NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

April 13, 2010
Meeting Highlights

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

Attendees:
Members: George Bakun, Robert Breslin, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jessica Sanchez, Tony Valente, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach.

Others: Karen Cerra, Alan Dillon, Helen Heinrich, Jeff Reading, Michele Putnam and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened by Jessica Sanchez at 10:05 a.m. Jessica asked everyone to introduce themselves since there were a few new faces at the CWC Meeting today.

APPROVAL OF MARCH’S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:
March’s Minutes were distributed. Lou Neely made the motion to approve the minutes, and Tony McCracken seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as distributed.

DEP UPDATES:
Stan Cach is out on leave so Jeff Reading gave the DEP Report. Jeff reported that Bob Martin has been confirmed by the State Senate and sworn in by the Governor as the DEP Commissioner. Commissioner Martin has not announced his Team yet, but he should be announcing it soon. Red Tape Rules information has been coming out slowly. The Governor’s Budget has the DEP Budget being cut by 2%. The Budget Process is just beginning through. RGGI funds for one year were being diverted to the general fund.


OLD BUSINESS:
Ad Hoc Committee on Water Infrastructure Financing: Council discussed the latest version of the Report on Water Infrastructure Financing and the process for releasing it. Jeff asked Dan if he is envisioning that this Report would be enacted through Statute and Regulations from DCA or DEP? Jeff commented that on the wastewater side, DEP has ongoing regulatory authority over POTWs; however, DEP does not have authority over collection systems.

Michele Putnam & Alan Dillon (Bureau of Safe Drinking Water) attended the meeting, and Alan spoke regarding Asset Management, Sustainability, etc. (See attached article from Alan with detailed information regarding Capacity Development.)

CWC would like the Board of Public Utilities and Department of Community Affairs to attend May’s CWC Meeting. Jessica will send letters to Messrs. Pfeiffer (DCA) & Fortkiewicz (BPU) inviting them to attend the CWC Meeting on May 11th.
Council would like positive case studies of Asset Management to include in the Report. Dan needs case studies - 1 for water supply and 1 for wastewater. It was recommended to check the AWWA Journals to see if there are articles that have been already published related to this issue.

The Council discussed having articles published related to the Water Infrastructure Financing Recommendations, as well as, the upcoming October Public Hearing. Dan will finalize the Water Infrastructure Financing document so that it will become a White Paper and publish it as an Article in relevant Publications. Lastly, Gerry will check on the availability of the DEP Public Hearing Room and schedule it so that this year’s Public Hearing can be held in October.

2009 Hearing on Climate Change & Recommendations for Commissioner Bob Martin: The Ad Hoc Committee will hold a teleconference call on April 19th to work on the draft letter to Commissioner Martin regarding the 2009 Hearing on Climate Change. Pam Goodwin is coordinating the meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee.

The CWC will invite Commissioner Martin to attend June’s CWC Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
Housekeeping; i.e., expired terms; letters of (re)appointments; updated membership list – CWC Members updated their info (addresses/phone numbers/e-mails) where appropriate, and Gerry is going to follow-up with the Governor’s office on the (re)appointments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
None

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion from Jim Cosgrove. It was seconded by Ray Zabihach.

** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. **