

New Jersey Clean Water Council

February 11, 2014

Meeting Summary

Location:

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

<b>Members Present:</b>	
George Bakun, PE – NJ Business & Industry Robert Breslin – AFL-CIO Jim Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs Lou Neely - League of Municipalities James Requa - NJDCA Jessica Sanchez, Ph.D, PP - DRBC Dan Van Abs, Ph.D, PP – General Public Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison Ferdows Ali, PhD – Dept. of Agriculture	Anthony McCracken, AICP/PP – General Public Anthony Valente – NJ Dept. of Labor
<b>Others:</b> Helen Heinrich Pamela Goodwin (excused) Chris Strum (excused)	<b>NJDEP Staff:</b> Michele Putnam, Director, Div. of Water Quality Julie Krause, Division of Water Quality Tracy Omrod, Division of Water Quality

Meeting begins at 10:06 am

Robert Breslin motioned to approve the Jan 11, 2014 meeting summary. James Requa seconded the motion. The meeting summary was approved.

**DEP Updates:**

The DEP is moving forward with rule making on resiliency for water infrastructure. An overview of the organization of the Water Resources Management program, what management positions are filled by whom, which positions are vacant, and current Assistant Commissioners was provided.

**New Business:**

Specific CWC designees were invited to attend the WQMP stakeholder meeting being held on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. A few council members indicated that they or a member of their organization has received an invitation to the stakeholder meeting.

The Council is considering topics they would like to discuss for the upcoming year at a council meeting or at the public hearing. The following topics were suggested for either discussion at a council meeting or potential hearing topics:

- Water Quality Management: rules, process , implementation
- Stormwater Management: MS4 regulations for NJ
- Water Quality permitting process – NJPDES program over all – integration between NJPDES permits and water supply permits
- An update on water purveyors – Effects on wastewater discharges from chemical additives in treated water (e.g., to treat for lead and copper) in particular.
- TMDLS: Raritan TMDL. How has the TMDL process been working or not working: success, changes, evolution.

- Integrated Water Quality reports.
- Category One designation and how that has affected development potential; what environmental results can be demonstrated to have come from Category One designations, either through improvements or reduction of damages.

Stormwater and reporting/data management are two issues the DEP is currently working on.

The council considered selecting a broad water quality topic instead of focusing on a rule for the public hearing. For example: Is Water Quality in NJ Improving Fast Enough?

Over the next few months the Council will set up presentations on topics and use those presentations to formulate a topic for the public hearing.

The Council requested the following presentations by the DEP:

- March Meeting – an overview of WQMP and Capacity Assurance
- April Meeting - overview of Stormwater program
- May Meeting – Integrated Report
- June Meeting - TMDLs

### **Old Business:**

Second Vice Chair: There is a motion from Tony McCracken and seconded by James Requa to nominate Jessica Sanchez as a second vice chair. The motion is approved.

Membership: There are two membership handouts that show the council members and vacant positions.

As established in the CWC legislation, the council is to include a representative from the Department of Energy. As that Department no longer exists, Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is the appropriate state agency to fill this seat. The BPU was contacted for representation for the Dept. of Energy spot on the council. BPU is reviewing the matter and the council is awaiting BPU's response.

There are two confirmed vacancies: Department of Energy (now to be NJDEP), and Water Supply Policy Council (now the Water Supply Advisory Council). If Ray Zabihach confirms that he is stepping down, there will be another vacancy for the NJ Association of Counties. All three of these organizations have been contacted regarding the vacancy, and the council is awaiting their response.

There are five general public positions – all are filled.

Next the council will consider nominations and expired members and nominate through the official process. There is official process to get people recommended for positions and asked that nominations by the council be provided so that they can be submitted to the Commissioner.

The council discussed modification of by-laws to add technical advisors, who would be non-voting member. Dan Van Abs will provide the by-laws from the Water Supply Advisory Council, which has such positions.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am