

New Jersey Clean Water Council
January 12, 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 Mary Anna Holden - NJBPU Jessica Sanchez – DRBC Anthony Valente – NJ Dept. of Labor	Russ Furnari – NJ Chamber of Commerce Anthony McCracken- General Public Amy Goldsmith – General Public Pamela Goodwin – General Public Chris Sturm – General Public Gina Berg – NJ Association of Counties Vincent Monaco - NJWSAC
Others: Helen Heinrich – NJCWC Advisor Peggy Gallos – NJCWC Advisor Maria Zazzera – NJBPU	NJDEP Staff: Michele Putnam, Director - Div. of Water Quality

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Dan Van Abs at 10:05 AM.

Introductions

Chair Van Abs welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and after introductions of the meeting attendees, acknowledged the new incoming Chair James Cosgrove.

Election of New Officers (2016-2017)

The slate of officers was presented: James Cosgrove, who moves up to Chair; Jessica Sanchez, who moves up to 1st Vice Chair; and Gina Berg to serve as the 2nd Vice Chair. Nominations from the floor were solicited. No additional nominations were made and the slate was unanimously approved.

At this time, James Cosgrove took over as Chair of the meeting. He presented outgoing Chair Dan Van Abs with a commemorative plaque recognizing Dan's dedicated service to the Council as Chair for the past two years. The Council showed their appreciation to Dan with a resounding applause.

Approval of Meeting Highlights

The motion to approve the November 10, 2015 meeting highlights was made by Pamela Goodwin, seconded by Russ Furnari and unanimously approved.

DEP Updates:

The MS4 Audits are scheduled to commence in January.

The Tiered Drinking Water Rule is still under legal review.

This month, January, the CSO permits have a deadline for the submission of their System Characterization and Compliance Monitoring Work Plans as well as, GPS locations for pumping stations, CSO regulators and CSO outfalls. As of January 1, all submittals were received by NJDEP on time. The permittees were also required to install outfall signs, update their characterization spreadsheet, create a schedule to revise rules/ordinances/sewer use agreements to reduce I/I and insert SOP's in their O&M manuals.

Assistant Commissioner Dan Kennedy announced on November 17, 2015 the following WRM changes, which were effective on November 28, 2015: Colleen Kokas – Director, Operations & Coordination as well as manager of the Water Quality Management Program; Pat Gardner – Director, Division of Water Supply and Geoscience ; and Bruce Friedman – Director, Division of Water Monitoring and Standards.

Old Business:

The Chair offered to draft the Council's Public Hearing recommendations letter to the NJDEP Commissioner and share the draft with the Council for their review and comment. The Public Hearing transcripts will be sent to the Council upon receipt.

Stan reported the process for the Nominations of NJCWC members is currently under review. Many of the Council members acknowledged they have received questionnaires to complete.

New Business:

The Chair, referencing the NJCWC's Bylaws, stated that regular meetings shall be held at least six times per year. The Chair suggested for the consideration of the Council, that having twelve monthly meetings may not be necessary and that, in some situations, it may be more productive to devote the four hours that would be spent traveling and attending a Council meeting, to working on Council assignments or committee work. It was agreed to announce at each meeting the date of the Council's next meeting. It was suggested to keep the monthly meeting (second Tuesday of each month) on all Council members' calendars until it is determined if a particular monthly meeting is necessary. Also, the Chair noted from the creation of the NJCWC's statute, that the Council shall hold a public hearing at least once a year in regard to existing water pollution control statutes and regulations and upon the state of the art the technical capabilities and limitations in water pollution control and report its recommendations thereon to the commissioner. The Chair offered that the Council provide the Department their collective expertise and comments on regulatory / guidance matters.

The Chair presented to the Council, for their consideration, the following Topics for Action, as identified by the NJDEP: 1). Stormwater MS4 Permits; 2). Raritan TMDL Implementation – linking local stakeholders to pollutant reductions needed; 3). CSO Implementation Guidelines; 4). SWQS and Tired Use; 5). CPP Tools – Nitrate Dilution; 6). Septic Management Plan; 7). Fostering Reuse; 8). Encouraging Innovative Technology; 9). Fostering I/I reduction. The Council discussed the merits of each topic. The Council was receptive to the Topics. It was noted that the Reuse topic would be a good topic to have a Council hearing conjoined with the Water Supply Advisory Council. The Chair formed two subcommittees for two of the Topics, namely Stormwater – C. Sturm, G. Berg, A. McCracken, and Michele Putnam; Reuse – D. Van Abs, J. Sanchez, R. Furnari, P. Gallos, Mary Anna Holden, V. Monaco, NJDEP rep.

The Council agreed to move up the 2016 public hearing to Spring from December and selected the MS4 Stormwater predraft Permit as the hearing topic. The Department will draft the Save the Date Notice and share with Council. Also, it was recommended to locate the hearing in another location, with ample parking, outside DEP. The speakers would include a DEP person and a local government representative sharing their experiences. The Council hopes the Commissioner will serve as the Key Note speaker. Director Michele Putnam stated she would follow up with her superiors for their review and approval of the hearing topic, off site hearing location and the DEP speakers. Michele agreed to have a Division staff person give the Council an overview of the MS4 predraft permit at the Council's next meeting scheduled for February 9, 2016.

Announcements:

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 pm.