

-New Jersey Clean Water Council  
October 14, 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 Robert Breslin- NJ State AFL-CIO Stan Cach- NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Jim Cosgrove- NJ Society of Professional Engineers Russ Furnari- NJ Chamber of Commerce Amy Goldsmith- NJ Chamber of Commerce Dan Van Abs- General Public	Lou Neely-NJ League of Municipalities James Requa- NJ Dept. of Community of Affairs Jessica Sanchez- Delaware River Basin Commission Chris Sturm- General Public Helen Heinrich- NJCWC Advisor Peggy Gallos- NJCWC Advisor
<b>Others:</b> Maria Zazzera, BPU Staff Eng.	<b>NJDEP Staff:</b> Michele Putnam, Director, Div. of Water Quality Tracy Omrod, Division of Water Quality

Meeting began at 10:10 am

The motion to approve the September 9, 2014 meeting highlights was made by Jim Cosgrove, second by James Requa and were approved with Lou Neely abstaining.

**DEP Updates:**

David Glass, Deputy Chief of staff, has been appointed to Deputy Commissioner on Sept. 17, 2014.

Colleen Kokas is the manager of the Office of Water Resources Management Coordination. One of her key priorities is to handle the WQMP rule. She has experience working with various partners in the brownfields redevelopment and site remediation programs.

On September, 30<sup>th</sup>, the NJDEP held a joint workshop on CSO LTCP with USEPA-Region II and USEPA Headquarters officials for the CSO permittees and consultants. Peggy Gallos will be a member of the steering committee. Also, NJDEP Stakeholder meetings were conducted on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the WQMP and the NJPDES TWA-CAP programs. NJDEP is planning to issue the rule language by years end. A stakeholder meeting was also held on the nonpoint source scoring system under the NJPDES stormwater rules.

**New Business:**

Peggy Gallos gave a power point presentation on AEA's critical issues (i.e. financial, fees, integrated planning, resiliency, funding priority, aging workforce, and increasing efficiencies). AEA has been working with their members. She emphasized the importance of educating local officials about the water and wastewater priority issues. The AEA annual conference will be held in Atlantic City on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Nugget. Ms. Gallos' presentation will be included in the NJCWC web site.

Dan Van Abs went to the WQMP stakeholder meetings. He referred to a link on NJDEP's website with more details of the meetings. Dan asked if Barbara Hirst would be available for discussion at the next meeting on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

A discussion of the upcoming public hearing in December 12 was held.

NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin will be the Key Note Speaker. A representative from Kleinfelder Engineers will speak on the Springfield, MA, CSO LTCP. A draft Save the Date Notice was circulated to the members. Any comments on the Notice should be sent to Jim Cosgrove by Thursday (10/16), the deadline.

There is a bill – A3628 that would ease the process by which municipalities can privatize (by sale or lease) municipal water utility operations. Lou Neely will circulate the League's comments on this proposed legislation.

**Announcements:**

Next council meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am