Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jim Cosgrove at 10:02 AM.

The motion to approve the November 14, 2017 meeting highlights was made by Anthony McCracken, seconded by Maria Connolly. Minutes were approved.

**DEP Updates:**

DWQ Prepares January Report for SFY 2019 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program: Each year, the Department is required to submit a report to the State Legislature in accordance with the provisions of the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Act, the “January Report.” The report includes the clean water and drinking water project ranking methodology, financing policies, the list of projects eligible for funding in the forthcoming fiscal year (SFY2019) and a summary of the projects financed in the most recently completed fiscal year, SFY2017. The SFY19 program will include incentivized funding for stormwater and nonpoint source pollution abatement projects in the Barnegat Bay Watershed, CSO projects utilizing GI, Asset Management for small systems, replacement of lead service lines and small system drinking water projects.

Soil Compaction Restoration Standards: The “Soil Restoration Rules” adoption appeared in the New Jersey Register on Monday August 21, 2017 with an operative date of December 7, 2017. This now completes Action Item #4 of Governor Christy’s Barnegat Bay 10 Point Plan initiative and requires soil compaction restoration at all construction sites statewide. The adopted soil compaction restoration standards provide test methods to identify land areas considered compacted during the land development process and provide methods to address those compacted areas which may require the use of additional specialized equipment, labor, and soil amendments. Implementation of these standards was post-dated to December 7, 2017 by the State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) to provide the time needed to develop necessary guidance, forms, and training for the local Soil Conservation Districts that are responsible to require the new standards and incorporate them into their ongoing soil erosion and sediment control project reviews. The delay also provided time for outreach to the regulated community to educate and alert them of the need to include soil compaction restoration in the construction plans they prepared for approval.

Stormwater Infiltration Stakeholder Meeting: DWQ is preparing to hold a stormwater infiltration best management practice (BMP) stakeholder meeting tomorrow. This meeting is part of the existing stakeholder process on this topic. In Summer 2017 DWQ held two large stakeholder meetings on how to account for infiltration in the routing calculations for stormwater BMPs. At the conclusion of the second meeting it was determined that a small technical workgroup should meet to discuss further
details. Over the past 6 months DWQ has held 5 small workgroup meetings. The workgroup has outlined a framework for how to account for infiltration in the routing calculations and will present this framework to the larger stakeholder group for their consideration.

Inventory and Mapping Presentation at the League of Municipalities: The Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control presented at the League of Municipalities conference in Atlantic City. The topic of the presentation was how the Department is assisting municipalities with creating an inventory and map of their stormwater infrastructure. The presentation, which you’ll hear today, includes an overview of the numerous methodologies that the Department is providing to municipalities, free of charge, and some examples of the stormwater infrastructure mobile mapping application. About a dozen municipal representatives approached BNPC staff for additional information regarding mapping and inventory and how to receive training from the state on how to use the different methodologies.

Old Business:

Replacing for Gina Berg, Representative from NJ Association of Counties – No news, since last month, from the Association of Counties. Anthony McCracken will follow up with the Association.

Appointment of Second Vice Chair – The Chair asked the Council members for a volunteer to serve as the second vice chair. The Chair informed the Council that Jessica Sanchez has retired from the DRBC on December 31, 2017. We are waiting for a new appointment from the DRBC.

New Business:

Tim Ebersberger, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, NJDEP gave a presentation of the new stormwater system mapping app. This app was to help municipalities comply with the MS4 NJPDES permit requirements. NJDEP has developed an app for locating and mapping stormwater infrastructure. App was explained and demonstrated. The power point presentation is posted on the Council’s web site. The link is: http://www.nj.gov/dep/cleanwatercouncil/presentations.htm

Work Plan for 2018 - The discussions among the Council members included how the Council could assist the Department with stormwater issues such as the MS4 permit and agriculture BMPs.

Action items for 2018 – schedule a meeting with the Acting Commissioner and get her recommendations of priority water quality program issues.

Announcements:

Next scheduled meeting is February 13, 2018. The Chair will reach out if the meeting will be held.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.