

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

June 9, 2009
Meeting Highlights

Location:

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ.

Attendees:

Members: Ferdows Ali, George Bakun, Bob Breslin, Stan Cach, Russ Furnari, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs.

Others: Karen Cerra, Helen Heinrich, and Gerry Skrajewski.

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

DEP UPDATES:

Stan Cach reported: 1) that the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act's (ARRA) Clean Water/Drinking Water list is updated every Wednesday on the Department Website. It is referred to as the "Living List". 2) EPA is proposing Grants for Combined Sewer Overflows next year. 3) Traditional financing has been enhanced to 75% @ 0% interest rate and 25% @ market interest rate this year. 4) Clean Watersheds Needs Survey – New Jersey may move up in the National ranking.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan Van Abs announced that he facilitated the NJ Chapter of the American Planning Association's Infrastructure Planning Workshop on June 5th.

Russ Furnari announced that the Integrated Water Report has been issued. He also said that the Surface Water Quality Criteria Proposal is out for comment. (June 19th is the close of comment period.)

Dan Van Abs would like to schedule the first Water Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee Meeting before the end of the month. Letters have been sent to targeted Committee Members.

The tour of PSEG's nuclear facility in Salem County is scheduled for August 18th. A list of names/social security numbers/contact info must be submitted ahead of time to get security clearance. Everyone attending should plan to meet and drive together. Also, bring a photo ID.

Amy Goldsmith will provide an update on the Fluoridation letter at next month's CWC meeting.

Recommendation was made to send thank you letters to Dr. Dave Robinson and Dr. Eric Wood for speaking at last month's CWC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed whether the climate change issue would be appropriate for the 2009 public hearing and, if so, what the focus should be. The general consensus was that the topic would work for a public hearing if focused on the issues closely related to the Clean Water Council's agenda, such as:

- * the implications for water quality and hydrology, including ecosystems, water supply yields, effluent discharge limits, stormwater impacts, etc.
- * implications for water supply and wastewater utilities regarding location vulnerability, treatment requirements, treatment technology that would reduce GHG emissions and energy use, use of alternative energy sources, water conservation, etc.

Russ asked Tony McCracken, Bob Breslin, Pam Goodwin, and George Bakun to form an Ad Hoc Committee to draft a hearing focus for the CWC's Annual Public Hearing on Climate Change. Russ requested the Committee to develop Public Hearing Agenda Items for consideration of the CWC. Karen Cerra said that the AEA could provide Speakers, if needed.

APPROVAL OF MAY'S 2009 MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS:

May's Minutes were distributed. Dan Van Abs made the motion to approve the minutes, and Tony McCracken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

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

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. ****