NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL
September 14, 2010
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,
Pam Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Neely, Jessica Sanchez, Tony Valente, Dan Van Abs, and Ray
Zabihach.

Others: Maria Banasiak, Karen Cerra, Virginia Lofton and Gerry Skrajewski.

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

Jessica gave an update of the meeting that she, Dan Van Abs, Pam Goodwin and Stan Cach attended
with Assistant Commissioner John Plonski. Jessica also told the Council about a call she received
from Assistant Commissioner Plonski yesterday informing her that it has been recommended that the
Clean Water Council and Water Supply Advisory Council be combined.

APPROVAL OF JULY’S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:
July’s Minutes were distributed. Russ Furnari made the motion to approve the minutes, and
Lou Neely seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as amended.

DEP UPDATES:
Stan Cach introduced Virginia Loftin, who has been with the DEP for 18 years, to update the
CWC on New Jersey’s Beaches. She said that the DEP has administered the Cooperative
Coastal Monitoring Program since 1974 with the participation of county and local health
departments. Each year, 218 ocean and bay beaches are sampled on Mondays for
enterococcus bacteria concentrations. Sampling locations are located at public recreational
bathing beaches and are usually located in areas near potential sources of contamination.
DEP also performs aerial surveillance of the coast six days per week during the summer. A
sensor installed in the aircraft detects chlorophyll levels in near shore waters and indicates
when algal blooms may be occurring.

The Clean Shores Program began in 1989 and uses state inmates to clean tidal shorelines of
trash and debris. The goal of Clean Shores is to prevent this debris from washing up on
bathing beaches. Clean Shores removes approximately 5 million pounds of debris from the
state’s shorelines each year. Both Clean Shores and the CCMP are funded by the sale of the
Shore Protection license plates. CCMP gets additional funding from the EPA BEACH Act
Beach Grant.
Stan provided the Council with a handout on the Wastewater Management Plan Status. He also provided copies of the DEP Press Releases on the Statewide Drought Watch and on the New DEP Science Advisory Board. A list of the Science Advisory Board’s (SAB) initial topics, plus a complete list of members of the SAB and its four standing committees, and their qualifications, are available at: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/sab/. Stan notified the Council of an upcoming Public Hearing on September 21st at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust @ 10:00 am on the Proposed FFY2011 Priority System, Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Clean Water Financing. Also, a Stakeholder Meeting Regarding N.J.A.C. 7:22, “Financing Assistance Programs for Environmental Infrastructure Facilities” will be held on September 29th at 10:00 am in the DEP Public Hearing Room.

Dan Van Abs made a Motion that the CWC strongly recommends that the Department, in its reconsideration of NJAC 7:22 regulations, take into account the CWC’s final recommendations on Water Infrastructure Asset Management as it relates to those Rules, and that this Resolution be submitted to the Department for their Stakeholder Meeting on September 29th. Lou Neely seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved. (Pam Goodwin abstained since she had missed some of the conversation.) Jessica will submit a letter to Stan.

OLD BUSINESS:
The 2010 Public Hearing on Water Infrastructure Management and Financing was discussed. Dan reviewed the Agenda. He also reported the various ways he has outreached to get the information about the Hearing into publications, etc. He also encouraged everyone to get the word out about the Hearing. The Department will get out a Press Advisory, but that will be closer to the Hearing.

Housekeeping Items: appointments – Once the proposed merging of the CWC and the Water Supply Advisory Council is resolved, the Appointments/Re-appointments should be made.

NEW BUSINESS:
2011 Work Plan and Hearing – this discussion was postponed until November’s meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
None.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion from Lou Neely. It was seconded by Russ Furnari.

** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, November 9th, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ. **