

New Jersey Clean Water Council Meeting

May 12, 2015

Location:

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

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| Members Present: | |
| Russ Furnari – NJ Chamber of Commerce Jim Cosgrove – NJ Society of PEs Jessica Sanchez - DRBC Dan Van Abs – General Public Stan Cach – NJDEP, Liaison M. Ferdows Ali – NJ Dept. of Agriculture Robert Breslin – NJ State AFL-CIO | Chris Sturm – General Public Anthony McCracken – General Public Pamela Goodwin – General Public Amy Goldsmith- General Public George Bakun – NJ Business & Industry James Requa – NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Vincent Monaco – NJ Water Supply Advisory Com. |
| Others: Helen Heinrich - NJCWC Advisor Maria Zarrera – NJBPU Peggy Gallos – NJCWC Advisor | NJDEP Staff: Tracy Omrod - Division of Water Quality Julie Krause – Division. of Water Quality |

Meeting began at 10:05am

The motion to approve the April 14, 2015 meeting highlights was made by James Cosgrove and second by Russ Furnari. George Bakun abstained. The Meeting Highlights were approved.

DEP Updates:

Stan Cach reported, the Notice of Administrative Change: New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Fee Report and Assessment of Fees, N.J.A.C 7:14A-3.1 will be published in the June 1, 2015 Register.

Several dates were reserved and on hold pending approval by the NJCWC for the 2015 Public Hearing. The date of the CWC's Public Hearing, as approved by the CWC, is Friday, December 11, 9 AM – 12 PM.

The request has been made for the NJCWC's meeting in June with the Commissioner. The response is forthcoming.

The Division's review of the CSO permittee responses to the issued permits is ongoing.

Old Business:

Jim Cosgrove attended the stakeholder meeting regarding the upcoming modifications to the Surface Water Quality Standards. Jim briefed the Council of the meeting. Referenced was made to the handouts available in the link: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/workgroups/past.html>. The changes are necessary due to updated (2013) USEPA guidance on phosphorus, pathogenic bacteria and ammonia. The Chair requested NJDEP give an updated status to the CWC at the September meeting.

New Business:

The Chair stated, pursuant to his discussion with Director Michele Putnam, [that the Governor's proposed budget maintains funding levels for the Water Programs from last year \(potential gaps created by CBT changes are proposed to be met with General Funds\)](#). Thus, if approved as proposed, the 2016 budget would not negatively impact the Water Programs funding. The Legislature is considering the budget now.

The Council discussed the upcoming hearing. The suggested topic is "Achieving Clean Water in an Era of Fiscal/Political Restraints" (specific title to be developed) including maintaining governmental responsiveness and engaging the business and NGO sectors in collaborative action. A Subcommittee was formed; the members include: Amy Goldsmith; Jim Requa; Jessica Sanchez; M. Ferdows Ali, Russ Furnari and Helen Heinrich

The Chair noted the upcoming Council meetings, namely: June meeting, anticipate meeting with the Commissioner; July - invite Marc Pfeiffer (confirmed); August - no meeting; September – NJDEP update status of the SWQS and December 11 – Public Hearing.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am.