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

Attendees:

Others:  Karen Cerra, Gene Chebra, Helen Heinrich, Ken Klipstein, Christine Schell and Gerry Skrajewski.

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER’S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:
November’s Minutes were distributed. Lou Neely made the motion to approve the minutes, and Bob Breslin seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as submitted.

DEP UPDATES:
Jessica Sanchez introduced Gene Chebra who was representing Stanley Cach as the DEP Representative.

Gene spoke regarding the DEP reorganization which was recently announced. The Commissioner’s Transformation Update Memo, dated November 5th, was shared with the Clean Water Council Members. Gene said that one of the Transformation initiatives is assuring that we finance the right projects.

Jessica said that she had sent an e-mail to Ray Cantor and asked for an update on Water Quality Management Planning. Jessica feels that in light of the Council’s past contributions to the development of the WQMP regulations, it would seem appropriate for the Council to be involved in the evaluation process. Ray has asked Marilyn Lennon to be the contact person.

NEW BUSINESS:
Christine Schell from the Department's Office of Climate and Energy gave an update on the on-going climate initiatives happening in the State. After briefly reviewing the climate legislative mandates for the State, Christine gave an update on the implementation status of the water-related recommendations in the State's Global Warming Response Act's Recommendations Report, release in December of 2009. She then covered other sector actions, both related to mitigation and adaptation. Ms. Schell was unable to show her Powerpoint presentation during the meeting, but it was distributed to CWC members and is attached as part of the meeting minutes.
Ken Klipstein spoke regarding the DEP’s consideration of a Green Roof for the DEP complex in downtown Trenton. One issue that inhibited the roof greening project was that the state building code lacks criteria or performance standards for green roofs.

2011 Work Plan and Hearing – this discussion was postponed until December’s meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
Water Infrastructure Management and Financing Public Hearing – A motion was made by Dan Van Abs and seconded by Ray Zabihach to approve, subject to final editing, the draft letter to Commissioner Martin which transmits for consideration the Council’s Recommendations for improvements to water infrastructure management and financing. The Motion was unanimously approved.

The schedule of Clean Water Council Meetings for 2011 was distributed.

The Council asked that the DEP Public Hearing Room be reserved for October for the Council’s 2011 Public Hearing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Tony McCracken announced that the Water Infrastructure Summit will be held on November 23rd, and Commissioner Martin will be one of the Speakers.

Russ Furnari announced that PSE&G will be holding a Workshop on Climate Change during the Fall, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. with a motion from Ray Zabihach. It was seconded by Russ Furnari.

** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ. **