

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: January 20, 2016

TIME: 9:35 am to 10:15 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

### PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Thomas Gulbransen, Vice Chair

Eva Growney

Michael Kaufman

Mary Ann Spencer

### ABSENT:

Hon. Kara Hahn

Dan Pichney

Larry Swanson

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

### STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

### GUESTS:

Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications for Suffolk County Presiding Officer

DuWayne Gregory

John Donovan, Chief Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Rick Brand, Reporter, Newsday

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the November 18, 2015 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Mr. Corral noted that the CEQ received correspondence from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery indicating that the Forge River Watershed Sewer project received a Positive Declaration and an Environmental Impact Statement will be done. Mr. Corral also noted that the correspondence stated that there will be a public hearing on January 26, 2016. The public hearing will be at the William Paca Middle School in Mastic Beach.

**Public Portion:**

None

**Historic Trust Docket:**

Director's Report:

None

**Project Review:**

**Recommended Type II Actions:**

- A. Proposed Rehabilitation of Riverhead County Center's Sewers, Pumping Station and Force Main, CP 8142, Towns of Riverhead and Southampton.

John Donovan, Chief Engineer for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works made a presentation explaining that the project involves the replacement in-kind of portions of the Riverhead County Center's sewage conveyance system to prevent failure or a required emergency response. The Riverhead County Center's sewer conveyance system includes sewers located on the Riverhead County Center site as well as a pumping station and a force main that connects the Riverhead County Center site to the Riverhead Sewer District.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

B. Proposed Safety and Security Improvements to Suffolk County Sewer Districts, CP 8103.

John Donovan, Chief Engineer for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works made a presentation explaining that the project involves the replacement in-kind of failing fencing and building elements along with the installation of auxiliary equipment including fire alarms, video surveillance and emergency generators to enhance the safety and security of Suffolk County sewerage facilities including treatment plants and pumping stations.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

C. Proposed Chemical Bulk Storage Facilities for Suffolk County Sewer Districts, CP 8178.

John Donovan, Chief Engineer for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works made a presentation explaining that the project involves the upgrade or construction of secondary containment structures to enhance the Chemical Bulk Storage Facilities at various Suffolk County sewerage facilities.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

**Project Review:**

**Recommendations for LADS Report:**

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table November 17, 2015, December 1, 2015, December 15, 2015 and January 4, 2016.

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the November 17, 2015, December 1, 2015, December 15, 2015 and January 4, 2016 LADS report. Mr. Corral pointed out some projects on the LADS report that have recently come before the CEQ. These include: IR 1894-2015 on the November 17, 2015 LADS which is the Vector Control Annual Work Plan, IR 1934 on the December 1, 2015 LADS report which is the Riverside Walking Trail project and IR 1963-2015 also on the December 1, 2015 LADS report which is the Port Jefferson Sewage Treatment Plant project. Mr. Corral also noted that IR 1990-2015 and IR 1993-2015 are funds for new County Health Centers. These

resolutions note that prior to money being appropriated and bonded SEQRA will be required.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the November 17, 2015, December 1, 2015, December 15, 2015 and January 4, 2016 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

CEQ Meeting Schedule for 2016 was adopted by the Council

Election of Officers

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to nominate Ms. Russo as CEQ Chair and Mr. Gulbransen as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

**CAC Concerns:**

None

Meeting Adjourned