NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL
January 11, 2011
Meeting Highlights

Location:
NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building # 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ.

Attendees:

Others: Helen Heinrich, Pat Matarazzo, Mr. Miller and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened to order by Jessica Sanchez at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER’S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:
December’s Minutes were distributed. Jim Cosgrove made the motion to approve the minutes, and Tony McCracken seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as submitted.

DEP UPDATES:
Water Quality Management Planning (WQMP) Revisions - Jessica spoke with Tom Micai and discussed how the Council can help with the WQMP rule review/revision process. Tom said that the Rule does not sunset until November 2013, so there would seem to be more than sufficient time ahead to engage. The official process - beginning with Stakeholder Outreach - will start in February. Also, Tom expects to have a schedule developed soon so we can include him on the Agenda for our meeting on February 8th.

Stan Cach reported that he met with Director Michele Putnam and updated her on the activities of the Clean Water Council. Stan will meet with Alan Dillon, as requested by Michele, to update and coordinate with him the CWC’s recommendations and invite him to February’s CWC Meeting.

Stan is preparing a briefing document for Commissioner Martin and will invite him to April’s CWC Meeting so that the Council can further discuss the letter sent to the Commissioner on November 17, 2010 regarding the Infrastructure Financing & Management Recommendations. Also, the Council would like the Commissioner’s recommendation for this year’s Public Hearing topic.

The Water Supply Advisory Council is moving forward with Stakeholder Meetings on the Water Supply Plan. There is also a Public Advisory Committee that will be holding three (3) Open Stakeholder Meetings. The Stan Cach will reach out to Fred Sickles and/or Joe Mattle to provide an update for the Council at the March meeting.
Jessica requested:
- an updated DEP Organization Chart;
- an update on CWC reappointments; and

OLD BUSINESS:
2010 Public Hearing and Follow-up:
The CWC wants the momentum from the 2010 Public Hearing on Infrastructure Financing and Management to be maintained. Implementation of the recommendations will require leadership and the united effort and collaboration of DEP, Department of Community Affairs and Board of Public Utilities. The Council will invite representatives from DCA and BPU to the February CWC Meeting to discuss ideas for partnership and approaches for implementation.

2011 Public Hearing and Work Plan:
The 2011 Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at NJDEP. The Council discussed possible topics.

1. One concept discussed at the prior meeting is considering technological innovations and green alternatives to maintain and improve water quality and infrastructure resilience and asset management. Should the Council get briefings from New York and Philadelphia? Should we invite someone from Philadelphia to speak on Stormwater at one of our Meetings? Newark will be having a 4 day Program on Green Technology.

2. Smart Growth/Urban Redevelopment. There is a shift in where building permits are occurring, from primarily exurban to majority urban/inner suburbs. This is happening nationally and in NJ, too. Raises interesting issues concerning utility capacity in the urban areas – do they really have the capacity to sustain growth?

3. Upcoming Initiatives. Governor signed Bills recently on Barnegat Bay. Also Statewide Bills and Initiatives, too.

4. Issues from the Science Advisory Board. They are looking at nitrate dilution models and water quality standards issues. Part of their charge is to determine if you can follow the science from the beginning to the end. Their work could lead to a topic for the hearing

5. Alternative technologies in Pinelands, etc.

It was noted that we don’t have to make a decision immediately, and that we might want to wait until after our meeting with the Commissioner. Discussion turned to agenda items for upcoming meetings that would help the Council determine its hearing topic. The general feeling was that a focus on green and alternative technology for improvement of infrastructure integrity and benefits would be a good focus. A general discussion touched on many topics, including: who to bring in for future meetings and discussions; identification of roadblocks
 Solid framework questions need to be developed. The right questions will provide a venue for people to talk about these issues and hold a Hearing on them. An ad hoc committee was appointed to further discuss the array of issues and develop something for the Council to consider.

The Ad Hoc Committee for the 2011 Public Hearing Topic is Jim Cosgrove, Amy Goldsmith, Tony McCracken and Ray Zabihach.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
None

**ANNUncEMENTS:**
None

**adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. with a motion from Dan Van Abs. It was seconded by Pam Goodwin.

** the next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ. **