NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL  
February 8, 2011  
Meeting Highlights

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

**Attendees:**  
Members: Ferdows Ali, George Bakun, Robert Breslin, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez and Dan Van Abs.

Others: Rhea Brekke, Alan Dillon, Helen Heinrich, Tom Micai, James Miller, Maria Moran and Gerry Skrajewski.

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

Jessica asked everyone at the meeting to introduce themselves.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY’S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**  
January’s Minutes were distributed. There were several revisions as noted. Russ Furnari made the motion to approve the minutes, and Tony Valente seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as amended.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
Tom Micai, Director of Land Use Policy & Planning, provided an update on the Water Quality Management Planning Process. Tom reported that the current rules are due to sunset in late 2013. An internal DEP process begins this month. A Stakeholder process will begin in March. Messages will be sent for Stakeholder involvement. The CWC can be a part of that process, and Tom encouraged the Council to formulate what they want the Department to consider. The Department has not formulated policy direction and seeks input from its stakeholders, such as the CWC.

Tom would like to take up the invitation from the CWC for their support. Tom will come to the CWC Meeting on April 12th to discuss the issues raised in the Stakeholder meetings and to have a brainstorming session with the Council. It is suggested that the Council have their comments and suggestions ready for that meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
Rhea Brekke, Chief of Staff, and Maria Moran, Director of the Water Division, from the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) spoke regarding water infrastructure and financing and the Council's recommendations regarding this issue. BPU said there is a pending docket before the agency that grew out of a New Jersey American Water Company petition to establish a Distribution
System Improvement Charge (DSIC). Instead of acting on this issue for a single water company, the BPU is focusing its efforts on engaging stakeholders in a rulemaking process that would be applicable to all regulated, qualifying water companies. There has been one public stakeholder meeting held, with two additional public meetings to be scheduled in the near future. In addition, there have been informal meetings among some of the interested parties to exchange ideas. There is a clear recognition that water systems are aging and infrastructure is deteriorating. The DSIC is a mechanism that will accelerate infrastructure improvements by allowing a certain level of cost recovery for such improvements prior to a formal rate hearing. When a utility comes in for a rate case later, they must show that the improvements serve a legitimate purpose, to receive approval for the utility to continue recovering costs. Public comments on the DSIC proposal are posted on the BPU’s website. (www.bpu.state.nj.us). BPU met with representatives of the Pennsylvania Commission recently to see how it deals with its DSIC mechanism that has been in place for several years.

Alan Dillon, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (NJDEP) spoke about the Massachusetts Enterprise Fund Law, and told the Council he would send them a copy of the Law and the associated Manual. It is indicative of three things that are needed in New Jersey: 1) asset management, 2) considering the operators as assets, and 3) full cost pricing. Alan also discussed what the Water Supply Program is considering regarding Asset Management. Alan has started this dialogue because he is the Course Coordinator for the Safe Drinking Water Course at Rutgers, and they are discussing, all the time, asset management; operators as human resources; succession planning; and full cost pricing.

**2011 Public Hearing** – Jim Cosgrove reported that he e-mailed his notes to CWC Members regarding the Conference Call the ad hoc committee held on February 2nd for the 2011 Public Hearing topic. Members of the Committee are Jim, Tony McCracken, Ferdows Ali, Amy Goldsmith and Ray Zabihach. The topic of *Green and Other Innovative Technology for Infrastructure Improvements* is being considered as a continuum of the Council’s topics from the last several years. It is recommended that Council Members review the e-mail and respond back with your specific comments within the next 2 weeks.

**DEP UPDATES:**

Stan Cach – Commissioner is confirmed to attend the CWC Meeting on May 10\textsuperscript{th}. The Commissioner did like the CWC’s proposed topic, “Green and Other Innovative Technologies for Water Infrastructure Improvements”.

The CWC Website was updated and the Public Hearing proceedings are now on the Website.

Mary Jo Aiello was appointed, as of February 14\textsuperscript{th}, to take on the management of the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management which includes the Recycling Program within Climate and Environmental Management. Also, Jeff Reading is now reassigned and working for Jill Lipoti with Barbara Hirst and Debra Hammond in Water Monitoring Management. Assistant Commissioner Nancy Wittenberg’s position has not been filled yet.
Effective February 1, 2011, the Site Remediation Program – Office of Dredging & Sediment Technology will administer the review of all land use permit applications submitted to the NJDEP for the purpose of investigation, remediation, closure and/or redevelopment of a project under the purview of the Site Remediation Program or the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**
The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.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, March 8, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ.**