

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2026

Minutes

Commissioners	Greg Patterson, Delaware, Chair
Present:	Jill Whitcomb, Pennsylvania, Vice Chair
	Pat Gardner, New Jersey, Second Vice Chair
	Lt. Col. Ryan Baum, United States
	Carol Lamb-Lafay, New York
DRBC Staff	Pam Bush, Commission Secretary, Assistant General Counsel
Participants:	Kenneth J. Warren, DRBC General Counsel
	Fanghui Chen, Senior Water Resource Engineer, Water Resource Operations
	Elba Deck, Director, Finance and Administration
	Lulin Zhong, Manager, Finance and Accounting
	Chad Pindar, Manager, Water Resource Planning
	David Kovach, Manager, Project Review

The business meeting of June 11, 2026 was conducted remotely. The meeting was broadcast publicly *via* Zoom webinar and livestreamed on the DRBC YouTube channel. Recordings were made on both Zoom and YouTube. The agenda was posted on the DRBC website ten or more days before the meeting date.

Greg Patterson called the meeting to order, introducing himself as Secretary of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (“DNREC”) and DRBC Alternate Commissioner for Governor Matt Meyer, the FY 2025-26 Commission Chair.

At Secretary Patterson’s request, DRBC’s Commission Secretary Pam Bush called the roll. Present were: Pat Gardner, Assistant Commissioner for Water Resource Management, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), alternate Commissioner for Governor Mikie Sherill; Carol Lamb-Lafay, Division Director for the Division of Water, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”), alternate Commissioner for Governor Kathy Hochul; Jill Whitcomb, Deputy Secretary for Water Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (“PADEP”), alternate Commissioner for Governor Josh Shapiro; and Lt. Colonel Ryan Baum, Philadelphia District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE” or “Corps of Engineers”), alternate Commissioner for Colonel Jess Curry, North Atlantic Division Commander, USACE.

DRBC General Counsel Kenneth Warren introduced himself. Secretary Patterson noted that in the absence of DRBC’s Executive Director Kristen Bowman Kavanagh, the Commission’s Secretary and Assistant General Counsel Pam Bush would speak on her behalf throughout the business meeting.

Approval of Minutes. Draft Minutes for the Commission’s March 4, 2026 business meeting had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and the Commissioners had offered no comments or corrections. Accordingly, Ms. Bush recommended that the Minutes be approved as presented. Ms. Gardner so

moved, Ms. Whitcomb offered a second, and without further discussion, the Minutes of the March 4, 2026, business meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Announcements. Ms. Bush announced the following upcoming DRBC advisory committee meetings, noting that additional details for each were available on the DRBC website.

- The Advisory Committee on Climate Change was to meet on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. *via* Zoom.
- The Water Management Advisory Committee was to meet on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. *via* Zoom.

Hydrologic Conditions. Senior Water Resource Engineer Dr. Fanghui Chen presented the hydrologic conditions report. Dr. Chen's presentation can be viewed at:

https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/HydrologicConditions_Chen_061126.pdf.

Precipitation. Dr. Chen presented pairs of maps showing 90-day and 30-day cumulative precipitation and corresponding departures from normal precipitation as of June 8, 2026. Over the 90-day period, approximately one-quarter of the basin, an area of New York and northeastern Pennsylvania, received between 10 and 14 inches of precipitation, between 0 and 2 inches above normal. In contrast, the central and lower regions of the basin experienced below normal rainfall. The central portions of the basin in Pennsylvania and New Jersey received 10 – 12 inches of precipitation, approximately 2 – 4 inches below normal. The most significant deficit occurred in southern New Jersey and a portion of Delaware, where cumulative precipitation was just 6 – 8 inches over the 90-day period, approximately 4 – 6 inches below normal.

Displaying the 30-day precipitation and precipitation departures maps, Dr. Chen noted that from April through early May, the entire basin experienced unusually hot and dry conditions. Although this pattern changed over Memorial Day weekend, when a storm system moving from north to south spread heavy rain across the region, more than half the basin received rainfall of between 1 and 3 inches below normal amounts over the 30-day period. The storm brought much needed relief to a portion of southeastern Pennsylvania, where more than 5 inches of rain fell, leaving the area with approximately 1 – 3 inches above normal precipitation over the 30-day period.

A set of three maps showing NOAA year-to-date, 90-day, and 30-day departures from normal precipitation by county for the region showed that the water year from June 2025 to the end of May 2026 was characterized by deficits of between 11 and 26 percent. Although conditions temporarily improved in the northeastern portion of the basin beginning in March of 2026, they had deteriorated over the 30 days preceding the meeting date, leaving much of New Jersey and Delaware in severe deficits of as much as 50 percent below normal.

New York City Delaware Basin Reservoirs. DRBC relies on combined storage in New York City's Delaware Basin headwaters reservoirs—Neversink, Pepacton, and Cannonsville—to determine drought operating status, including river flow objectives and permissible out-of-basin diversions. From October 2025 until March of 2026, combined storage in the three reservoirs remained below the long-term median. As of June 1, 2026, storage was at seasonal target levels, with all three reservoirs at full capacity. As of the meeting date, however, total combined storage had declined to about 95 percent of capacity and approximately 10 billion gallons below the long-term median for this time of

year. Storage was nevertheless approximately 64.6 billion gallons above drought watch, and basin operating status remained normal.

Streamflow. The Delaware River supports out-of-basin diversions equal to a monthly average of as much as 800 million gallons per day to New York City and 100 million gallons per day to New Jersey. To offset these diversions, under normal storage conditions New York City is required to release water from one or more of its three Delaware Basin reservoirs sufficient to maintain a minimum flow of 1750 cubic feet per second at Montague, New Jersey, the location at which the state boundaries of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania meet. Main stem flows are also managed to meet a flow objective of 3,000 cubic feet per second at Trenton. These flow objectives help control salinity intrusion in the Delaware Estuary. With limited exceptions, main stem flows were below the long-term average over the previous 10 months.

Dr. Chen shared a map depicting streamflow status for tributaries of the Delaware River and portions of the New Jersey coastal plain as of June 10, 2026. Based on 30 years of data, many tributaries in the central and lower basin were experiencing below normal flows, with numerous stream gages indicating streamflows within the lower 25th percentile of historical conditions. These conditions highlighted the hydrological impact of the extended precipitation deficit observed across much of the basin over the previous 9-10 months.

Salt Front. DRBC monitors the location of the “salt front,” the seven-day average location in the Delaware Estuary at which the chloride concentration is 250 milligrams per liter. Dr. Chen explained that the salt front location had been in the normal range since the beginning of the calendar year. As of June 11, 2026, the salt front was located at River Mile 71.2, which is approximately two miles upstream from the Delaware Memorial Bridge. The normal monthly median salt front location for June is around River Mile 69.

Ground Water. Dr. Chen displayed a set of maps comparing ground water levels by county across the basin on April 1, May 20, and June 8, and a map showing locations of the groundwater monitoring wells used to characterize conditions within each county. By early April, 2026, groundwater conditions had improved substantially following a major rainfall event in March. However, conditions gradually deteriorated through mid-May, and dry weather persisted across the basin until the Memorial Day weekend brought widespread rainfall. As of June 8, ground water conditions had improved in some portions of the basin, with wells in several counties returning to normal range. However, wells monitored in New York State generally showed declines from normal to below normal conditions. Similarly, counties in southern New Jersey continued to experience below normal and much below normal ground water levels, the ongoing effects of long-term precipitation deficits.

USGS Drought Monitor. Dr. Chen displayed a series of maps showing conditions across the Northeast as of June 4, 2026, and throughout the basin as of March 3, May 19, and June 2, 2026, as characterized by the USGS Drought Monitor. An area of extreme drought in northern New Jersey as of May 3 had improved to moderate drought following significant March rainfall. From April 2026 through June 2, 2026, drought conditions expanded across the lower portion of the basin due to persistent hot and dry weather. Dr. Chen noted that while the 2-4 inches of rain that had fallen during Memorial Day Weekend had been effective for ground water recharge and had helped improve soil moisture and streamflow conditions across much of the mid-Atlantic, the rainfall provided only short-term

improvement to surface water and soil moisture conditions in the basin and was not sufficient to fully offset the prolonged precipitation deficit that had developed over the previous several months.

Basin State Drought Status. In southeastern Pennsylvania, ground water conditions were sufficiently improved by May 2026 that Chester County alone among Pennsylvania counties within or partially within the basin remained in a state-declared drought warning that month. Carbon, Monroe, Pike, and Schuylkill counties were in normal status. In contrast, all New Jersey counties remained in a drought warning. Drought conditions had worsened across Delaware as well, where the state had shifted all three counties from normal to drought watch status in response to ongoing precipitation deficits and declining hydrologic conditions.

Seasonal Outlook. NOAA's Seasonal Outlook for June through August indicated that although drought conditions were expected to persist in some areas of the basin, northern New Jersey and a portion of Pennsylvania were expected to recover sufficiently to become drought free by the end of August. In contrast, drought conditions in Delaware were expected to persist through the end of August, reflecting a continued precipitation deficit. NOAA also predicted below normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic in 2026.

Summary. Following a long period of below normal precipitation that began in July 2025, drought conditions developed across much of the basin, resulting in reduced streamflow and declining ground water levels. Beginning in May 2026, drought conditions began to gradually improve, and water supply and DRBC operating status were normal basinwide as of June 3, 2026. The three-month outlook was for a warmer-than-average summer with above-normal precipitation.

Executive Director's Report. Highlights of the Executive Director's Report, which Ms. Bush provided on behalf of Kristen Bowman Kavanagh, follow.

- *New DRBC Staff.* Brittany Gigliotti joined the Commission on June 1, 2026 as Associate Counsel. A graduate of Villanova University School of Law, Ms. Gigliotti is admitted to the bar in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She joins DRBC with almost 15 years of legal experience, most recently in the Office of General Counsel at the Social Security Administration. In addition, the staff have welcomed several interns, who will support the Commission's work during the summer months.
- *Joint Program with PADEP.* In March 2026, DRBC staff and staff of PADEP's Safe Drinking Water Operator Outreach Program offered a free, three-part training series on water loss management. More than 75 water operators, water managers, water authority personnel, engineers, and water system board members attended the training sessions.
- *Water Resources Resilience Plan Update.* In March 2026, the Commission published Phase One of the Water Resources Resilience Plan ("WRRP"). The Phase One report comprises a workplan and detailed framework for DRBC's resilience planning, focusing on protecting key water resource assets—water availability, aquatic life, and landscape—from episodic hazards such as floods and droughts and chronic hazards such as increasing water temperatures and sea level rise. The Commission also began developing Phase 2 of the WRRP, which will ultimately include a list of prioritized actions for evaluating potential impacts on the basin's water resources and formulating

management approaches for improving resilience and adaptation. To begin the Phase 2 public engagement process, staff held a webinar on April 30, 2026.

- *Tabletop Exercise.* In March 2026, DRBC hosted a tabletop exercise simulating a major spill response on the Delaware River. The exercise was designed by members of the Subcommittee on Source Water Protection of DRBC's Water Management Advisory Committee and was led by EPA with collaboration from key federal, state, and local agencies and water providers in the region.
- *Publications.* In May and June, the DRBC released two technical reports.
 - [Technical Report No. 2026-3, PFAS Water Quality and Fish Tissue Assessment Study – Year 3](#), published in May 2026, documents the latest results of extensive field investigation and monitoring of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (collectively known as “PFAS”). This was the final report of a three-year assessment of PFAS in surface water, sediment, fish tissue and blue crabs that was funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund. This multi-year assessment and complementary DRBC studies consistently detected PFAS, underscoring the complexity and scope of PFAS pollution in the basin. Staff held a public webinar on June 15, 2026 to discuss trends and takeaways from the report and to demonstrate a new interactive web application capable of displaying PFAS levels graphically across the basin.
 - [Technical Report No. 2026-4, Salt Front Calculation Method](#), published in June 2026, describes the methodology for calculating the salt front location, an indicator of salinity intrusion into the Delaware River Estuary. During drought emergencies, the salt front location is used to determine the amount of water to be released from storage within the basin to meet the Trenton flow objective. The report also documents how the historical record for the salt front location was developed.
- *Field Monitoring.* DRBC's annual field monitoring efforts accelerate every spring. In 2026, they included biweekly monitoring of Special Protection Waters, cyanotoxins monitoring, freshwater salinization monitoring for chlorides, a study on antimicrobial resistance, non-tidal biomonitoring, PFAS monitoring, and a creel survey; and in partnership with NJDEP, nutrient monitoring of tidal tributaries; in partnership with PADEP, bacteria monitoring; and in partnership with DNREC, the 60th year of Boat Run monitoring.
- *Webinars and Advisory Committee meetings.* Between the March and June 2026 business meetings, the Commission held a public webinar on data centers. Additionally, the following DRBC advisory committees met on the noted dates:
 - Water Quality Advisory Committee—[April 23, 2026](#).
 - Subcommittee on Source Water Protection—[May 14, 2026](#).
 - Monitoring Advisory and Coordination Committee—[May 28, 2026](#).
 - Water Management Advisory Committee—[June 3, 2026](#).
- *Outreach and Community Engagement.* Throughout the second quarter of 2026, DRBC participated in multiple outreach, education, and engagement activities throughout the basin, including:

- Delaware County Sustainability Conference (PA)
- Pennsylvania Outdoor Economy Summit & Industry Expo (PA)
- Drink the Delaware (PA)
- Lambertville Shad Fest (NJ)
- HydroMania (PA)
- Chester River Fest (PA)
- PADEP Climate Conversation (PA)
- Pinelands Science Forum (NJ)
- World Environment Day (DE)
- Cleanup at Palmyra Cove Nature Park (NJ)

Additional information on all items in the Executive Director’s report is available on DRBC website.

Secretary Patterson commended the DRBC staff on their engagement with DRBC partners, stakeholders and the public and on the science reported in their recent publications. On behalf of Ms. Bowman Kavanagh and the staff, Ms. Bush thanked Secretary Patterson for his leadership in the role of DRBC’s FY 2026 Commission Chair.

General Counsel’s Report. The Commission’s General Counsel, Ken Warren, reported on pending litigation related to the Commission’s approval of an extension of the docket for the Gibbstown Logistics Center Dock 2 project, which involves construction of a deep-water berth and associated dredging in the Delaware River. Mr. Warren explained that the matter would be decided on summary judgment motions based upon the administrative record, noting that the motions had been fully briefed. He anticipated that the court would issue its decision within the next several months.

A Resolution to adopt the Commission’s annual current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027). Director of Finance and Administration Elba Deck presented a resolution to adopt the Commission’s annual current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 (“FY 2027”). In accordance with Section 13.3 of the Delaware River Basin Compact, the Commission on May 6, 2026 held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed budgets and provided an opportunity for written comment. The Commission received no oral or written comment on the proposal.

As set forth in documents posted on the DRBC website, the proposed FY 2027 Current Expense Budget was in the aggregate amount of approximately \$8.3 million. In addition to signatory party contributions totaling \$2,631,500, to be approved by separate resolution, DRBC anticipated transfers into the General Fund from the Water Supply Storage Facilities Fund (“WSSFF”) of \$3.4 million, transfers in for special projects of \$277,700, and other income of \$1,973,900. For the FY 2027 Capital Budget, applicable to the WSSFF, revenues of approximately \$3.9 million and expenditures of \$5.4 million were projected.

Ms. Deck explained that under the proposed resolution:

- Should revenue during FY 2027 under a federal or state grant-in-aid program exceed the revenue budgeted from the source, the excess was to be apportioned to additional uses or programs related to the original grant.

- The Executive Director was authorized and directed to transmit to the principal budget officer of each of the signatory parties a certified copy of the approved budget, together with a certified statement of the amount apportioned to that party.
- If signatory party revenue were to fall below the budgeted amount, the Executive Director was authorized and directed to reevaluate the annual work plan, and after consultation with and concurrence by the Commission, to implement any and all actions deemed appropriate to maintain the financial stability of the General Fund and accomplish the Commission's work plan priorities.
- The Executive Director was to notify the Commissioners in writing of any signatory party revenue shortfalls.

Ms. Deck added that in FY 2027 the Commission would continue to administer the Pennsylvania Groundwater Protected Area Program. The estimated cost of the program, \$295,000, was expected to be covered in full by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Deck recommended that the Commission approve the resolution adopting the FY 2027 capital and current expense budgets as proposed.

Ms. Lamb-LaFay so moved, Lt. Col. Baum offered a second, and without further discussion, the Commissioners approved Resolution No. 2026-01 to adopt the Commission's annual current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027) by unanimous vote.

A Resolution to apportion among the signatory parties the amounts required for the support of the current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027), as set forth in Resolution No. 2026-01. Manager of Finance and Accounting Lulin Zhong explained that the proposed resolution, which had been the subject of a duly noticed public hearing on May 6, 2026, would apportion among the signatory parties the following contributions: State of Delaware \$447,000; State of New Jersey \$893,000; State of New York \$359,500; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$217,000; and United States \$715,000; for a total of \$2,631,500. Ms. Zhong recommended the resolution be approved.

Ms. Gardner so moved and Ms. Lamb-LaFay offered a second. Mr. Warren noted that a roll call vote was required for this item. Without further discussion, on a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Bush, Resolution No. 2026-02 to apportion among the signatory parties the amounts required for the support of the current expense and the capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027) was unanimously approved.

A Resolution to adopt the *Water Resources Program FY 2027–2029*. Manager of Water Resource Planning Chad Pindar explained that the Water Resources Program FY 2027-2029 (the "Program"), developed by DRBC staff in consultation with the Commissioners, identified the projects, plans, programs, services, and activities to be undertaken by the Commission to address the basin's water resource needs during the next three fiscal years. He added that the Program had helped guide the development of the Commission's FY 2027 current expense and capital budgets.

Both the draft Program and draft resolution for its adoption were subjects of a duly noticed public hearing on May 6, 2026, and the Commission received no comments on either document. Accordingly, Mr. Pindar recommended that the Commissioners adopt the resolution and accompanying Program document as proposed.

Ms. Whitcomb so moved, Ms. Gardner offered a second, and without further discussion, Resolution No. 2026-03 to adopt the *Water Resources Program FY 2027–2029* was approved by unanimous vote.

A Resolution for the Minutes appointing Naomi Mendelsohn to serve as Commission Secretary, effective July 1, 2026. Ms. Bush explained that later in 2026, after more than 25 years of service as Commission Secretary and Assistant General Counsel, she intended to retire from the DRBC. In accordance with the Compact and the Commission’s bylaws, she noted, the Executive Director’s appointment of a Commission Secretary must be confirmed by the Commission. Following consultation with the Commissioners, Ms. Bowman Kavanagh had appointed Associate Counsel Naomi Mendelsohn to succeed Ms. Bush, effective July 1, 2026. Ms. Mendelsohn’s resume, which had previously been circulated to the Commissioners, showed her to be an accomplished lawyer with extensive experience in administrative law, who is admitted to practice in three of the basin’s four member states. On behalf of Ms. Bowman Kavanagh, Ms. Bush recommended that the Commissioners confirm Ms. Mendelsohn’s appointment as Commission Secretary effective July 1, 2026.

Lt. Col. Baum so moved, Ms. Whitcomb seconded, and without further discussion, a Resolution for the Minutes appointing Naomi Mendelsohn to serve as Commission Secretary, effective July 1, 2026, was approved by unanimous vote.

The text of the resolution follows:

RESOLUTION FOR THE MINUTES

A RESOLUTION for the Minutes appointing Naomi Mendelsohn to serve as Commission Secretary, effective July 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, Section 14.1(b) of the *Delaware River Basin Compact* (“Compact”) provides that subject to the provisions of the Compact, the Commissioners “shall . . . [a]ppoint the principal officers of the commission and delegate to and among them administrative functions, powers and duties”; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.5 of the Commission’s *Administrative Manual—By-Laws, Management and Personnel* (“Bylaws”), provides that subject to confirmation by the Commission in accordance with Section 3.1—Officers, the Executive Director shall appoint a person qualified by training and experience to serve as Secretary to the Commission, with the responsibilities of that office to include, among other things, “attend[ing] all meetings of the Commission and record[ing] and maintain[ing] minutes of its proceedings” and “maintain[ing] records of the Commission’s transactions, communications and proceedings”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s current Secretary and Assistant General Counsel, Pamela Bush, who has served as Commission Secretary since September 1999, has informed the Executive Director that she intends to retire in the fourth quarter of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has advised the Commissioners that subject to their confirmation, she has appointed DRBC Associate Counsel Naomi Mendelsohn to succeed Ms. Bush as Commission Secretary, commencing July 1, 2026, allowing several months of overlap with her predecessor to ensure a smooth transition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mendelsohn, whose resume was circulated to the Commissioners previously by the Executive Director, is an accomplished lawyer with extensive experience in administrative law, who has been admitted to practice in three of the Basin's four states, and who has provided exemplary service to the Commission in the role of Associate Counsel since April 2025; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission that the appointment of Naomi Mendelsohn to the office of Commission Secretary commencing July 1, 2026, is hereby confirmed.

Secretary Patterson thanked Ms. Bush for her long and dedicated service to the Commission.

A Resolution for the Minutes providing for election of the Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair for the year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 20, 2027. Ms. Bush explained that the Delaware River Basin Compact provides for election of Commission officers every year. By tacit agreement among the members, the presumptive nominees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 were: Governor Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania as Chair; Governor Mikie Sherill of New Jersey as Vice-Chair; and Governor Kathy Hochul of New York as Second Vice-Chair. Ms. Bush recommended that the Commissioners approve the resolution for election of the Commission's officers as proposed.

Ms. Whitcomb so moved, Ms. Lamb-LaFay offered a second, and without further discussion, the Resolution for the Minutes providing for election of the Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair for year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 20, 2027 was approved by unanimous vote.

The text of the resolution follows:

RESOLUTION FOR THE MINUTES

A RESOLUTION for the Minutes providing for election of the Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair for the year commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 2.6 of the *Delaware River Basin Compact* (Compact) states that the Commission shall provide for its own organization and procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Compact further requires the annual election of the Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has further determined that a Second Vice Chair, to preside in the absence of the other officers, should also be elected; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

1. The Governor of Pennsylvania is hereby elected to serve as Chair for the term July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
2. The Governor of New Jersey is hereby elected to serve as Vice Chair for the term July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
3. The Governor of New York is hereby elected to serve as Second Vice Chair for the term July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Project Review Docket Applications. Project Review Manager David Kovach reported that at the Commission's duly noticed public hearing of May 6, 2026, he had presented eleven draft dockets, all for projects located in Pennsylvania. The Commission had received one public comment—from Pennsylvania Representative Probst's office—in opposition to docket agenda items 3 and 9. However, upon review, the Representative's comments were unrelated to the draft dockets being considered. Rather, they were comments regarding an Interstate 80 expansion project occurring in the Representative's district. DRBC staff responded separately to the representative's office regarding the Interstate 80 expansion, in which DRBC's has no role. Noting that the Commission had received no other comments on the draft dockets, Mr. Kovach asked the Commissioners to approve docket agenda items 1 through 11.

Ms. Whitcomb so moved, Ms. Gardner offered a second, and without further discussion, docket agenda items 1 through 11, described in Appendix A of these Minutes, were approved by unanimous vote.

Adjournment. There being no other business before the Commission, Secretary Patterson moved that the meeting be adjourned, Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 11:00 a.m.

s/ Pamela M. Bush
Pamela M. Bush, Commission Secretary
and Assistant General Counsel

ATTACHMENT A
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION DURING THE
BUSINESS MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2026

Background. Projects subject to Commission review in accordance with the Delaware River Basin Compact and Commission regulations must have the Commission's approval in the form of a docket, permit, or resolution (collectively, "docket").

The Commission's project review process takes six to nine months to complete, and the public is informed of the status of project applications by a variety of means during that period:

- Each project for which an application is received is added to the "Project Review Status Report" maintained at https://www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/project/project-review_status-pg.html. This report, updated approximately once a month, includes the applicant's name and project location, a description of the proposed project, the docket number assigned to the project, and the name of the staff member reviewing the project.
- A list of applications received is compiled and posted as a "Notice of Applications Received" (NAR) at <https://www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/project/nar.html>, approximately once per month.
- Anyone interested in receiving notices about projects under review as the notices are posted on the Commission's website may sign up for the Commission's "Most Recent Notice of Applications Received" listserv at <https://www.nj.gov/drbc/contact/interest/index.html>.
- Members of the public seeking additional information about a project may contact the staff member reviewing the project or arrange by appointment to review the relevant Project Review file at any time that is mutually convenient for the staff and the party.
- Approximately six weeks before the Commission's scheduled public hearing date, draft dockets are circulated to the Commission's members for review and comment by the appropriate state and federal agencies.
- Ten days prior to the hearing date, the hearing notice, along with draft dockets, is posted on the Commission's website. A public hearing and meeting notice also appears in the Federal Register and certain state registers in accordance with the respective schedules of these publications. The register notice directs readers to the Commission's website for links to the draft dockets available for comment.

Written comment on hearing items is ordinarily accepted until 5 p.m. on the Monday of the week following the public hearing.

At the Commission's regularly scheduled public meetings, the Commissioners may approve, disapprove, or postpone consideration of any docket for which a hearing has been completed.

Approved dockets are posted on the Commission's website as quickly as possible following the date on which the Commission acted. Delay of a few days may occur to complete clerical work, particularly in instances in which the Commissioners approve a docket with modifications.

The projects are customarily considered in three categories: Category A—project renewals with no substantive changes; Category B—project renewals with substantive changes; and Category C—projects not previously reviewed by the Commission. Descriptions of the projects (based on the applications received, which may vary from final projects) for which the Commission issued approvals on June 11, 2026 are presented below.

A. Renewals with No Substantive Changes (Items 1 through 11)

1. Boyertown Boro, D-1973-199 CP-6. An application to renew the approval of the existing 0.75 mgd WWTP and its discharge. The existing WWTP will continue to discharge treated effluent to West Branch Swamp Creek at River Mile 92.47 - 32.3 - 12.9 - 11.9 (Delaware River - Schuylkill River - Perkiomen Creek - Swamp Creek) via Outfall No. 001, in Douglass Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
2. Spring City Borough, D-1974-061 CP-7. An application to renew the approval of the existing 0.61 mgd WWTP and its discharge. The WWTP will continue to discharge treated effluent to the Schuylkill River at River Mile 92.47 - 41.3 (Delaware River - Schuylkill River) in Spring City Borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
3. Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, Inc., D-1975-093 CP-7. An application to renew the approval of the existing 0.25 mgd Tamiment WWTP and its discharges to land (via spray irrigation) and surface water. The WWTP will continue to spray irrigate treated effluent at the Tamiment Golf Course. Treated effluent that is not spray irrigated will continue to be discharged to an unnamed tributary to Little Bush Kill, which is tributary to Bush Kill, at River Mile 226.9 - 0.8 - 1.5 - 1.85 (Delaware River - Bush Kill - Little Bush Kill - UNT Little Bush Kill), within the drainage area of the section of the main stem Delaware River known as the Middle Delaware, which the Commission has classified as Special Protection Waters, in Lehman Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania.
4. ABB Inc., D-1986-069 -3. An application to renew the approval of an existing groundwater withdrawal associated with the remediation of groundwater contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene (PCE) with a withdrawal of up to 3.348 mgm from existing Wells W-1, W-2 and W-7. The wells are completed in the Stockton Formation. The GTP discharges to an unnamed tributary of the Pennypack Creek via Outfall No. 1 at River Mile 109.75 - 19.7 - 1.8 (Delaware River - Pennypack Creek - UNT of the Pennypack Creek). The project is located in the Commission's designated Southeastern Pennsylvania Ground Water Protected Area (SEPA GWPA) in the Pennypack Creek Watershed in Warminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.
5. Alburtis Borough, D-1991-042 CP-5. An application to renew the approval of an existing groundwater withdrawal of up to 11.87 mgm to supply the applicant's public water supply distribution system from existing Wells 1, 2, 3A and 4. Project Wells 1 and 2 are completed in Hornblende Gneiss and Wells 3A and 4 are completed in the Leithsville Formation. The requested allocation is not an increase from the previous allocation. The project is located in the Swabia Creek Watershed in the Borough of Alburtis and Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania within the drainage area to section of the main stem Delaware

River known as the Lower Delaware, which the Commission has classified as Special Protection Waters.

6. Delaware Valley University, D-1994-050 CP-4. An application to renew the approval of an existing groundwater withdrawal with a decrease in allocation from 7.192 mgm to 3.614 mgm to supply to water for agricultural purposes and to irrigate the athletic fields on the applicant's campus from existing Well Nos. 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8. Well Nos. 4 and 5 will also be removed from the docket with this approval. The project wells are completed in Stockton Formation. The project is located in the Commission's designated Southeastern Pennsylvania Ground Water Protected Area (SEPA GWPA) in the Neshaminy Creek Watershed in Doylestown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.
7. Upper Uwchlan Township, D-2000-055 CP-6. An application to renew the approval of the docket holder's existing 0.619 mgd Route 100 Regional WWTP and its discharge. The WWTP will continue to discharge treated effluent to a combination of spray and drip irrigation fields located in the drainage area of the East Branch Brandywine Creek and Lower Schuylkill River watersheds. The WWTP is located in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
8. Brookside Country Club, D-2016-005 -2. An application to renew the approval of an existing groundwater withdrawal of up to 8.208 mgm for irrigation of the applicant's golf course from two existing Wells 1 and 2. The project wells are completed in Brunswick Formation. The requested allocation is not an increase from the previous allocation. The project is located in the Commission's designated Southeastern Pennsylvania Ground Water Protected Area (SEPA GWPA) in the Sprongels Run Watershed in the Borough of Pottstown and Lower Pottsgrove Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
9. Pennsylvania American Water Company, D-1992-003 CP-4. An application to approve modifications and upgrades to the existing 7.1 mgd WWTP, with a request for a total dissolved solids (TDS) variance to increase the monthly average effluent limit from 1,500 mg/l to 1,600 mg/l in order to maintain compliance. The proposed construction is part of a Corrective Action Plan and includes modifications to the existing influent pumping station and the addition of a new influent pumping station, dual force mains, diversion chambers, and flow equalization tanks. The WWTP will continue to discharge treated effluent to the Schuylkill River at River Mile 92.5-65.3 (Delaware River – Schuylkill River) in Exeter Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
10. Upper Bern Township, D-2001-002 CP-6. An application to approve upgrades to approve the docket holder's upgraded 0.155 mgd wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and its discharge. The upgrades included installation of a second BESST treatment train and conversion of existing two basin SBR treatment trains into a sludge holding tank and influent equalization tank. The WWTP will continue to discharge treated effluent to Wolf Creek, above the Blue Marsh Reservoir, at River Mile 92.47 - 76.8 - 15.6 - 5.1 - 2.3 (Delaware River - Schuylkill River - Tulpehocken Creek - Northkill Creek - Wolf Creek) in Upper Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

11. Merion Golf Club,D-2017-013 -2. An application to renew the approval of an existing surface water withdrawal and a new ground water withdrawal with an increase in system allocation from 12.416 mgm to 19.85 mgm to irrigate the applicant's East and West golf courses from existing surface water Intakes 11 Fairway Intake East and 10 Fairway Intake East, Wet Well West and Impounded Spring West, which feeds into an unnamed tributary (UNT) of Darby Creek and new Well TW-1 West. The approval will also include the construction of Wells TW-1 West and the renovation of the West golf course. The project is located in the Cobbs Creek Watershed, Haverford Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

B. Project Renewals with Substantive Changes

None.

C. Projects Not Previously Reviewed by the Commission

None.