



NEW JERSEY WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
New Jersey Water Supply Authority
February 2, 2026

A regular meeting of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority was convened on February 2, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. via teleconference.

As designated by Ed Potosnak, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Chair, New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Kristin Tedesco, Assistant Director, Division of Water Supply and Geoscience, served as Acting Chair of the meeting and called the meeting to order.

Ms. Tedesco stated that Ken Klipstein has joined as a new Board member and that Mr. Klipstein worked for New Jersey Water Supply Authority as director of the Watershed Division for 18 years preceded by 20 years at the NJDEP. Ms. Tedesco stated that Mr. Klipstein is filling the position on the Authority Board that represents private watershed associations.

Deputy Attorney General Jonathan Allen read the statement required by the "Open Public Meetings Act". Executive Director Marc Brooks took the roll call of the Authority members.

Present: Kristin Tedesco, Acting Chair
Susan Blew
Ellsworth Havens
Robert Iacullo
Kenneth Klipstein
Steven Picco

A quorum existed for the transaction of Authority business.

Interested Parties Present:

Robert Barth, D&R Canal Watch
Oleg Kostin, New Jersey American Water
Frank Marascia, New Jersey American Water
The Hunterdon Sailing Club

Marc Brooks, Executive Director
Susan Buckley, Director Finance and Administration
Stephen Gates, Chief Engineer
Anthony Colasurdo, Director Manasquan Water Supply System/D&R Canal Operations

Heather Desko, Director Watershed Protection Programs
Rita Shaw, Controller
Dorota Neulinger, Supervisor, Financial Services
Robin Greg, Finance & Accounting Analyst
Jared Berger, Geospatial Analyst
Jonathan Allen, Deputy Attorney General
Michael Eleneski, Associate Counsel, Authorities Unit

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Acting Chair Tedesco opened the meeting by asking for the approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2026 meeting. Mr. Picco moved for the approval of the minutes as prepared, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Havens. The minutes of the January 5, 2026 meeting were approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Brooks welcomed Commissioner Klipstein to the Authority Board. Mr. Brooks stated that as in the past, Mr. Klipstein will continue to serve the Authority well.

Mr. Brooks stated that everybody has a copy of his report. Mr. Brooks stated that the NJDEP declared a drought warning on December 5 and that even with the snowfall last week, it continues to be dry and cold, causing periodic releases from Spruce Run. Mr. Brooks noted that warm rain is needed to melt the snow before it evaporates.

Mr. Brooks stated that in Clinton, precipitation has been below average in each month for June through December, with a combined deficit of nearly 11.8 inches during that time period.

Mr. Brooks stated that Manasquan has had higher precipitation levels compared to Raritan, with an overall deficit of 4.79 inches from June through January. Mr. Brooks noted that Mr. Gates and Mr. Colasurdo would provide more information on reservoir levels in the reports for Raritan and Manasquan respectively.

Mr. Brooks noted that on Friday, a new reimbursement check was received from FEMA from the BRIC grant related to the Spruce Run Grouting Project in the amount of \$4.3M, and that total reimbursements are now \$11.1M out of \$22.5M. Mr. Brooks offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Havens asked if the earthquake tremors felt on Friday had any effect on the Authority. Mr. Brooks responded that Mr. Gates would explain further in his report.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Brooks stated that there were no items of communication or correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Colasurdo reported on the Manasquan Reservoir System. Mr. Colasurdo stated that as of today, the reservoir is at 79.09 percent of storage capacity, with a net storage increase of 3.73 percent for the month of January. Mr. Colasurdo noted that the reservoir remains 14.9 percent below the historic average for this time of year. Mr. Colasurdo stated that prolonged freezing temperatures have begun to create some minor issues, specifically with the intake pump station as the river continues to freeze. Mr. Colasurdo explained that while operations have not been impacted, staff are repairing the mechanical trash rake, which is being used to break up the ice in front of the intake and is the first line of defense to maintain flow at the intake pump station. Mr. Colasurdo noted that the heaters inside the travelling water screens keep water moving and from freezing.

Mr. Colasurdo reported on the Manasquan Water Treatment Plant/Transmission System. Mr. Colasurdo stated that since early January, river water total dissolved solids (TDS) has been closely monitored due to frequent road salting. Mr. Colasurdo noted that since excessive TDS can make river water difficult to treat, a shift to reservoir water maintains more stable and predictable water quality. Mr. Colasurdo noted that snow melt is also being monitored to anticipate potential TDS spikes.

Mr. Colasurdo stated the January 2026 water quality data will be electronically reported for the first time in February 2026. Mr. Colasurdo explained that the Monthly Operating Report, Disinfection Residual Report, and Turbidity Report will be submitted through Ensuite. Mr. Colasurdo noted that although there is a learning curve on how to input the data into Ensuite, it is a positive change.

Mr. Gates reported on the Raritan Basin System. Mr. Gates stated that ongoing releases above the minimum, from Spruce Run

Reservoir, to combat freezing conditions have impacted recovery of the reservoir. Mr. Gates stated that releases have been above the minimum for most of January and are currently set to approximately 40 MGD. Mr. Gates noted that Spruce Run is at 36.1 percent capacity and Round Valley is at 87.7 percent capacity, for a combined system storage of 79.1 percent and that this is 10.7 percent lower than the historic average for this date.

Mr. Gates reported on Canal Operations. Mr. Gates stated that Canal operations are normal for this time of year with staff focusing recent efforts on snow cleanup for access to flow control structures. Mr. Gates stated that early last week, the stretch of the feeder section of the Canal from Lambertville, upcanal to the intake at Bull's Island, was nearly two feet below normal. Mr. Gates explained that this was likely due to unusually low Delaware River levels noted at the gauges at Frenchtown, Riegelsville, and further upstream, in conjunction with freezing conditions at the Canal intake. Mr. Gates stated that as a proactive measure, the Ten Mile Pump Station was tested, water shedding at Ten Mile Wastegate was reduced, and New Jersey American Water was requested to reduce the amount of their withdrawal from the Canal and shift that to their Raritan River intakes. Mr. Gates stated that this also contributed to an increase in the Spruce Run release to supplement the river flow accordingly. Mr. Gates noted that the situation has since improved, with rising river levels and Canal levels rebounding to normal and that there is more cold weather expected towards the end of this week and next week that we will monitor.

Mr. Gates stated that Authority staff received an earthquake notification on Friday, January 30 at 4:00 pm. Mr. Gates stated that this was a magnitude 2.4 quake with an epicenter in the same general location as the earthquake and aftershocks that occurred in spring 2025 (the earthquake Mr. Gates referred to actually occurred in spring 2024). Mr. Gates explained that although well below the New Jersey Dam Safety threshold for action and just below the Authority's more conservative internal inspection threshold, Authority engineering and security staff mobilized to inspect the Spruce Run and Round Valley dams and structures.

Mr. Gates provided updates on Capital Projects. Mr. Gates stated that regarding the Spruce Run Dam Foundation Project, the contractor has remobilized after a shutdown last week due to the storm. Mr. Gates stated the Prallsville Culvert Pit Repair Project is out to bid with a bid opening date of February 18. Mr. Gates stated that the inspection phase of the Round Valley

and Spruce Run Reservoirs Sluice Gate Cleaning, Inspection, and Refurbishment Project is anticipated to be completed on Wednesday, after which, the Contractor will provide detailed inspection reports and procure parts and supplies for identified repairs. Mr. Gates noted that there are two change orders detailed in his report.

Ms. Desko reported on the Watershed Protection Program. Ms. Desko stated that everyone has a copy of her report and that there is one contract amendment detailed in the report and two updates since the report was submitted.

Ms. Desko noted that staff received and issued responses to three additional questions for the RFP WSA-R26014- Aquatic Plant Management of the Delaware & Raritan Canal. Ms. Desko stated that this was the second addendum, and the proposal due date was moved to January 29 as a result and that Authority staff are currently reviewing the proposals received.

Ms. Desko also noted that Cedar Hill Prep School, which is located in the Cedar Grove Brook Watershed, was certified as a River-Friendly School at the River-Friendly Technical Advisory Committee's January meeting. Ms. Desko offered to answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Buckley provided the background information for the resolution approving the Annual Report of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority for 2025. Ms. Buckley stated that the Authority publishes its annual report each year in compliance with the Authority's enabling legislation and Executive Order 37. Ms. Buckley stated that a draft copy of the annual report, with all required elements, has been included in the Board packages. Ms. Buckley noted that upon Board approval, the annual report will be posted on the Authority's website, and notice will be sent to required parties.

Ms. Buckley stated that the Authority recommends approval of the annual report and that a resolution has been prepared for Board consideration.

Ms. Blew moved the resolution approving the 2025 Annual Report of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority and authorizing

the Executive Director to post the 2025 Annual Report on the Authority's website. Mr. Picco seconded the motion for the resolution. All Authority members approved the resolution.

Mr. Colasurdo provided the background information on the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a purchase agreement for polyaluminum chloride for the Manasquan Water Treatment Plant, Wall Township, Monmouth County, WSA C26021W Polyaluminum Chloride.

Mr. Colasurdo also provided the background information for the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a purchase agreement for sodium hypochlorite for the Manasquan Water Treatment Plant, Wall Township, Monmouth County, WSA B26021W Sodium Hypochlorite.

Mr. Colasurdo stated that the New Jersey Water Supply Authority ("Authority") operates the Manasquan Water Treatment Plant under an agreement with the Southeast Monmouth Municipal Utilities Authority ("SMMUA"). Mr. Colasurdo noted that as part of this agreement, the Authority furnishes the chemicals required for water treatment. Sodium hypochlorite and polyaluminum chloride are typically purchased under an annual (12-month) agreement.

Mr. Colasurdo stated that the Authority advertised an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for a 12-month purchase of sodium hypochlorite and polyaluminum chloride on the New Jersey Business Opportunities website and the Authority's website on December 19, 2025 and that notice of the IFB was also emailed to known vendors.

Mr. Colasurdo explained that bidders were permitted to submit bids for one or both chemicals and that seven bids were received and opened at a public bid opening on January 14, 2026.

Mr. Colasurdo stated that two bids were received for an estimated 12-month amount of 21,000 gallons of sodium hypochlorite. Mr. Colasurdo noted that the lowest bidder was Miracle Chemical, LLC in the amount of \$59,619.00. Mr. Colasurdo further noted that the unit price is \$2.84 per gallon, which is 5 cents per gallon lower than last year and 20 cents per gallon lower than 2024 and that the bid was found to be in compliance with all of the requirements.

Mr. Colasurdo stated that four bids were received for an estimated 12-month amount of 220,000 pounds of polyaluminum chloride. Mr. Colasurdo explained that the lowest bidder

proposed a formulation of the chemical that did not meet the specification and therefore the bid was rejected. Mr. Colasurdo stated that the second lowest bidder, Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$68,420.00. Mr. Colasurdo noted that the unit price is 31.1 cents per pound which is 1.9 cents per pound more than last year and 3.4 cents per pound more than 2024 and that the bid was found to be in compliance with all of the requirements.

Mr. Colasurdo stated that Authority staff recommend that the Authority enter into a contract with Miracle Chemical Company of Farmingdale, New Jersey, for a 12-month supply of sodium hypochlorite for a cost of \$59,619.00. Mr. Colasurdo stated that Authority staff recommend entering into a contract with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. of Lawrence, Kansas, for a 12-month supply of poly aluminum chloride for a cost of \$68,420.00. Mr. Colasurdo noted that two separate resolutions are included for Board consideration.

Mr. Picco moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a 12-month purchase agreement with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. of Lawrence, Kansas, for polyaluminum chloride, for a unit cost of \$0.311 per pound and a total cost not to exceed \$68,420.00. Ms. Blew seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the resolution.

Ms. Blew moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a 12-month purchase order agreement with Miracle Chemical Co. Inc. of Farmingdale, New Jersey, for sodium hypochlorite, for a unit cost of \$2.84 per gallon and a total cost not to exceed \$59,619.00. Mr. Havens seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Personnel - no report
- (b) Finance - no report
- (c) Audit - no report
- (d) Public Participation - no report
- (e) Capital Projects - On January 5 the Capital Projects Committee was briefed on ongoing discussions with the Southeast Monmouth Municipal Utilities Authority regarding planning for the upcoming capital project
- (f) Insurance - no report
- (g) Watershed Lands Acquisition - no report

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Mr. Picco moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Blew seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 P.M.

I hereby certify this to be a true and original copy of the February 2, 2026 New Jersey Water Supply Authority meeting minutes.



Robin Greg
Finance & Accounting Analyst