



## **DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting; August 14 and September 11, 2019**

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019** at the Commission's office building, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, New Jersey. A business meeting will be held the following month on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019** at The Conference Center at Mercer, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, New Jersey. The hearing and meeting are open to the public.

Public Hearing. The public hearing on **August 14, 2019** will begin at **1:30 p.m.** Hearing items will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that could have a substantial effect on the basin's water resources, and resolutions: (a) authorizing the Executive Director to enter into contracts for analytical services relating to the control of toxic substances in the Delaware River and Bay; and (b) authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Temple University's Water and Environmental Technology Center for analysis of Delaware River Estuary water samples for microplastics.

The list of projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, and the text of the proposed resolutions will be posted on the Commission's web site, [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov), in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on August 14 will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on August 19.

The public is advised to check the Commission's web site periodically prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is needed to complete the Commission's review, and items may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is also asked to be aware that the details of projects may change during the Commission's review, which is ongoing.

Public Meeting. The public business meeting on **September 11, 2019** will begin at **10:30 a.m.** and will include: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's June 12, 2019 Business Meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, a recommendation by the Subcommittee on Ecological Flows (SEF) related to the Flexible Flow Management Program (FFMP) thermal mitigation guidelines, reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel, and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. The latter may include but is not limited to a Resolution for the Minutes updating the *Administrative Manual – By-Laws, Management and Personnel* with regard to personnel policies.

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the Business Meeting will be followed by up to one hour of Open Public Comment, an opportunity to address the Commission on any topic concerning management of the basin's water resources outside the context of a duly noticed, on-the-record public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the September 11 Business Meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on August 14 or a previous date.

Commission consideration on September 11 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item (by docket or resolution) as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

Advance Sign-Up for Oral Comment. Individuals who wish to comment on the record during the public hearing on August 14 or to address the Commissioners informally during the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting on September 11 as time allows, are asked to sign-up in advance through EventBrite. Links to EventBrite for the Public Hearing and the Business Meeting are available at [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov). For assistance, please contact Ms. Paula Schmitt of the Commission staff, at [paula.schmitt@drbc.gov](mailto:paula.schmitt@drbc.gov).

Addresses for Written Comment. Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be made through the Commission's web-based comment system, a link to which is provided at [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov). Use of the web-based system ensures that all submissions are captured in a single location and their receipt is acknowledged. Exceptions to the use of this system are available based on need, by writing to the attention of the Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360. For assistance, please contact Paula Schmitt at [paula.schmitt@drbc.gov](mailto:paula.schmitt@drbc.gov).

Accommodations for Special Needs. Individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act who wish to attend the meeting or hearing should contact

the Commission Secretary directly at 609-883-9500 ext. 203 or through the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how we can accommodate your needs.

Additional Information, Contacts. Additional public records relating to hearing items may be examined at the Commission's offices by appointment by contacting Denise McHugh, 609-883-9500, ext. 240. For other questions concerning hearing items, please contact David Kovach, Project Review Section Manager at 609-883-9500, ext. 264.

**Dated:** July 29, 2019.

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