



NEW JERSEY WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
New Jersey Water Supply Authority
October 6, 2025

A regular meeting of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority was convened on October 6, 2025 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, Steven Domber, State Geologist, 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: Steven Domber, 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
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
Rita Shaw, Controller
Dorota Neulinger, Supervisor, Financial Services
Heather Desko, Director Watershed Protection Programs
Julie Hajdusek, Manager, Contracts and Risk Management
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 Domber opened the meeting by asking for the approval of the minutes of the August 4, 2025 meeting. Ms. Blew moved for the approval of the minutes as prepared, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Picco. The minutes of the August 4, 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 NJDEP declared a drought watch on October 1 and that this does not change anything for the Authority from a logistical standpoint, it is more of general awareness. Mr. Brooks noted that it has been very dry, causing the Authority to make significant releases in the Raritan and Manasquan Systems over the past two months.

Mr. Brooks stated that in Clinton, precipitation in July and August was 1.22 and 2.7 inches below average respectively. Mr. Brooks also noted that September precipitation was 1.96 inches, or 2.42 inches below average.

Mr. Brooks stated that Manasquan precipitation was 2.12 inches above average in July and 3 inches below average in August. Mr Brooks further noted that September precipitation in Manasquan was 5.35 inches, or 0.93 inches above average. Mr. Brooks stated that there are a couple of inches of rain in the forecast for later this week.

Mr. Brooks explained that, as reported at the last Board meeting, the New Jersey Attorney General joined a coalition of 20 states in a lawsuit over the federal government's decision to shut down the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) bipartisan Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program and that the Spruce Run Grouting project was one of two projects specifically noted in the lawsuit's announcement. Mr. Brooks noted that there are no new official updates on the disposition of the BRIC grant specifically related to the Spruce Run Grouting Project and that the most recent check was received on September 15. Mr. Brooks noted that the total reimbursements to date are \$4.1M out of \$22.5M. Mr. Brooks offered to answer any questions.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Colasurdo reported on the Manasquan Reservoir System. Mr. Colasurdo noted that as of today, the reservoir level is at 67.14 percent of its storage capacity, which is acceptable for this time of year but remains below the historic average.

Mr. Colasurdo reported on the Water Treatment Plant/Transmission System, stating that operations have been normal and that water has been sourced from the river, reservoir, and blending the sources as well to conserve reservoir water.

Mr. Colasurdo stated that as of July 1, 2025, NJDEP has started a phased implementation of the new electronic reporting system called Ensuite. Mr. Colasurdo noted that the NJDEP has postponed the electronic reporting of Water Quality Parameters (WQPs) until January 1, 2026. Mr. Colasurdo also noted that the Quarterly Disinfection Byproduct Precursor Compliance Report (BSDW-20) will only be submitted to the NJDEP if the Authority's water system is using alternative criteria for compliance. Mr. Colasurdo further explained that going forward, total organic carbon and alkalinity data will be reported directly to the NJDEP by the approved lab.

Mr. Gates reported on the Raritan Basin System. Mr. Gates stated that precipitation has been below average for seven out of the past nine months, with the last four months resulting in a cumulative deficit of 7.69 inches below average. Mr. Gates noted that Spruce Run releases have been consistently moderate to high since late July, shortly after the beginning of release season, and are currently at 81 MGD. Mr. Gates also noted that the pool has lowered to elevation 254.81, or slightly over 18 feet below full pool. Mr. Gates stated that Round Valley release has been consistently active since August 12, with today's release equaling 64 MGD and that this has lowered the pool to elevation 379.75, or just over 5 feet below full pool. Spruce Run is at 45.3 percent capacity and Round Valley is at 92.8 percent capacity, for a combined system capacity of 84.9 percent, compared to a historic average for this date of 88.6 percent.

Mr. Gates stated that Canal operations are normal for this time of year with staff continuing maintenance activities and mowing. Mr. Gates noted that the Authority is still operating the alternate release at Kingston Wastegate of excess water from the Canal to the Millstone. Mr. Gates stated that this is scheduled to be canceled on October 31. Weather, flow, and HAB indicators in the Millstone and Carnegie Lake will be evaluated closer to that date and to inform the decision whether to extend the alternate release protocol.

Mr. Gates provided a capital project update on the Spruce Run Administration Building Water Tank Replacement. Mr. Gates stated that the Contractor mobilized to the site the week of September 29 to install piping for the temporary water tank that will service the building during the project and that the temporary tank was delivered on October 3.

Mr. Gates noted that memos and resolutions were submitted in the Board package for several projects that will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

Ms. Desko reported on the Watershed Protection Program. Ms. Desko stated that everyone has a copy of her report. Ms. Desko stated that the busiest part of field season has concluded with the watershed staff monitoring water conditions, including nutrients, phytoplankton, and cyanotoxins and aquatic vegetation at more than 1100 points, at Spruce Run, Manasquan, and the Canal. Ms. Desko noted that field season continues with regular monitoring in support of various projects, including monitoring and analysis in support of the Manasquan Cyanotoxin Management Plan. Ms. Desko noted that the Manasquan Reservoir is exhibiting signs of a suspected HAB, which is typical at this time of year at turnover.

Ms. Desko explained that after the submission of her Board report, Watershed staff confirmed the presence of additional aquatic invasive plant species in the Canal during planned vegetation surveys. Fortunately, the hydrilla is suspected to be growth from the remnant tuber bank, rather than a new infestation, and has not expanded to new areas of the Canal. Ms. Desko further explained that the additional invasive species documented were water hyacinth and water lettuce, on the feeder side of the canal. These popular pond-scaping plants were likely introduced by hand. At this time, it is believed that these species are unable to survive the winter in New Jersey, however, warming temperatures and mild winters may allow for winter survival. Ms. Desko noted that these plants can be removed by hand, and Authority staff removed as much as possible during their surveys. Ms. Desko stated that the chemical management strategy targeting hydrilla will not kill these species, however, the Authority is committed to an integrated approach by utilizing best management practices for each species, based in science, in order to support Authority operations. Ms. Desko offered to answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Iacullo was employed by Veolia Water and still collects a pension. As a result, Commissioner Iacullo recused himself from the discussion and voting on Agenda Item A. Commissioner Iacullo was electronically separated from the meeting so that he could not hear or be heard.

Ms. Hajdusek provided the background information on the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Veolia Water New Jersey Lambertville for renewal of uninterruptible service from the Raritan Basin System (RBS-14A).

Ms. Hajdusek stated that Veolia Water New Jersey Lambertville had a contract with the Authority for uninterruptible supply of raw water of 0.490 million gallons per day for public potable and fire control purposes, which expired on June 30, 2025. Ms. Hajdusek explained that in June 2025, Veolia requested renewal of its contract for a period of 20 years. The water is currently and will continue to be withdrawn from an intake near Swan Street on the Canal in Lambertville and the amount of water requested is unchanged. Ms. Hajdusek stated that approval is hereby requested and that an appropriate resolution is included in the Board package.

Mr. Havens moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute the formal agreement, on behalf of the Authority, with Veolia Water New Jersey Lambertville to renew its contract for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning on the date it is fully executed, which is anticipated to be on or around November 1, 2025. The water is currently and will continue to be withdrawn from an intake near Swan Street on the Delaware and Raritan Canal in the City of Lambertville, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Ms. Blew seconded the motion. All Authority members not recused approved the resolution. Commissioner Iacullo was returned to the meeting after the resolution was voted on.

Mr. Gates provided the background information for the resolution authorizing the award of construction contract WSA-C25032 for Round Valley and Spruce Run Reservoirs Sluice Gate Cleaning, Inspection, and Refurbishment in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Mr. Gates stated that in 2021, as part of the ongoing Round Valley rehabilitation project, a diving subcontractor inspected the Round Valley sluice gates and performed specified repairs. Their inspections revealed deficiencies that were beyond the scope of repair, and the Authority elected to defer those repairs to a future project. Mr. Gates noted that the current project seeks to address these known deficiencies and perform an updated comprehensive

underwater inspection of all sluice gates in the Round Valley and Spruce Run Towers.

Mr. Gates stated that the Authority advertised a request for prequalification submittals to determine the eligibility of firms to bid on the project that appeared in the Star Ledger, the Courier News, and on the Authority's website. Three prospective bidders were ultimately prequalified. Mr. Gates noted that advertisements for the Invitation for Bids (IFB) were published in the Star-Ledger, the Courier News, and the Daily Record and also advertised on the Authority's and New Jersey Business Opportunities websites. Two bids were timely received and opened at a public bid opening on July 30, 2025, with a third bid being received after the bid opening date and ultimately rejected.

Mr. Gates stated that the low bid contained several, minor rounding errors that were found to be non-material clerical errors and were resolved in accordance with the Contract documents. While both were responsive, the bids were for considerably different amounts. Mr. Gates explained that the low bid was only slightly higher than the Authority's initial \$500,000 estimate that was generated prior to adding the inspection of the Spruce Run Tower. That scope was added to the bid shortly before advertising and adjusting the estimate by the Contractor's bid amount for that item leaves the final bid within three percent of the estimate.

Mr. Gates stated that Authority staff find the low bid, submitted by Coastal Engineering LLC, of Greenwood Lake, New York, to be legally and technically responsive and that Authority staff recommends award of a construction contract to Coastal Engineering LLC, for a lump sum and unit price cost not to exceed \$557,968.98. Additionally, Authority staff are seeking to increase the change order threshold, for this contract, from the existing \$25,000 amount, set forth in the Authority By-Laws, to \$50,000, with concurrence of the entire Capital Projects Committee. Mr. Gates noted that change orders meeting these criteria will be reported at the next scheduled Board meeting and that an appropriate resolution has been prepared for Board consideration.

Mr. Havens asked if there was any indication as to why there was such a significant difference between the two bid amounts. Mr. Gates responded that each contractor indicated that all safety requirements would be met and that there were no deficiencies in the submittals.

Mr. Iacullo moved the resolution authorizing Executive Director to enter into a construction contract with Coastal Engineering LLC, of Greenwood Lake, New York, for cleaning, inspection, and refurbishment of the sluice gates at the Round Valley and Spruce Run Reservoir towers in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, for a total lump sum and unit price cost not to exceed \$557,968.98, and for the duration of this contract only, the not to exceed amount of \$25,000 stated in By-Laws of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Article VII, Section 4(e) be increased to \$50,000, with the concurrence of the entire Capital Projects Committee. Mr. Havens seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the resolution.

Mr. Gates provided the background information for the resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the construction contract for Spruce Run Reservoir Resource Preservation - Foundation Grouting Project, Clinton Township, Town of Clinton, and Union Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, WSA-C24022.

Mr. Gates stated that the Capital Projects Committee was briefed on this change order with respect to the technical details justifying the request. Mr. Gates noted that in the interest of brevity, he would attempt to limit the background to relevant details here but would be happy to address any questions.

Mr. Gates stated that three grouting contractors prequalified for the project in a process recommended by the Technical Review Board and the Engineer of Record. Mr. Gates noted that two construction bids were ultimately received at a public bid opening on November 7, 2024, and a contract was executed with the low bidder Keller Industrial, Inc. of Rockaway, New Jersey, in the amount of \$42,044,074.34 on January 24, 2025.

Mr. Gates explained that during construction, subsurface conditions were encountered that differ from what was expected based on original construction documentation and limited pre-design soil boring investigations. These conditions have the potential to leave a zone of untreated foundation rock at the critical interface of the top of rock at the overlying embankment soils, resulting in a vulnerability to continued seepage and internal erosion. Mr. Gates noted that the Engineer of Record recommended that the Contractor reconfigure the drilling and grouting process to allow the top of rock to be adequately grouted, and to test this process in directed areas, which has shown favorable results.

Mr. Gates further explained that the contractor submitted a

letter indicating agreement to perform the revised installation in accordance with the contract unit price for each grout hole directed by the Engineer. The Engineer has estimated 400 additional holes beyond the original estimate in the bid. Mr. Gates stated that it is important to note that the contractor will only be paid for the actual quantity of additional grout hole connections which could result in a total cost of up to \$340,000, based on the estimated 400 additional connections at the Contractor's competitively bid price of \$850 per connection. Mr. Gates stated that the additional connections and grouting time cause a delay in completing Milestone 1 and subsequent milestones. Mr. Gates noted that Authority Staff and the Consultant negotiated with the Contractor to add ten days to Milestone 1 and, due to the compounding effect, twenty days each to Milestone 2, Substantial Completion, and Final Completion. Mr. Gates noted that this could change if numerous large voids are encountered that require considerable grout.

Mr. Gates stated that this change order would increase the total contract by \$340,000.00, from \$42,044,074.34 to a value of \$42,384,074.34 and add ten days to Milestone 1 and twenty days each to Milestone 2, Substantial Completion, and Final Completion. Mr. Gates noted that the submitted change order has been reviewed by Schnabel Engineering and Authority staff and found to be fair and appropriate. Mr. Gates stated that it is recommended that Change Order 001 be executed with Keller Industrial, Inc. of Rockaway, New Jersey and that an appropriate resolution has been prepared for Board consideration.

Ms. Blew moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute Change Order No. 001 with Keller Industrial, Inc. of Rockaway, New Jersey, for Construction Services necessary for the Spruce Run Reservoir Resource Preservation Project - Foundation Grouting Project, Clinton Township, Town of Clinton, and Union Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, by a unit cost not to exceed amount of \$340,000.00, and ten days added to Milestone 1 and twenty days each added to Milestone 2, Substantial Completion, and Final Completion. The change order will raise the total contract amount to \$42,384,074.34. Mr. Picco seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the resolution.

Mr. Gates provided the background information for the resolution authorizing Contract Amendment No. 4 to WSA-C23002M, Professional Engineering Services for design of an Aeration System to improve water quality at the Manasquan Reservoir, Howell Township, Monmouth County.

Mr. Gates stated that water quality studies within Manasquan Reservoir have shown that the recurring Harmful Algal Blooms, or

HABs, are triggered by nutrient release from the bottom sediment due to anoxia, a condition where there is no dissolved oxygen present as a result of seasonal thermal stratification. Mr. Gates noted that with Board approval under Resolution 2576, the Authority entered into a contract with BATA Environmental Associates, Inc., of Newark, DE for the lump sum and reimbursable cost not-to-exceed amount of \$485,536.00. BATA's scope was to identify and design a technology to oxygenate the bottom of the reservoir to prevent the release of nutrients from the sediment and minimize conditions conducive to HAB formation.

Mr. Gates stated that BATA is requesting this amendment to increase the contract total for two separate scope increases. Mr. Gates explained that the first increase addresses the potential for sole source procurement. During the alternatives analysis, it was determined that two different vendors supplied systems capable of meeting the reservoir oxygen demand deemed necessary to meet the design intent. Mr. Gates noted that Authority policy permits sole source procurements only in exceptional circumstances, and staff found no basis for justification in this case. While the systems are similar enough in theory of operation to not be considered sole source, they require different execution. Most notably is that one system can meet the design intent with a single oxygen delivery system, while the other requires six discrete delivery systems to meet the calculated oxygen demand. Mr. Gates stated that The Authority requested that the Consultant adopt a more "performance based" technical specification than originally envisioned. Mr. Gates noted that this involves additional scope, necessary to ensure more than one equipment vendor can meet the project specifications by reconfiguring the bid plans and specifications to outline parameters that need to be met, while not necessarily dictating the way the parameters are met. Mr. Gates further noted that this requires different site plans, reservoir bottom bedding details, limits of disturbance, maintenance considerations, IBank application preparations, and permitting effort. This represents additional work outside of the as-bid scope and Batta has requested a lump sum of \$55,940.00 to perform this task.

Mr. Gates stated that the second modification relates to design changes necessary to relocate an electric service. Mr. Gates explained that the equipment necessary to generate the oxygen to be delivered to the reservoir requires substantial electric power that was to be installed in a new duct bank extending over one thousand feet along the dam's crest from a transformer located at the tower to the proposed location between the main dam embankment and the dike. Site meetings with Authority staff, BATA, and JCP&L resulted in the discovery that JCP&L would require an easement over the proposed service extension, along the crest of the dam. Mr. Gates stated that in the interest of avoiding any such property rights encroachment on

this critical asset, Authority staff investigated different routes, ultimately deciding on bringing underground primary electric service into the site from Manassa Road.

Mr. Gates stated that the Authority requested that the Consultant submit a fee proposal to revise the electric service design according to the new route. The proposal requests a lump sum of \$19,080.00 for additional investigations, permitting, and revised design related to relocating the proposed electric service. Mr. Gates noted that Authority staff have reviewed the fee proposals of \$55,940.00 related to the specification of aeration equipment and \$19,080.00 related to the electric service design and find them to be reasonable. Mr. Gates stated that staff recommend execution of Amendment No. 4 to contract WSA-C23002M with BATTA Environmental Associates, Inc., of Newark, Delaware, for the lump-sum cost of \$75,020.00, increasing the contract total to \$581,762.46 and that an appropriate resolution has been prepared for Board consideration.

Mr. Havens moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to amend the contract with BATTA Environmental Associates, Inc., of Newark, Delaware, for Professional Engineering Services necessary for the Design of an Aeration System to improve water quality at the Manasquan Reservoir, Howell Township, Monmouth County, by the lump sum cost of \$75,020.00, bringing the new contract total to a lump sum and reimbursable cost not to exceed \$581,762.46. 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 contract for professional engineering services required for the Mitigation of the Collapsed Rail Bridge at Station 523+80 of the Delaware and Raritan Canal in Hopewell Township, Mercer County, Contract WSA-C25011.

Mr. Gates stated that the subject rail bridge that served the former Mercer County Workhouse Quarry is in an advanced state of deterioration and has partially collapsed into the Canal prism. The progressive deterioration poses a threat to Canal flow and operations, as well as public safety. Mr. Gates noted that there is a need to retain a professional engineering consultant to investigate and design the necessary mitigative plan. Mr. Gates explained that the Canal is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and is subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (HPO) and Historic Sites Council (HSC). As such, the consultant would need to provide all necessary cultural resources services to ensure that historically significant features at the site are identified and preserved as required under the National and State Acts.

Mr. Gates explained that the normal Authority procedure for professional services procurement was followed, consisting of advertising for Statements of Qualifications and Technical Proposals, ranking the firms and requesting fee proposals from at least the three highest ranking firms. Four (4) consultants responded to the RFP and the Statements of Qualifications and Technical Proposals were evaluated based on technical merit and ranked by a committee consisting of three Authority staff members. Mr. Gates noted that the fee proposals, when viewed in conjunction with language, contained within statements of qualifications and technical proposals, resulted in Mott MacDonald being selected as the highest ranked firm.

Mr. Gates explained that Authority policy requires negotiating with the top-ranked firm using all available information and the other fee proposals for comparison. After completing scope equalization, staff commenced negotiations with Mott MacDonald. Upon review, Authority staff found the final proposal (their best and final) to be fair and responsive. Mr. Gates stated that Mott's high ranking, the content of their technical proposal, and experience on similar projects inspires confidence in the quality of the final product that the Authority will receive. Mr. Gates also noted that while Watermen, the third-ranked firm, offered potential cost savings of less than 3.3 percent compared to Mott, their technical proposal did not demonstrate the same degree of experience with similar projects as the other two firms. The second ranked firm, JMT, submitted a fee proposal that, after reduction through scope equalization, was 20 percent higher than Mott's negotiated fee.

Mr. Gates stated that staff recommend that a contract be awarded to Mott MacDonald, LLC, of Morristown, New Jersey, for a lump sum and reimbursable cost-not-to exceed amount of \$219,500.00 for professional engineering services required for the Mitigation of the Collapsed Rail Bridge at Station 523+80 of the Delaware and Raritan Canal in Hopewell Township, Mercer County and that an appropriate resolution has been prepared for Board consideration.

Mr. Picco moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Mott MacDonald, LLC of Morristown, New Jersey, for a lump sum and reimbursable cost not-to-exceed amount of \$219,500.00 for professional engineering services required for the Mitigation of the Collapsed Rail Bridge at Station 523+80 of the Delaware and Raritan Canal in Hopewell Township, Mercer County. Mr. Iacullo 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 Holland C345

Compact Track Loader for the Raritan Basin System, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Mr. Gates stated that as is typical with vehicle and equipment purchases, Authority staff utilized NJSTART, the State of New Jersey's eProcurement portal, or another competitively bid cooperative purchasing program the State of New Jersey is authorized to join, like SOURCEWELL, to identify a vehicle meeting the necessary specifications. Mr. Gates noted that Authority staff reviewed the Contract offerings from Smith Tractor & Equipment, Inc. on SOURCEWELL and found a compact track loader meeting the Authority's requirements. Staff recommend that the Authority issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$86,614.68 to Smith Tractor & Equipment, Inc., of Washington, New Jersey, for a new New Holland C345 Compact Track Loader, utilizing budgeted Capital Equipment funds.

Mr. Gates explained that the proposed purchase of this equipment was not included in the 2025 Capital Equipment budget. Mr. Gates further explained that staff will forgo the purchase of a stump grinder, budgeted for \$90,000. Mr. Gates stated that the proposed track loader will replace the stump grinder in the 2025 budget and that an appropriate resolution has been prepared for Board consideration.

Mr. Picco moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to issue a Purchase Order to the SOURCEWELL vendor Smith Tractor & Equipment, Inc., of Washington, New Jersey in the amount of \$86,614.68 for a new New Holland C345 Compact Track Loader, for the Raritan Basin Water Supply System, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Ms. Blew seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the resolution.

Ms. Desko provided the background information for the resolution approving acceptance of Stormwater Mitigation Proceeds from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority as a condition of project approval by the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission for the purpose of implementing water quality improvement projects in the Delaware and Raritan Canal Watershed

Ms. Desko stated that the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission reviews project applications for potential traffic, historical, visual, stream corridor and stormwater/water quality impacts. Per their regulations, applicants may be granted a waiver in cases where they cannot sufficiently treat a proposed new discharge to meet stormwater runoff and water quality standards. Ms. Desko explained that as a condition of such a waiver and the related permit, the DRCC can direct the applicant to make a payment to a mitigation fund administered by the Authority for water quality improvement projects that yield comparable mitigation benefits within Canal watersheds

pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:45-12.6. Ms. Desko stated that the Authority maintains a separate account, the D&R Mitigation Account, for these purposes.

Ms. Desko further explained that the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (the applicant) proposed project DRCC #: 25-4051A to construct a 66,861-square foot Maternal Infant Health Innovation Center and associated paved parking area and stormwater management infrastructure on three lots located in the Five Points neighborhood of the City of Trenton, Mercer County. Ms. Desko stated that the applicant has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of DRCC, that the onsite soils cannot provide infiltration and that the project serves a compelling public need. The DRCC issued a Review Zone A permit at its meeting on August 20, 2025, requiring that, as mitigation for stormwater impacts, a cash donation in the amount of \$61,558.00 be made to the Authority to be used for water quality improvements along the Canal.

Ms. Desko stated that staff recommends approving acceptance of Stormwater Mitigation Proceeds from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority as a condition of project approval by the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission for the purpose of implementing water quality improvement projects in the Canal Watershed and that an appropriate resolution has been prepared for Board consideration.

Ms. Blew moved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept Stormwater Mitigation proceeds in the amount of \$61,558.00 from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority as required by the D&R Canal Commission permit for the purpose of implementing water quality improvement projects as chosen by the Authority located in the Canal drainage area. Mr. Iacullo seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Personnel - no report
- (b) Finance - The Finance Committee met on September 4 for a briefing of the upcoming rates process.
- (c) Audit - no report
- (d) Public Participation - no report
- (e) Capital Projects - The Capital Projects Committee met on September 4 for a briefing of the change order discussion voted on in the resolution earlier today at this meeting.
- (f) Insurance - no report
- (g) Watershed Lands Acquisition - no report

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Mr. Havens moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Iacullo seconded the motion. All Authority members approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 P.M.

I hereby certify this to be a true and original copy of the October 6, 2025 New Jersey Water Supply Authority meeting minutes.



Robin Greg
Finance & Accounting Analyst