November 10, 2009
Meeting Highlights

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

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

Others: Helen Heinrich and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened by Russ Furnari at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER’S 2009 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:
October’s Minutes were distributed. Jessica Sanchez suggested that on the 2nd page of the Minutes, first paragraph, the word “info” be changed to information or issues. It was recommended to change the word to “issues”. Gerry will make the correction. Ray Zabihach made the motion to approve the minutes, and Lou Neely seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

DEP UPDATES:
The Council had asked Stan Cach to follow-up with Larry Baier regarding the WWMP planning process and Statewide Water Supply Plan. Larry told Stan that right now it seems unlikely that the NJ Water Supply Plan will be adopted before WWMPs are submitted. So the DEP won't be able to use it to try and balance all of the water supply issues in the WWMPs. However, where we know there are issues on the WS side (e.g. critical areas, upper Maurice River, Cape May, etc.) we will coordinate with DWS to: 1) make sure we aren't making a bad situation worse, and 2) begin putting planning in place in order to improve the situation.

Stan reported that per Michele Putnam, the DEP is proposing to readopt the Safe Drinking Water rules without change.

Meetings will be held with the Transition team in December and January.

Lastly, Stan updated the CWC on the ARRA Stimulus Funding Program. 100% of the ARRA projects have been issued the Authorization to Advertise. The Department is also working on the projects for the Traditional SRF Funding Program. The approved projects included in the Fall Pool Closing are being completed now. The Winter Pool projects are being scheduled for escrow closing through January 2010. Lou asked Stan to give the CWC an updated status of projects funded. Stan referred the CWC to DEP’s website for the weekly updated Clean Water and Drinking Water Living List @ the Website: http://www.nj.gov/dep/arra/.
OLD BUSINESS:
Dan Van Abs said that the next Water Infrastructure Committee Meeting will be held in mid-December. He is still waiting for additional comments from Committee Members. Dan wants to have a “White Paper” prepared and ready for discussion at January’s CWC Meeting.

Climate Change: Public Hearing Topic – The Committee reviewed the draft Agenda and made a couple minor revisions so now the Agenda is ready for distribution. Mary Beth Brenner of the Commissioner’s Office has already distributed the Flyer to the Environ Constituency Groups and the Climate Change Stakeholder List. A Media Advisory will also be sent out as the Public Hearing date gets closer. It is also recommended that the Council Members send out the Agenda and Flyer to their constituents and also reach out to people they feel would be interested in testifying on this year’s Public Hearing Topic (Water Policy and Climate Change). To date, 5 people have registered to testify at the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:
Clean Water Council Meeting dates for 2010 were distributed (attached).

Stan said that he’ll report at January’s meeting how New Jersey ranked on the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey.

Note that at January’s CWC Meeting, the Council shall elect the new Chair, Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair for a 2 year period.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Judith Enck was named the new EPA Regional Administrator.

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

** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. **
Clean Water Council Meetings in 2010

January 12
February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August – No Meeting
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 6 (Public Hearing)