

New Jersey Clean Water Council
November 7, 2014

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

Members Present:	
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 Amy Goldsmith- General Public 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 Mary Anna Holden-NJBPU Tony McCracken-General Public
Others: Maria Zazzera, BPU Staff Eng.	NJDEP Staff: Michele Putnam, Director, Div. of Water Quality Cory Anen, Division of Water Quality

Meeting began at 10:02 am

The motion to approve the October 14, 2014 meeting highlights was made by Jim Cosgrove, second by Jessica Sanchez and was unanimously approved.

New Business:

- The Council reviewed the draft proposed agenda / meeting topics for 2015. The Chairman requested suggestions from the Council. The discussion of the Council included: what is latest status of the Tiered Drinking Water Rule? ; Non-regulated pollutants; the latest status of the Water Sector Security Group.; The NJ Bill for the privatization of public water / sewer systems was discussed. This Bill would fast track the sale of public water / sewer systems without local referendum. Chairman requested the Council prioritize the top 5 topics.
- The William Penn Foundation has been scheduled and confirmed to make a presentation at the Council's February meeting regarding the Delaware River Basin Initiative. Assistant Commissioner Dan Kennedy and other DEP staff are invited.
- Further discussions included, what role can the Council serve? The Chair stated the Council has been the most effective when the Department has focused on topics of statewide significance, i.e., asset management and watershed plan. The Chair said he would meet with Assistant Commissioner Dan Kennedy and Director Michele Putnam to discuss this issue with them.

DEP Updates:

Stan reported the current priorities of Water Resources Management: Fee Rule, Capacity Assurance Rule and the WQMP. A recent bill was passed, which will not be adding funding to open space.

Old Business:

- A discussion of the upcoming public hearing in December 12 was held. NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin will be the Key Note Speaker. Dr. Ray Ferrara, Kleinfelder, will speak on the CSO LTCP of Springfield, MA. Mike Ruppel and Ryan Krause, South Monmouth RSA, will present their successful infiltration and inflow investigation and abatement program. The Hearing Notices were included on the NJDEP and NJCWC websites and the CSO communities as well as to the Council's constituents.
- WQMP Rule Update - - The Chairman has compiled questions and comments regarding the rule. The Council discussed whether to submit comments at this time, in addition to previous discussions. A variety of issues were raised, but the discussion indicated that consensus did not exist and we did not have sufficient time to develop consensus before NJDEP needed to move forward. The Council will provide comments as the rule is proposed.

Announcements:

- The 2014 NJCWC 's Public Hearing is scheduled for December 12 at 9:00 AM in the public hearing room at NJDEP, 401 E. State St, Trenton, NJ.
- NJ Future, NJDEP and USEPA will be co-hosting a free workshop entitled, "Reinvesting in Urban Water Infrastructure through Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plans." The workshop will present case studies on best-practice solutions to CSO, tools for building collaborative community partnerships and financing opportunities for gray and green infrastructure investments. The workshop will be held on January 8, 2015, 9:00AM – 4:00 PM at Rutgers Newark Ackerson Hall, Newark, NJ.
- The next NJCWC meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2015 at the NJEIT offices, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg. 4, Suite 216, Lawrenceville, NJ @ 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.