

New Jersey Clean Water Council Meeting

June 9, 2015

Location:

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

Members Present:	
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 Andreasen – NJ Water Supply Advisory Council	Chris Sturm – General Public Anthony McCracken – General Public Amy Goldsmith- General Public James Requa – NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Tony Valente- NJ Dept. of Labor & Industry Mary-Anna Holden- NJ Bd. Of Public Utilities Lou Neely – NJ League of Municipalities
Others: Marc Pfieffer – Rutgers University, Bloustein Local Government Research Center Maria Zarrera – NJBPU Helen Heinrich – NJCWC Advisor Peggy Gallos- NJCWC Advisor	NJDEP Staff: Michele Putnam - Division of Water Quality Julie Krause – Division. of Water Quality

Meeting began at 10:07am

The motion to approve the May 12, 2015 meeting highlights was made by James Cosgrove and second by Jim Requa. Tony Valente, Lou Neely, Chris Andreasen and Mary-Anna Holden abstained. The Meeting Highlights were approved.

DEP Updates:

On July 1, 2015 Fred Sickels (Director of Water Supply and Geoscience), Karl Muessig (Assistant Director of NJ Geological and Water Survey), and Barbara Hurst (Chief of Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration, and Standards) will be retiring. These positions have been posted as vacant and the process to fill these positions has begun. Wayne Staub the Director of Operations in Water Resource Management is leaving the Department at the end of June.

A stakeholder meeting on Capacity Assurance Program (CAP) will occur at the end of June. The CAP rules are on track to go out with the WQMP rules, and scheduled to be in the New Jersey Register in August.

Tiered Drinking Water is currently being reviewed by the Directors and will go back to the rule writers this week, then to legal review.

The DEP CSO teams have held their first meetings with permittees. These first meetings included a review of the permit requirements with an emphasis on what due in the first year of the permit. Training on how to submit Discharge Monitoring Reports was also provided at these meetings. The Department is hearing positive feedback from these meetings and some permittees have indicated a willingness to reconsider submitting one Long Term Control Plan with their hydraulically connected permittees. On

July 9, 2015 the Division of Water Quality is hosting training on electronic submission of DMRs for CSO permittees. Nearly all permittees have requested an adjudicatory hearing and/or stays of the permit. The Division expects to issues responses to the stay requests by June 30, 2015. The major concerns expressed in the stays include: permittees being held accountable when hydraulically connected permittees do not cooperate; ownership; and Infiltration and Inflow.

The Division is considering other funding options in next year's Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program. The IUP identifies funding priorities and set asides.

Old Business:

The Council is tentatively scheduled to meet with the Commissioner on July 14, 2015. The Council will seek the Commissioner's feedback on their proposed public hearing topic.

The Council discussed a working title of the public hearing topic, "Achieving Clean Water in an Era of Fiscal/Political Restraints" and the hearing would address issues such as: looking for collaborative water quality solutions, limitations of achieving water quality improvement through government, and clean water as a shared responsibility. Further discussions questioned if this hearing topic would be responsive to the Department's program priorities. The public hearing subcommittee will send DEP the refined Hearing topic in advance of the July meeting with the Commissioner.

The Division of Water Quality will be following up with the appointments of the Clean Water Council members.

New Business:

Marc Pfieffer, Rutgers University, Assistant Director- Bloustein Local Government Research Center lead a discussion on New Jersey Department of Community Affairs review of municipal and MUA wastewater/water supply utility budgets.

The Chair requested DEP provide an update on Tiered Drinking Water rule at the July 14th meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:06pm.