

New Jersey Clean Water Council  
Sept. 9, 2014

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

<b>Members Present:</b>	
George Bakun- NJ Business & Industry Ferdows Ali- NJ Dept. of Agriculture Stan Cach- NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Jim Cosgrove- NJ Society of Professional Engineers Russ Furnari- NJ Chamber of Commerce Amy Goldsmith- General Public Dan Van Abs- General Public Pamela Goodwin- General Public	Mary Anna Holden-NJ Board of Public Utilities Tony McCracken- General Public James Requa- NJ Dept. of Community of Affairs Jessica Sanchez- Delaware River Basin Commission Chris Sturm- General Public Tony Valente- NJ Dept. of Labor Helen Heinrich- NJCWC Advisor
<b>Others:</b>	<b>NJDEP Staff:</b> Michele Putnam, Director, Div. of Water Quality Corey Anen, Division of Water Quality Tracy Omrod, Division of Water Quality Patricia Gardner, Water Monitoring and Standards Barb Hirst, Water Monitoring and Standards

Meeting began at 10:05 AM.

The July 8, 2014 meeting highlights were approved.

**DEP Updates:**

Deputy Commissioner Michele Siekerka is leaving NJDEP on October 1. A replacement has not been named yet.

Draft IUP for the SRF financing program will be issued on September 10. Principal forgiveness for green infrastructure in Barnegat Bay and CSO's are extended. Funding up to \$100,000 per project (\$500,000 total) is available for Integrated Water Resource Management Plans in areas with combined sewers.

Training for CSO-LTCP is schedule for Sept. 30. NJDEP is collaborating with USEPA and New Jersey Future on future workshops for a broader range of interests.

On Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> a stakeholder meeting is scheduled on the NJPDES fees. The Dept. is proceeding to the rule proposal and it is anticipated that the next billing cycle would be under the new rule.

The Dept. is preparing draft regulations of TWA Capacity Assurance Program. A stakeholder mtg. is being planned.

The Dept. is collaborating with the NJWEA in advancing asset management in the wastewater sector. An asset management training program has been developed for the upcoming NJWEA 2014 Technology Transfer Seminar on September 15, 2014, Eatontown, NJ.

### **New Business:**

Patricia Gardner and Barb Hirst from Water Monitoring and Standards gave an overview of the 2014 Methods Document, Integrated Report and Monitoring Strategy for Water. It is the objective of the Dept. to integrate monitoring, assessment methods and restoration strategies to more effectively achieve water quality improvement and support the designated uses of New Jersey's waters. The Dept. is adopting a Rotating Basin Approach, similar to other states, such as New York. There are five water regions in NJ: Atlantic Coastal, Lower Delaware, Northwest, Raritan and Northeast. For the target water region, an in-depth analysis of water quality response will be applied. This method involves confirmation of water quality observations through the application of GIS tools, aerial and satellite-based photography, field observations and visual assessments, etc. This facilitates assessment decisions with a high degree of confidence; thus allowing NJDEP to address multiple water resource concerns based on an assessment of the specific environmental conditions affecting a targeting region and focus resources on addressing real water quality issues and known sources. Objectively, this will encourage development of measures to restore, maintain and enhance water quality uses that maximizes effectiveness and efficiency in achieving positive environmental outcomes tailored to the unique circumstances of each region. An example of successes in improving watersheds (including New Jersey) is in the following link: <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/index.cfm>

Approximately, \$2.0 million of funding is available annually from Section 319 and additional alternate funds are being considered. The new deadline is 2016.

### **Old Business:**

The Public Hearing Committee met and presented their recommended topic for this year's NJCWC Public Hearing: CSO's and Sanitary Sewer Overflows. A suggested Hearing topic, "Sewer Overflows – Getting Ahead of the Flow." It would focus on all contributing and complicating factors, so that many areas of the state would be addressed. Commissioner Martin is invited. Two speakers were suggested; one on a successful CSO project in Springfield, MA and one on a successful SSO or I/I reduction program.

The Hearing date is December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. After the presentation by the speakers, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, a roundtable with the speakers from 10:30 AM-11:30 AM will occur. The Committee will confirm the speakers by the October meeting. Also, a Save the Date notice for the upcoming Public Hearing will be prepared.

The Water Supply Advisory Council is evaluating the existing drinking water rules regarding commitments that public water supply systems must make to proposed developments before they come on line, and the effect of these commitments on firm capacity.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.