

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

February 10, 2009  
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, Bob Breslin, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Karen Cerra, Rick Kropp, Gerry Skrajewski.

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

### APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2009 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Ray Zabihach made the motion to approve January's minutes, and Jim Cosgrove seconded the motion. Lou Neely abstained. The minutes were approved as distributed.

A motion was made by Ray Zabihach to approve the document, **NJCWC Recommendations on Water Infrastructure Financing**, for distribution to the Commissioner and the public. The motion was seconded by Jim Cosgrove. It was unanimously approved. Russ will prepare a transmittal letter to be sent with the document to the Commissioner. We will follow the same distribution process that the Clean Air Council uses, which is to release the document to the public the day that the Council meets with the Commissioner.

Russ spoke about the letter he signed requesting information on the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey. Stan Cach said that his office is working diligently to get all the information in so that New Jersey gets as much money as possible from the Federal Government. The State is continuing to identify all of the I/I needs, etc. Stan thanked the CWC and Russ for sending out the letter.

### DEP UPDATES:

Stan said his Program has been intimately involved with the **Economic Recovery Program for 2009 - Call for Projects**. During the past month, his staff has met with perspective applicants for projects totaling over ½ billion dollars of additional work in the Department so we are looking at approximately 2 billion dollars worth of work in New Jersey.

There was a hearing last week on Greenhouse Gas and one of Stan's Bureau Chief's attended. The State is looking to move on this issue. Jeanne Herb is spearheading this effort for the Department. Stan said that projects that initiate water reuse or efficiency would receive bonus points which would help them get funding.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The next Clean Water Council Meeting is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am @ the DEP Building - 401 East State Street, in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor large conference room. Acting Commissioner Mauriello will join the meeting at 10:30 am and his schedule permits him to attend the meeting for ½ hour. Russ will put a cover letter on the document, **NJCWC Recommendations on Water Infrastructure Financing**, and submit it to the Commissioner. It was suggested that only a few minutes be spent on discussing the Public Hearing, and then ask Acting Commissioner Mauriello how to pursue getting legislative change/implementation on some of the recommendations. The CWC also wants to ask the Commissioner for his guidance regarding future issues which should involve the Council. It was also suggested to invite BPU and DCA to future meetings to discuss a combined effort with DEP about how to solve some of these problems. These efforts will inform the development of a work plan for 2009.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ideas discussed for the CWC 2009 Work Plan:

Update on Water Supply Plan (Michele Putnam/Joe Mattle)

Safe Drinking Water Act - what is the schedule?

County Water Quality Plans are due in April, we should have a follow-up in the year as to how the process is working.

Ask Larry Baier to speak at April or May's CWC Meeting about the Water Quality Management Planning Process.

Integrated Assessment of Monitoring and Standards of the Waters of the State (NJ Water Monitoring Council).

Update from DRBC – State of the Basin/2008 Report.

Watershed plans: NPS \$ for implementation.

Quality Insurance Processing.

Update on NRD Issue and Model State is using for assessing (John Sacco and Amy Kradic).

Water Quality Criteria – Deb Hammond.

Pharmaceuticals in water - Rick Kropp provided an update on what we're doing in NJ. Continuing to do analysis of water treatment facilities and the effectiveness of those facilities on removing contaminants. Will look at wastewater plants next.

2009 Public Hearing: Set hearing date for week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. Topic: Climate Change – this is the topic that is being considered for this year's Public Hearing.

It was decided to hold this year's Public Hearing in December. Gerry will check on the availability of the Public Hearing Room for the first week in December.

Tentative Agenda of CWC Meetings through August is:

- March - Mtg w/Acting Commissioner Mauriello (concerns expressed about potential conflict with the Governor's budget address).
- April - Presentation by Larry Baier
- May - Presentation on Climate Change (Pam to contact Eric Wood)
- June - Mtg @ PSEG's nuclear facility in Salem County
- July -
- August - No Meeting

Dave Brogan submitted the name of George Bakun, Principal Engineer for Conoco Phillips, as NJBIA's representative on the Clean Water Council, to fill the seat vacated by Mary Beth Koza.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. with a motion from Bob Breslin, and it was seconded by Tony McCracken.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, beginning at 9:30 am at the NJDEP Building @ 401 East State Street, 7<sup>th</sup> floor large conference room, Trenton, NJ. \*\***