

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

April 14, 2009  
Meeting Highlights

### Location:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 401 East State Street, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Trenton, NJ

### Attendees:

**Members:** Ferdows Ali, George Bakun, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

**Others:** Karen Cerra, Nicole Goger, Rick Kropp, and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened by Russ Furnari at 10:15 a.m.

### APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY'S AND MARCH'S 2009 MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS:

February's and March's Minutes were distributed. Jim Cosgrove made the motion to approve the minutes, and Tony McCracken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

### DEP UPDATES:

Stan Cach was absent from the meeting due to illness.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Russ Furnari said that he thought that the meeting with Acting Commissioner Mauriello went very well. Russ asked the CWC Members if they have any ideas how we should proceed now. Dan Van Abs said the key question to take this Agenda item forward is to set something up with Council Members and Non-Council members and bring key ideas and people forward to the next step. Dan said that he highlighted two issues: 1) the need to know specific techniques and changes needed; and 2) how to create incentives. We would want a Department of Community Affairs representative, Board of Public Utilities representative, and Environmental Infrastructure Trust representative, CCMUA, and Water Supply Council to serve on a Sub-Committee. It was recommended to send a cover letter to officially invite representatives from these organizations to participate on this Sub-Committee. Dan agreed to be the Chair of the Sub-Committee, and Jim Cosgrove, also, agree to be on the Sub-Committee.

Russ discussed the June CWC Meeting which is tentatively scheduled to be held at PSE&G's nuclear facility in Salem County. It was recommended to tour the nuclear facility in August when there isn't a formal CWC Meeting scheduled. August 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> are tentative dates being considered to tour the facility.

The Clean Water Council letter regarding fluoridation dated June 1, 2005, was distributed for discussion. Amy Goldsmith will update the letter and share it with the CWC Members for their comments/input. The Council wanted to voice their opinion because a Bill is being proposed to mandate fluoridation in New Jersey's water supplies. The League of Municipalities has already sent a letter opposing mandatory fluoridation.

May's CWC Meeting's topic will be Climate Change with Presentations from Eric Wood and/or Anthony Broccoli. Russ suggested that we consider inviting others who would be interested in this topic to attend the CWC Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Larry Baier spoke to the CWC Members and provided them an update on the Water Quality Management Planning Process and the compliance status among the counties. (See the attached "County Tracker" which has the status of each county. Also, attached is a document entitled "Implementing the Water Quality Management Plan Rules" which was the basis for Larry's Presentation.)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m. with a motion from Ferdows Ali. It was seconded by Jim Cosgrove and approved.

**\*\* The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. \*\***