NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

February 9, 2010
Meeting Highlights

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

Attendees:
Members: George Bakun, Stan Cach, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Pam Goodwin, Lou Neely, Jim Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

Others: Marie Banasik, Marjorie Kaplan, Rick Kropp, Jorge Reyes and Gerry Skrajewski.

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

APPROVAL OF JANUARY’S 2009 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:
January’s Minutes were distributed. Dan Van Abs made the motion to approve the minutes, and Ray Zabihach seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

DEP UPDATES:
Stan Cach distributed Executive Order No. 1 (List of DEP rule proposals suspended and not suspended, dated January 21, 2010) from Governor Christie and discussed it.

OLD BUSINESS:
Dan Van Abs said that he has not received any additional comments on the NJCWC Water Infrastructure Financing Committee’s Ideas and Recommendations Report. Dan will send out an e-mail to the Water Infrastructure Committee Members to see who will be able to attend March’s CWC Meeting since the ideas that are represented in the committee paper will be discussed at the Meeting.

CWC Public Hearing – Climate Change: The transcript from the Public Hearing has been received from the Court Reporter and distributed to the CWC Members. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding Climate Change are Pam Goodwin, Ray Zabihach, Russ Furnari and George Bakun. The committee is charged with developing a summary & recommendations for the Commissioner to be reviewed by the Council.

Dr. Marjorie Kaplan attended the meeting to discuss the testimony and comments from the Public Hearing. She handed out a matrix/table summarizing the hearing testimony (attached).
Some of the recommendations Dr. Kaplan referred to were from "Meeting New Jersey’s 2020 Greenhouse Gas Limit: New Jersey’s Global Warming Response Act Recommendations Report" which was released post the meeting. Those she mentioned that relate to water include the following:

Recommendation #3 (Develop and facilitate the use of State Green Building Guidelines for all New Residential and Commercial Buildings) - page 46;

Recommendation #4 (Develop and facilitate a State Green Building Remodeling, Operations and Maintenance Programs for all Existing Residential and Commercial Buildings) - page 46 to 48;

Related Action(s) with Climate Benefits:
Support statewide outdoor water use limits on lawn and landscape irrigation to minimize consumptive water losses and water waste (page 47 to 48)

Recommendation #5 (Provide incentives to reduce the carbon footprint of public water supply and wastewater treatment facilities) - page 48 to 49

Also, Chapter 4 is the framework for Adaptation (beginning on p. 87). As she noted, the GWRA does not address Adaptation, but recognizes it is critical.


NEW BUSINESS:
It was recommended to check with the CWC Members to make sure that if March’s CWC Meeting is moved up a week to March 2nd that enough members will be able to attend so that there will be a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Bob Breslin missed the meeting because of a death in his family.

Lance Miller, formerly with the Board of Public Utilities, is now working with Jim Cosgrove at Omni Environmental as the Director of Energy Practice.

Jim Requa had a question about the process for supplying water to a development in Woolwich Township, Gloucester County, in connection with the Transfer Development Rights.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. with a motion from Lou Neely. It was seconded by Ray Zabihach.

** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. **