

New Jersey Clean Water Council

February 9, 2016

Location:

NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 4, Suite 216, Lawrenceville, NJ

Members Present:	
George Bakun – NJ Business & Industry Jim Cosgrove – NJ Society of PEs Dan Van Abs – General Public Stan Cach – NJ Dept. Environmental of Protection James Requa – NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Jennifer Coffey - NJWSAC Chris Sturm – General Public	Russ Furnari – NJ Chamber of Commerce Anthony McCracken- General Public Lou Neely – League of Municipalities Gina A. Berg – NJ Association of Counties Mary Anna Holden - NJBPU Jessica Sanchez – DRBC Anthony Valente – NJ Dept. of Labor
Others: Peggy Gallos– NJCWC Advisor Helen Heinrich – NJCWC Advisor Maria Zazzera- NJBPU	NJDEP Staff: Michele Putnam-Director, NJDEP, Division of Water Quality, (DWQ) Julie Krause- NJDEP, DWQ Breana Whittaker- NJDEP, DWQ Janice Brogle- Asst. Dir., NJDEP, Water Pollution Management Element James Murphy- Chief, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control (BNPC), NJDEP Tim Doult, NJDEP, BNPC

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jim Cosgrove at 10:05 AM.

Jim announced there would be two subcommittee meetings (2016 Public Hearing and Reuse) following the general meeting.

The motion to approve the January 12, 2016 meeting highlights was made by Gina Berg and seconded by Russ Furnari and was unanimously approved.

DEP Updates:

January 1st was a big deadline for the CSO permits which required the submittal of their System Characterization and Compliance Monitoring Work Plans as well as, GPS locations for pump stations, CSO regulators, and CSO outfalls. All submittals were received on time. The permittees were also required to install outfall signs, update their characterization with a spreadsheet, create a schedule to revise rules/ordinances/sewer use agreements to reduce I/I, and insert updated SOPs in their O&M manuals. Workplans are currently under DEP review.

Under Track II, the Department will be including a second chance opportunity for Clean and Drinking Water SRF Projects. Sponsors of such projects are required to submit a Letter of Intent, Planning, Design, and Loan Application by March 4, 2016.

The Tiered Drinking Water Rule is currently under legal review.

Old Business:

The Council's 2015 Public Hearing recommendation letter to the Commissioner was signed on February 8, 2016. The appointments of the NJCWC members are still undergoing the review process.

New Business:

The Council's Public Hearing was confirmed for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 1 PM located at the New Jersey Forensic Science and Technology Center, 1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ. The subcommittee meeting to follow today's Council's meeting will finalize the Public Hearing's Notice.

Jim Murphy, the Chief of the Bureau of Non-Point Pollution Control gave a presentation on the Municipal Stormwater Tier A MS4 NJPDES preliminary draft permit, the subject of the April 12, 2016 Public Hearing. The presentation entitled, "Notice of Preliminary Draft Renewal" to Tier A Municipalities and Other Interested Parties, and the Municipal Tier List will be posted on the NJCWC's web site.

Currently, the preliminary draft Tier A Municipal Permit has been released. The Tier B preliminary draft is expected to be released prior to the hearing date. Public Complex and Highway Agency permits will follow.

To summarize, the main updated requirements in the permit are:

- stormwater facility inventory and mapping;
- conditions related to the local review of stormwater design in development and redevelopment; and,
 - providing clarity on municipal responsibilities as well as improving training for municipal employees
- incorporation of TMDL information into the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, (SPPP)

Duplicative permit requirements related to municipal maintenance yard activities were removed.

Also discussed was that additional assistance has been provided in the form of a FAQ document and easy to use webpage with resources including a permit crosswalk and implementation schedule. Further, training, outreach, and education will be offered under the new draft permit.

The Council recommended ensuring that responsibility is captured for the maintenance of private sector infrastructure facilities, such as homeowner's associations. This could be accomplished through a possible certification for the proper maintenance of the infrastructure facilities in those categories.

The Council was concerned with the compliance of the storm water permit is adequately addressing the enforcement issues. The Council suggested tying environmental benefits and improvements to proper stormwater management through the permit. Another suggestion was to place additional emphasis on the Old to New Permit Crosswalk.

The subcommittees of the Public Hearing and the Water Beneficial Reuse will meet in this room following today's Council's meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.