NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

April 10, 2007
Meeting Highlights

Location:
New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Conference Room, 3131 Princeton Pike,
Office Building 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, New Jersey

Attendees
Members: Ferdows Ali, Amy Goldsmith, Mary Beth Koza, Tony McCracken, Lou Mason Neely,
Ray Nichols, James Requa, Dan Van Abs

Others: Helen Heinrich, Larry Baier, Narinder Ahuja, Stan Cach, Gautam Patel, Sandra Brodbeck

Meeting convened by Tony McCracken at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2007 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:
The highlights were approved as distributed.

DEP UPDATES:
Ron Nichols announced that due to a re-organization within the DEP, he would no longer be
serving as the Department’s Liaison to the Council. A resolution and motion was made by
Tony McCracken and seconded by Dan Van Abs to thank Ray for his efforts and contributions to
the Clean Water Council.

The DEP Organizational Chart was distributed. The Clean Water Council’s coordination with the
NJDEP will now be through Environmental Regulation. Narinder Ahuja, Director of the Division
of Water Quality, stated that Assistant Commissioner Nancy Wittenberg wanted to but couldn’t
attend today’s meeting because of other existing commitments. She is enthusiastic about working
with the Council and will try to attend the next meeting. Also, Stanley Cach, Assistant Director
of the Municipal Finance and Construction Element, will be the new Liaison from the Department
for the Clean Water Council Meetings.

Mr. McCracken explained that the Clean Water Council meets once a month. The Council brings
issues to the Commissioner’s attention. It hosts a public hearing to receive public comments once
a year on selected issues, and there is usually a good turnout. (Nancy Wittenberg has participated
in the past.) The Council then submits its recommendations to the Commissioner. Pam Goodwin
is the Chairperson of the Clean Water Council, and Russ Furnari is Vice Chair. The Council
hosts other events throughout the year. The Council is considered to be a sounding board for the
Commissioner.

OLD BUSINESS:
A discussion was held regarding which topic should be chosen for the 2007 Annual Public
Hearing to be held on October 23rd. Upon the Department’s suggestion, Topic #3, “Water
Infrastructure”, was tentatively selected as the subject for the public hearing. However, the final
decision will be made only after it has been discussed with Chairperson Goodwin and Vice Chair
Furnari. An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to begin working on the topic.
The Council acknowledged and thanked Larry Baier for his assistance in the past. Larry also expressed
his appreciation to the Council for the opportunity to work with them and will continue to support the
Council in the future.

**Report of the By-laws Review Committee:** Amy Goldsmith gave the By-Laws Report. The By-Laws
Committee did not meet, but Dan Van Abs had e-mailed Russ Furnari comments. In Article 4 - Standing
Committees versus Ad Hoc Committees – one of the questions was, what do we want as Standing
Committees versus rules for Ad Hoc Committees? Also, regarding duties of the Council, Dan suggested
generic language compared to the specific language which is in the by-laws. Mary Beth Koza
commented on Succession. Amy will include Mary Beth’s comment into her notes. Once again,
Clean Water Council Committee Members were requested to get their comments/revisions to the
By-Laws Committee as soon as possible.

**Report of Education Event Planning Committee:** The Education Event Planning Committee did not
meet. There had been some discussion of having 2 educational forums during the year. We were not
able to do it this year, but hopefully will do so in the future. Ideas for the forum should be relevant and
of value, and cover cutting edge topics.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

After the Clean Water Council met with DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson, representatives of the
Council were invited to accompany the Department to a meeting with Governor Jon Corzine on
April 3, 2007. Larry Baier provided the summary of the meeting. He thanked the Council,
particularly Russ, Amy and Tony for accompanied the Commissioner and himself to the
Governor's Office to present the proposed WQMP Rule Amendments to the Governor. It was
important to have the support of independent stakeholders in the overall concept of the Rule,
though specific support could not be stated because members had not seen the actual Rule
proposal. The meeting went well and the Department is confident that the rule proposal will be
signed before the end of April.

Larry also informed the Council that it is Commissioner Jackson's position that actual draft rule
language should not be shared with those outside of the Department unless there is a procedure to
share the rule with all interested parties through a formal process such as an IPR.

Clean Water Council Members will be on a panel at the Water Environment Association
Conference in Atlantic City in May.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING of the Clean Water Council will be on May 8, 2007, beginning
at 10:00 A.M., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201,
3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ**