seconded the motion. The Highlights for May's meeting were approved.

DEP UPDATE:

Stan Cach:

Representatives from SYRACUSE COE and Onondago County gave their presentation on implementing Green & Sustainable Infrastructure to the CWC and the DEP on Friday, June 15th @ 1:30 pm in the DEP public hearing room.

The Department is continuing to work on the Asset Management Initiatives. Commissioner Martin will speak on this issue when he comes to the meeting.

Gene Chebra commented that the DEP is providing forgiveness monies for Green Infrastructure in CSO Communities in the upcoming fiscal year.

Janice Brogle said that for Individual Permits for CSOs, there will be provisions to incorporate Green Infrastructure into the Long Term Control Plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation was given by Debra Hammond, NJDEP, on Tiered Drinking Water Uses. Currently, all freshwater streams in the state are assigned the Drinking water use. The Department wanted to provide better protection at our existing water intakes, while not requiring treatment where the results would not benefit a water intake. A workgroup with representatives from the Department's Division of Water Quality, Division of Water Supply, and Division of Water Monitoring and Standards, USEPA, Division of Law, and the Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA) – water and wastewater sectors developed recommendations, when adopted, would provide better protection for our existing potable water supplies, establish a common sense approach to requiring treatment to meet criteria for drinking water, and protect water quality so that freshwaters could be used for a future water supply uses thru a transparent and implementable permitting process.

The Department is planning to hold a stakeholder meeting prior to proposing changes to the Surface Water Quality Standards late in 2012. Attached is the Implementation of the Nitrate Criteria Flowchart.

NJ lawmakers send fracking water ban to Governor Christie – discussed Article in EnviroPolitics which stated that the NJ Senate approved A-575 that would ban the importation of fracking-related waste water for treatment, storage or disposal in NJ.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pam welcomed Commissioner Bob Martin, Deputy Chief of Staff David Glass and Assistant Commissioner Michele Siekerka to the Meeting. Council Members and DEP staff introduced themselves. Commissioner Martin thanked the Council for the great job they have been doing and said he was looking forward to the meeting with them. The Commissioner wanted the Council's recommendations on the Draft Pilot Program that the Department is proposing to initiate. The Commissioner emphasized that BPU and DCA will be engaged with the Asset Management Statewide effort. The Department will identify examples of effective Asset Management Planning. Also, we need to highlight the cost benefits of undertaking proactive asset management planning. Then, there was a discussion about including possible financial incentives to financially assist communities with their asset management planning. The Department will review and explore this request with other State Agencies as well.

The Commissioner said he will send the Draft Asset Management Pilot Program to the Council for their comments and recommendations. He anticipates to commence with the Program in the fall. He was encouraged by the Council's support and recommendations in order to implement a successful Asset Management Program in New Jersey.

Regarding the December 10th CWC Public Hearing – the Commissioner recommended, and the Council concurred, that the upcoming Public Hearing Topic would be Green Infrastructure. Note that the Syracuse University COE Onondago representatives offered to come back to New Jersey and participate in the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Martin had another appointment so he had to leave the meeting. Before he left, the Council told him that they appreciate his and the Department's efforts. Assistant Commissioner Siekerka stayed and continued the dialogue. She said that the DEP has a draft plan. There have been discussions with DCA and BPU, but there has been a change with the players. A Working Committee should be developed from the Clean Water Council and Water Supply Advisory Council. The Department will finalize the draft Pilots and then share that information with the CWC for their comments and recommendations.

Chair Pam Goodwin requested that Council form 2 Sub-Committees: 1 for Asset Management and 1 for the Public Hearing. Therefore, there will be 2 sub-committees organized: 1) Asset Management (Pam Goodwin; Dan Van Abs; Stan Cach; Tony McCracken) and 2) 2012 Public Hearing (Planning, Agenda, etc.) (Pam Goodwin; Russ Furnari; Chris Strum; Jessica Sanchez; Amy Goldsmith).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm with a motion from Ray Zabihach; seconded by Russ Furnari.

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, September 11th, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ. ****

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

September 11, 2012

Meeting Highlights

Location:

NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ

Members Present:	
Ferdows Ali, PhD – NJ Dept of Agriculture George Bakun, PE – Business & Industry Robert Breslin – AFL-CIO Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs	Amy Goldsmith – General Public Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public James Requa, EdD – NJ Dept of Community Affairs Tony Valente – Department of Labor Dan Van Abs, PhD, PP – General Public
Others: Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP	

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Goodwin @ 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JULY'S 2012 MEETINGS' HIGHLIGHTS:

The Highlights for July's meeting were distributed. Jim Cosgrove made a motion to approve the meeting Highlights, and Amy Goldsmith seconded the motion. The Highlights for July's meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Topic for the 2012 Clean Water Council Public Hearing will be "Green Infrastructure", and it will be held on Monday, December 10th @ 9:00 AM in the DEP Public Hearing Room. Note that the Syracuse University COE Onondaga representatives offered to come back to New Jersey and participate in the Public Hearing. Representatives from Philadelphia and New York will also be asked to participate. It was also suggested to ask Ed Clerico to participate. Jim Cosgrove is going to reach out to Mr. Clerico. A recommendation was made that Howard Neukrug might be a good person to speak from Philadelphia. A suggestions was made to ask Michele Siekerka if she could recommend a good Speaker.

A recommendation for the structure of the Hearing would be:

Commissioner;

Onondago County Representative;

Speakers from New York & Philadelphia;

Possible panel discussion???

Recommended to get the "Hold the Date" for the Conference out by October 1st.

DEP UPDATE:

Stan Cach:

Stan reported there was a productive Asset Management Meeting chaired by Assistant Commissioner Michele Siekerka held with DEP, DCA, BPU, & NJEIT. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled, also.

Jim Requa said that the Water Asset Management Issue is Item is # 25 on the new Best Practices Inventory. (i.e., In developing your multi-year capital plan, is your municipality dedicating sufficient revenues to fund maintenance, repair and eventual replacement of infrastructure such as roads, storm sewers, sanitary sewers and water systems?)

Stan and Director Michele Putnam were invited to a meeting with Hatch Mott McDonald, Consulting Engineers, to review some of the Asset Management Plans that were completed for their Clients. A City of Newark Representative was also present. A Hatch Mott McDonald Client updated us on their Asset Management Planning.

The Department held a Wet Weather Flow Treatment & Disinfection Demonstration Project Launch Meeting on August 7, 2012 in the City of Bayonne at the BMUA facilities.

Stan has a conflict with the November 13th CWC Meeting because he is the Keynote Speaker, on behalf of Deputy Commissioner Irene Kropp, @ Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ.

The Water Quality Management Plan Stakeholder Process is moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dan Van Abs said that he'll now be working @ Rutgers as an Associate Research Professor.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am with a motion from Jim Cosgrove; seconded by Tony Valente.

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ. ****

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL
October 9, 2012
Meeting Highlights

Location:

NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ

Members Present:	
Ferdows Ali, PhD – NJ Dept of Agriculture Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs Russ Furnari, PSE&G	Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public James Requa, EdD – NJ Dept of Community Affairs Jessica Sanchez, PhD – DRBC Dan Van Abs, PhD, PP – General Public
Others: Helen Heinrich, AIA - NJ Farm Bureau Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP	

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Goodwin @ 10:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER'S 2012 MEETINGS' HIGHLIGHTS:

The Highlights for September's meeting were distributed. The Highlights were not approved as there were not enough members for a quorum.

A discussion was held to consider having a tele-conference line available for the CWC meeting so that the Members can attend the meeting via call-in.

DEP UPDATE:

Stan Cach:

The comments that the Clean Water Council made on the Asset Management Pilot proposal are being reviewed by DEP.

The Technical Guidance Document for Asset Management – final draft being developed.

Assistant Commissioner Michele Siekerka is chairing an Inter-Agency Asset Management follow-up meeting on October 25th with the Bureau of Public Utilities; the Department of Community Affairs; NJEIT; NJDOT; Office of Planning Advocacy, Dept of State; and EDA.

Stan has a conflict with the November 13th CWC Meeting because he is the Keynote Symposium Speaker, on behalf of Deputy Commissioner Irene Kropp, @ Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ. Michele Putnam, Director of the Division of Water Quality will attend the meeting in place of Stan.

The Water Quality Management Plan is moving forward through the Stakeholder process.

The Department has scheduled a meeting on October 10th entitled “NJ’s Water Resources: What are we doing & where are we “flowing”. Assistant Commissioner Michele Siekerka, Water Resource Management; Director Fred Sickels, Water Supply & Geoscience; Director Michele Putnam, Water Quality; Director Jill Lipoti, Water Monitoring & Standards will be speaking. This is part of the Department’s DEP University Series.

The Fall Barnegat Bay Blitz is scheduled for October 18th.

A question was asked about the status of the new Waiver Rule. How many applications were submitted? Also, a suggestion was made to request Director Jill Lipoti to give the CWC an updated status of the Water Quality testing being conducted on Barnegat Bay.

OLD BUSINESS:

This year’s Public Hearing Topic is “Greening New Jersey’s Water Infrastructure”. Commissioner Martin is planning to attend the Public Hearing on December 10th. The Council is finalizing the “Save the Date” Notice and will be sending it out in the next two weeks. It was recommended to forward the “Save the Date” Notice to the following: NJ Planning Boards/Landscape Architects; League of Municipalities; Mayors and Clerks; Universities – Sustainability Office; Jeanne Herb w/Rutgers; Sustainable NJ (Rudy Solomon). Jim Cosgrove has talked to Ed Clerico who has agreed to speak @ the PH. Ed Clerico’s company has merged with a financial firm so that they can now take a project through planning, design, financing and construction. Stan has reached out to Matt Millea of Onondaga County to invite him to be a Speaker, too.

Chris Sturm has said that she is willing to testify at the PH. Also, Director Putnam has recommended Camden Smart to be a Speaker @ the PH. Their focus is on green initiatives, water quality, and CSOs.

The discussions recommended to invite the Local Governments, Academia and Professionals that have good examples of implementing sustainable infrastructure in New Jersey to testify @ the Hearing.

Stan gave an update on the 2012 Clean Watershed Needs Survey.

A Tele-conference call will be scheduled with the Subcommittee on October 15th to finalize the “Save the Date” Notice. Stan will provide the Call In # to those who will be participating in the call. Russ Furnari agreed to take the lead in this effort.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am with a motion from Ferdows Ali; seconded by Russ Furnari.

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, November 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ. ****

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

November 20, 2012

Meeting Highlights

Location:

NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ

Members Present:	
Ferdows Ali, PhD – NJ Dept of Agriculture Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public Tony McCracken, P.P. – General Public	James Requa, EdD – NJ Dept of Community Affairs Jessica Sanchez, PhD – DRBC Chris Sturm – General Public Dan Van Abs, PhD, PP – General Public
Others: Helen Heinrich, AIA - NJ Farm Bureau Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP	

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Goodwin @ 10:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER'S and OCTOBER'S 2012 MEETINGS' HIGHLIGHTS:

The Highlights for September's and October's meetings were distributed. Dan Van Abs made a motion to approve both meeting Highlights, and Jim Requa seconded the motion. The Highlights for September's and October's meetings were approved.

DEP UPDATE:

Stan Cach:

Stan said that Director Putnam had planned to come to today's CWC Meeting, but she sends her regrets due to a priority meeting regarding the Division's recovery effort from Super Storm Sandy.

Stan reported that the Department has been focused on the recovery from Super Storm Sandy. The Department's Water Resource Management's Programs have been providing statewide relief assistance with the water and wastewater utilities. Several large wastewater utilities and pumping stations were flooded. Other facilities had limited fuel to operate their standby generators beyond several days particularly when their lined transmission power system was out due to the effects of Super Storm Sandy. Communicating with every water and wastewater utilities was on-going so as to provide assistance in their relief and recovery efforts. Also, the State set up a Regional Operation and Intelligence Center (ROIC) and Water Resource Management staff helped in manning that operation 24/7 in taking telephone calls and responding in a coordinated statewide effort in the relief and recovery operation. Also, staff provided assistance with FEMA officials in their response to visit the impacted water/wastewater utilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

In the wake of Super Storm Sandy, its devastating impact to the State and the Department's focus on the recovery and relief, the Department has requested that the Clean Water Council's Public Hearing scheduled for December 10, 2012, be postponed until early next year. The Council's Notice will be distributed and posted on the CWC Website ASAP. Chair Pam Goodwin will draft the Notice.

Then, discussions among the Council Members took place with a summary as follows: Three levels of concern: 1) aging water infrastructure; 2) availability of resources after the storm; and 3) lessons learned. What are the standards for repair/replacement? What will be the new building standards? Should utilities re-do their vulnerability analysis? How did Super Storm Sandy impact New Jersey's Water Infrastructure? How do we rebuild? What should we re-build? What are the impacts with the Insurance Industry? Department of Banking? Is our infrastructure ready for the next natural disaster? What should we be doing to get prepared? How do we go forward? Will Federal funding be sufficient to rebuild NJ? Where do we prioritize the funding? What will be the priorities? Will NJ's water infrastructure be ready for the "New Normal"?

Also, Rutgers University is planning to host a consortium of planners and experts considering the following questions: What did we think we knew before the storm hit NJ? How did we utilize that information? How accurate was the information that was known before the storm hit NJ? What do we do with the information we now have?

NEW BUSINESS:

NJ Future will sponsor a Seminar on December 7th entitled "Rebuilding a Resilient Shore."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm with a motion from Ferdows Ali; seconded by Jessica Sanchez

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, December 11th beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ. ****

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

December 11, 2012

Meeting Highlights

Location:

NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ

Members Present:	
George Bakun, PE – Business & Industry Robert Breslin – AFL-CIO Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs Russell Furnari, P.E. - PSE&G Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public	Tony McCracken, P.P. – General Public Lou Neely, League of Municipalities James Requa, EdD – NJ Dept of Community Affairs Jessica Sanchez, PhD – DRBC Chris Sturm – General Public Dan Van Abs, PhD, PP – General Public
Others: Helen Heinrich, ASLA - NJ Farm Bureau Michele Putnam, Director, DWQ Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP	

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Goodwin @ 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER'S 2012 MEETING'S HIGHLIGHTS:

The Highlights for November's meetings were distributed. Jessica Sanchez made a motion to approve the meeting Highlights, and Bob Breslin seconded the motion. The Highlights for November's meetings were approved.

DEP UPDATE:

Michele Putnam, Director of the Division of Water Quality, attended today's CWC Meeting and updated the Council on the following:

The Department is working hard on the recovery from Superstorm Sandy. There are sections of the State with severe damage. The Department will use this as an opportunity to influence new Rules. New FEMA maps are coming out, too. Phase concerns long term recovery, and how to use Asset Management as a tool. We have to rebuild to a higher standard. A Roundtable is being held with Barrier Communities tomorrow (December 12th). A question was asked if each community is doing an assessment, and if they are, is it available?

Asset Management/ I/I / CSOS

Comprehensive Planning – Drinking Water/Wastewater/Stormwater and costs associated.

Rules say “adequate”, but what does that mean?

Communities need to rebuild, but what does that mean? People will come back over a long period of time. When they rebuild, what size should replacement water lines be? Emergency Rules in effect for 60 days. Department of Community Affairs – what are their requirements and what are they doing now? Emergency Rules are already in place for flood hazard.

Communities will have to rebuild off the new Rules.

Homes that were constructed 1 foot over the 100 year flood elevation level, did not get water in their homes. Also, areas did better where there were dunes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Putnam said that the Department is excited to do a Public Hearing regarding: “What are the Solutions” and to focus on “Lessons Learned” from Super Storm Sandy.

A question was asked if the State is reaching out to the Universities to get them to get info for the Department. We need “all hands on deck” to get help. It was recommended to not lose sight of the big picture and to do things in the right way.

What do you rebuild to? 100 year? 500 year storm? How do you set standards to relative risk?

PERSPECTIVE . . . What would the best Public Hearing look like? This is a great opportunity to have a Public Hearing which helps the Department. The Council asked Director Putnam to suggest Speakers and questions for the PH. It was also recommended that Commissioner Martin and Assistant Commissioner Siekerka speak @ the Hearing.

Stan Cach (DEP Liaison) said that he attended the NJ Water Environment Association Executive Board Meeting, and many Representatives from NJ’s utilities authorities were very grateful and appreciative for the outreach of help and continuous support by the NJDEP in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy

Stan and his team have been working on developing a technical guidance primer that will provide further guidance and clarity for operation, maintenance and management of wastewater facilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm with a motion from Jim Cosgrove; and it was seconded by Jim Requa.

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, January 8th beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ. ****