

New Jersey Clean Water Council

April 14, 2015

Location:

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

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	Chris Sturm – General Public Anthony McCracken – General Public Anthony Valente – NJ Dept. of Labor & Industry Amy Goldsmith- General Public Mary Anna Holden- NJ Bd. Of Public Utilities
Others: Helen Heinrich - NJCWC Advisor Maria Zarrera – NJBPU Peggy Gallos – NJCWC Advisor	NJDEP Staff: Michele Putnam - Div. of Water Quality, DWQ Tracy Omrod - Division of Water Quality Lisa Schaefer- Stormwater Management Unit, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, DWQ Kyra Hoffmann-Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, DWQ Jennifer Feltis-Water Resource Mgmt., Office of Coordination

Meeting began at 10:05am

The motion to approve the March 10, 2015 meeting highlights was made by Tony McCracken and second by Russ Furnari. James Cosgrove, Anthony Valente and Mary Anna Holden abstained. The Meeting Highlights were approved.

DEP Updates:

The CAP Rule is with legal review.

Several CSO permittees have requested adjudicatory hearing and others have requested an extension to file adjudicatory hearing. The Division is reviewing the responses to the recently issued CSO permits.

The NJPDES fee rule public hearing is being held on April 15, 2015.

The stakeholder meeting for the Surface Water Quality Standards Rule is scheduled for April 15, at 9:30-11:30 am in the NJDEP's Public Hearing Room. Jim Cosgrove will represent the NJCWC.

The Tiered Drinking Water Rule is being pushed back a month and it is anticipated for the legal affairs review by July.

New Business:

Continuing Planning Process (CPP) - Jennifer Feltis of OWRMC discussed the non-mandatory tasks for the NJCWC. A summary chart with narrative is attached to the meeting highlights.

The Chair requested volunteers to assist with this effort. The CWC and advisors names included: Chris Sturm, Tony McCracken, Jim Cosgrove, Helen Heinrich and Dan Van Abs. Also, additional resource assistance could be the Pinelands Council, Highlands Council, Dr. John Trella, Phil Trayton, Ed Clerico, ANJEC- Jennifer Coffey, George Van Orden, and the Science Advisory Board. The SAB report on the nitrate dilution model should be reviewed.

BMP Manual – Lisa Schaefer, Stormwater Management Unit, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, Division of Water Quality, made a presentation of updating the BMP Manual. The presentation will be posted on the CWC's website.

The presentation served as an overview of the updates of the NJ Stormwater BMP Manual and the njstormwater.org website. Staff in the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control are in the process of overhauling the format and content of the Stormwater BMP Manual to improve user comprehension and reduce the occurrence of substandard stormwater management designs. A clean format was prepared for viewing on multiple platforms, featuring a logical framework clearly stating the function of each type of BMP and that the design criteria that must be met to provide water quality. This new approach includes enhanced artwork and examples as well as verified references for use by engineers, reviewers and public officials. Internal and external focus groups reviewed the chapters prior to publishing. To date 5 updated chapters and 2 new chapters have been published. Four more are in the process with 3 new green infrastructure chapters slated for development in the near future.

The MTD (Manufactured Treatment Device) section of njstormwater.org has also been overhauled to provide links to the NJCAT verification database, where the verification appendix of a particular MTD can be checked to ascertain its design and performance standards.

A new maintenance appendix with a field manual section is near completion. It will serve as the Department's toolkit to assist entities in their stormwater management maintenance programs. There are 14 templates that consist of 4 parts – the general information and location map, the itemized checklist of maintenance tasks to be performed, a section for photos and plans of particular items of note, and a list of preventive and corrective actions to be taken and recorded for future reference.

A new training related section has been added to the website. Presently a narrated maintenance video and the power point presentation are available, along with links to the next DEP-led training through Rutgers. Additional videos and links by external agencies are also provided. Additional videos and training modules will be added in the future.

Stormwater – Kyra Hoffmann, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, Division of Water Quality, gave a presentation of the stormwater initiatives to improve stormwater management by developing the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Tier A Audit Program and the pre-draft renewal permit for Tier A MS4. The presentation will be posted on the CWC's website.

The goal of the MS4 Audit Program is to assist municipalities in their efforts to comply with their permits by looking closely at their entire stormwater program through a series of rigorous audit questions regarding their implementation of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. This includes an onsite

interview of the Stormwater Team, review of post-construction stormwater management plans for select projects and a review of pertinent documents and records.

The Tier A permit is also in the process of being renewed. While much of the permit requirements have remained the same, the permit has been reorganized and clarified. Some of the revised permit conditions include stormwater facility inventory and mapping (within 3 years), clarified maintenance requirements for public and private stormwater facilities, an expanded Municipal Maintenance Yard Module and a design checklist for newly proposed stormwater management measures. Improved public education requirements and post-construction facilities reviews are also expected. Of note, municipalities will be required to ensure proper O&M of private stormwater facilities that have been approved and constructed since the 2004 Municipal Stormwater Regulations were adopted.

Old Business:

The Chair stated next month we will discuss the meeting with the Commissioner, the Council's Public Hearing recommendation letter dated March 10 2015 and this year's upcoming Public Hearing.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

ATTACHMENT TO THE NJCWC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 14, 2015

Jennifer Feltis discussed the following non mandatory tasks for the NJCWC's assistance.

Non Mandatory Tasks for NJCWC	
Strategies to address nitrate dilution analysis issues	Instead of requiring a municipality to adjust its zoning ordinances before a WMP can be adopted, the Department is recommending that the local government should work with the Department to evaluate options to address the capacity gap. These options include downzoning, conservation or low-density development.
Stormwater Activities beyond regulation	As part of the NPS Program Plan, we articulate opportunities for leveraging stewardship activities and funding sources that could be provided by NGOs, local government, or communities to enhance staff and funding resources of the Department to accomplish non-regulatory actions to prevent or control NPS pollution
Review Steep Slope and Riparian Zone Ordinances for Improvements	