



NEW JERSEY WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
New Jersey Water Supply Authority
January 5, 2026

A regular meeting of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority was convened on January 5, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. via teleconference.

As designated by Shawn M. LaTourette, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Chair, New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Patricia Ingelido, Director, Division of Water Supply and Geoscience, served as Acting Chair of the meeting and called the meeting to order.

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: Patricia Ingelido, Acting Chair
Susan Blew
Ellsworth Havens
Robert Iacullo
Steven Picco

A quorum existed for the transaction of Authority business.

Interested Parties Present:

Robert Barth, D&R Canal Watch
Robert Fullagar, Middlesex Water Company
Kenneth Klipstein
Oleg Kostin, New Jersey American Water
Frank Marascia, New Jersey American Water

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 Ingelido opened the meeting by asking for the approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2025 meeting. Ms. Blew moved for the approval of the minutes as prepared, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Iacullo. The minutes of the December 1, 2025 meeting were approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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 it continues to be dry.

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 inches during that time period.

Mr. Brooks stated that Manasquan has had higher precipitation levels, with an overall deficit of 4.73 inches from June through December. 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 a new check has been received from FEMA from the BRIC grant related to the Spruce Run Grouting Project, and that total reimbursements are now \$6.8M out of \$22.5M. Mr. Brooks offered to answer any questions.

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 74.85 percent of storage capacity, with a net increase of 6.3 percent for the month of December. Mr. Colasurdo noted that the reservoir remains 12 percent below the historic average for this time of year. Mr. Colasurdo stated that there are no active capital projects.

Mr. Colasurdo reported on the Manasquan Water Treatment Plant/Transmission System. Mr. Colasurdo stated that operations have been normal and that for the month of December, the Water Treatment Plant was sourced by river water and by reservoir water.

Mr. Colasurdo stated that H2M has completed the PFAS pilot study and prepared a draft Basis of Design Report, which represents a 10 percent design-level development of their technical evaluation, findings, and recommendations. Mr. Colasurdo noted that the report establishes the framework for a future project to increase reliability and capacity at the Manasquan Water Treatment Plant while also achieving compliance with upcoming PFAS regulations. Mr. Colasurdo further noted that Authority staff generally agree with the fundamental approach, assumptions, and conclusions presented in the report.

Mr. Colasurdo provided an update pertaining to contract C25021. Mr. Colasurdo explained that on December 15, Brave Industrial Paint, LLC completed the epoxy coating of the underdrain of Vessel No. 5. Mr. Colasurdo explained that at this time, the epoxy coating for Vessels 5 and 6 has been completed and that Vessels 4 and 5 are scheduled for 2026.

Mr. Gates reported on the Raritan Basin System. Mr. Gates stated that although some spotty precipitation has been experienced over the last few weeks, reservoirs are not yet recovering as hoped. A drought warning condition was declared on December 5. Mr. Gates noted that releases have been above the minimum for about a week, peaking at 25 MGD, to combat freezing conditions in the tributaries to the Raritan that result in reduced flow downstream. Mr. Gates explained that due to current and expected continued warming, releases were reduced this morning to 7 MGD, coming exclusively from Spruce Run. Mr. Gates further explained that this is to maintain passing flows at Stanton, which is unusual to be the passing flow gage location to govern releases unless we're actively pumping.

Mr. Gates stated that Spruce Run is at 36.1 percent capacity and Round Valley is at 87.6 percent capacity, for a combined system storage of 79.0 percent. Mr. Gates noted that this is 10.1 percent lower than the historic average for this date.

Mr. Gates stated that canal operations are normal for this time of year with staff continuing routine maintenance activities, particularly tree and debris cleanup resulting from the strong winds experienced during the holidays. Mr. Gates

noted that there are no capital project updates from the written report.

Mr. Havens asked what next level of drought classification would be after warning. Mr. Brooks responded that it would be classified as Drought Emergency. Ms. Ingelido explained that the NJDEP website explains all of the factors considered when designating a drought classification.

Ms. Desko reported on the Watershed Protection Program. Ms. Desko stated that everyone has a copy of her report. Ms. Desko stated that the winter season typically brings reduced field investigations, however, Watershed staff have been conducting visits on preserved properties and collecting samples for various projects, including for the Spruce Run Reservoir characterization and the New Jersey Salt Watch community science program. Ms. Desko explained that at this time of year, Watershed staff are analyzing data from various projects collected over the last year and beyond. Ms. Desko noted that these data provide valuable insights into water quality trends, especially in drought conditions, and provide feedback for updating monitoring plans across all Authority waterbodies, often in collaboration with partners at NJDEP Bureau of Freshwater and Biological Monitoring, Division of Science and Research, and Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring. Ms. Desko offered to answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Shaw presented the Unaudited Financial Statements for the six months ending September 30, 2025. Ms. Shaw stated that the financial statements have been distributed to all interested parties and are available on the Authority website as required per bond resolution.

Ms. Shaw stated that The Financial Statements show favorable results of operations for the first quarter of FY2026 and that there is net income of \$4.8 million compared to \$3.5 million for the same period last year. Ms. Shaw noted that total Operating Revenue decreased 2.3% from \$9.1 million to \$8.9 million as of September 30, 2025, due to a decrease in Overdraft revenue.

Ms. Shaw stated that Operating expenses as of September 30, 2025, totaling \$7.2 million, are slightly below budget at 23.5 percent of total budgeted expenses for the fiscal year and are 3.5 percent higher than the same time last fiscal year due to

contractual increases in salary and fringe benefits as well as high operations and maintenance expenses.

Ms. Shaw stated that Non-operating revenue as of September 30, 2025 increased by 94.2 percent to \$3.3 million due to an increase in Grant proceeds related to the FEMA BRIC program.

Ms. Shaw noted that Non-operating expenses as of September 30, 2025 decreased 34.4 percent to \$231 thousand due to a decrease in the interest component of debt service and SMMUA recovery of deferred inflow of resources. Ms. Shaw offered to answer any questions and no Board action was required.

Mr. Colasurdo provided the background information on the resolution authorizing the award of a construction contract for sediment removal at the Manasquan Water Supply System Intake Pump Station located at 2041 Hospital Road, Wall Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, WSA C26012.

Mr. Colasurdo stated that sediment accumulates at the Manasquan River Intake Pump Station due to storm-driven transportation. Mr. Colasurdo explained that if not periodically removed, the sediment can interfere with the traveling water screens and increase raw water turbidity due to the resuspension of sediment. Mr. Colasurdo noted that sediment depth measurements collected in August 2025 indicate that removal is necessary and the work is included in the annual operations budget.

Mr. Colasurdo stated that the Authority advertised for bids in the Star-Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Asbury Park Press, and the New Jersey Business Opportunities website and the Authority's website on November 18, 2025. Mr. Colasurdo noted that fourteen vendors who have performed sediment removal or similar work were notified of the public advertisement. Mr. Colasurdo also noted that bids were due on December 10, 2025 and one addendum was issued on December 1, 2025. Mr. Colasurdo stated that two bids were received and that the low bidder was Coastal Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$126,629.82. Mr. Colasurdo noted 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 Coastal Engineering, LLC of Greenwood Lake, New York, for sediment removal at the Manasquan River Intake Pump Station for a lump sum cost of \$126,659.82 and that an appropriate resolution is included for Board consideration.

There was a brief discussion regarding publication in the Star Ledger which is no longer a print publication. It was noted that advertising has been done with a combination of digital and print publications and that the Star Ledger has an online publishing component. It was also noted that the newspaper titles will be updated in the resolutions if necessary. Staff subsequently confirmed that the Star Ledger maintains publication digitally and therefore no updates to the resolutions are needed.

Mr. Picco moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Coastal Engineering, LLC of Greenwood Lake, New York for removal of underwater sediments accumulated at the Manasquan Water System Manasquan River Intake Facility, Wall Township, New Jersey, for a lump sum cost of \$126,659.82. Ms. Blew seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the resolution.

Mr. Gates provided the background information for the resolution authorizing the award of a Purchase Order for a new Mack Truck with knuckle boom, clamshell bucket, hooklift system and container box for the Raritan Basin Water Supply System, Canal Field Office, Mercer County, New Jersey.

Mr. Gates stated that the details of the proposed equipment procurement are included in the memo provided in the Board package, but that he did not describe what it is. Mr. Gates explained that this piece of equipment, referred to as a speed loader, is essentially a dump truck chassis with a small crane mounted behind the operator's cab. Mr. Gates further explained that the hooklift system allows the operator to exchange containers and change between a variety of available body configurations, from the cab of the vehicle, using the onboard crane. Mr. Gates noted that the crane, with the clamshell bucket, is able to pick up large debris from the towpath or waterway and place it in the container, allowing one piece of equipment to travel to the site, retrieve, load, and haul away debris.

Mr. Gates stated that a speed loader meeting requirements was located on SOURCEWELL and Staff recommends that the Authority issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$396,552.78 to Crane Works of Hampton, New Jersey, for a Mack Truck with knuckle boom, clamshell bucket, container box, and hooklift system and that an appropriate Resolution has been prepared for Board consideration.

Mr. Iacullo asked if the proposed equipment purchase was part of the budget. Staff responded that it was a budgeted item. Mr. Picco moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to issue a Purchase Order to Crane Works, 96 State Route 173 West, Suite 2, Hampton, New Jersey 08827, in the amount of \$396,552.78 for a new Mack Truck with knuckle boom for the Raritan Basin Water Supply System, Canal Field Office, Mercer County, New Jersey. 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 - no report
- (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

Ms. Blew moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Havens seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 P.M.

I hereby certify this to be a true and original copy of the January 5, 2026 New Jersey Water Supply Authority meeting minutes.



Robin Greg
Finance & Accounting Analyst