

# NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

January 8, 2008  
Meeting Highlights

## **Location:**

New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Conference Room, 3131 Princeton Pike, Office Building 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

## **Attendees:**

**Members:** Ferdows Ali, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Mary Beth Koza, Lou Mason Neely, James Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Tony Valente and Ray Zabihach

**Others:** Helen Heinrich, Chris Strum, Marie Banasiak, David Sayers, Joe Mattle, and Gerry Skrajewski

The meeting was convened by Russ Furnari at 10:05 a.m.

## **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2007 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Minutes were recommended for approval after the correction of typos. Lou Neely made the Motion to approve the Minutes, and Jim Cosgrove seconded the Motion.

## **DEP UPDATES:**

No Report.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Public Hearing – An electronic version of the Clean Water Council Public Hearing transcript was forwarded to all the CWC Members. Hard copies of the document were given to those on the Public Hearing Ad-Hoc Committee.

A vote to approve the appointments of Russ Furnari as Chair, Jessica Sanchez as Vice-Chair, and Pam Goodwin as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair was taken. The terms will be for 2 years. Lou Neely made the motion to accept these appointments, and Jim Requa seconded the motion. They were unanimously approved.

***Report of Education Event Planning Committee:*** No Report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Joe Mattle gave a Power Point Presentation on the New Jersey Water Supply Plan and provided the following update:

The 1981 New Jersey Water Supply Management Act (N.J.S.A. 58:1A-1 et. seq.) mandated the development and the completion of periodic revisions to the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan (NJSWSP) to improve the management and protection of the State's water supplies. The first Statewide Water Supply Plan was adopted in 1982. Following updates to the Plan released in 1983, 1985, 1987, 1991, and 1993, the first comprehensive revision of the NJSWSP was completed in 1996. The most recent update to the water supply planning process, entitled "Water Supply Action Plan 2003-04," consisted of an outline and progress report on key capital infrastructure projects and water resource evaluations previously identified in the Plan.

The current update of the NJSWSP builds on the 1996 release of the NJSWSP in an effort to address mounting challenges to traditional water supply management in New Jersey. The primary focus of the NJWSP is to ensure that sustainable water supplies are available to meet current and projected water supply demands while protecting existing users, the ecological health of the water system and water dependant species within the prescribed planning horizon. A key component of this effort is to guarantee water availability during periods of relative stress, including weathering the drought of record. The following are key objectives of the 2008 revision of the NJWSP:

- \* Define current water use trends and quantify the volumes of water used, within each of the State's 151 11-digit Hydrogeologic Unit Code (HUC11) watersheds;
- \* Calculate current depletive and consumptive water loss values for each HUC11; both positive (net loss) or negative (net gain);
- \* Develop water budgets for the watershed and confined aquifer planning areas to determine which areas have exceeded or are in danger of exceeding the planning thresholds identified in this Plan;
- \* Determine whether existing approved (allocated) resources exceed sustainable thresholds;
- \* Identify and quantify the location of potential supplemental sources of sustainable supply;
- \* Define overarching water supply policies to support State objectives, including the preservation of existing water supply resources, the restoration of "stressed" areas, and to support economic growth and future development within sustainable limits;
- \* Identify statutory, policy and regulatory actions that are necessary to ensure an adequate statewide water supply to meet anticipated demand.

The CWC wants to be involved going forward in the process. The Members are willing to work with the DEP in the Stakeholder process.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The date for February's Clean Water Council Meeting has been changed. The new date is February 5<sup>th</sup>, and the meeting will be held at the DRBC. Russ is going to send a formal request to Eileen Swan to have Dan Van Abs give a Presentation on the Highlands Regulations.

It was recommended that at March's CWC Meeting, a discussion should be held about what the Council's goals are for 2008.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. with a motion from Ali Ferdows, and it was seconded by Jim Cosgrove.

- \*\* The next Clean Water Council Meeting will be held on February 5, 2008 beginning at 10:00 A.M., at the DRBC in the Goddard Conference Room at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton. \*\*