

**SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES– JUNE 10, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Caucus Meeting of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

**Moment of Silence and Salute:**

**Announcement:**

This meeting is called in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act as well as guidance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services in that an announcement of the same appeared on the Authority’s website, in the Asbury Park Press, in the Coast Star and emailed to the Clerks of our member municipalities on February 18, 2026. The minutes of this meeting will be available after Board approval at a subsequent meeting.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Commissioners Cory, Donovan, Lynch, May, Meixsell, Nolan and Shields

Mr. Padula, Mr. Krause, and Ms. Oliver.

**Excused:** Commissioner Mattia

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:** Nothing new to report.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

**Plant**

**Trickling Filter #1 and #2 Arms Replacement**

Mr. Krause reported that startup and initiation of Trickling Filter #2 identified significant performance issues; it was deemed that 8 out of 12 arms are out of specification. The Authority met with the manufacturer, Ovivo, to review these findings. Ovivo agreed with the assessment and has offered to take back all twelve units for full evaluation and remanufacturing. While this will result in a delay to the project’s progress, we are still within the originally anticipated contract period.

**Pipe Galley (Pipe Coating and Electrical Upgrades)**

Mr. Krause reported that the electrical work is ongoing and 90% complete. The Authority is waiting for parts for the lights and the replacement of pipe supports.

### **Waste Gas Burner Flare Replacement**

Mr. Krause reported that the equipment delivery is scheduled for July/August of this year.

### **Stabilization Pond Liner Repair/Replacement**

Mr. Krause reported that the staff is reviewing revised plans.

### **SMRSA Access Road Slope Stabilization**

Mr. Krause reported that the staff is reviewing revised plans; Jersey Central Power & Light will be replacing the leaning pole and voltage regulators in mid-June 2026.

## **FINANCE/ ADMINISTRATION**

### **Administration**

Mr. Krause reported that the Service Area Amendment(s) have been sent to individual towns for review and signature.

Mr. Krause reminded the Commissioners to complete the D2/Xcitium Cybersecurity Training Part 2 is available and should be completed as soon as possible.

Ms. Oliver reported that a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' review and approval amending the SMRSA Employee Policies and Procedures Manual. These amendments incorporate updates to the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA) resulting from new legislation signed by Governor Murphy prior to leaving office, as well as revisions to the Authority's Generative AI Policies.

Mr. Krause reported that the AEA negotiated protection under CERCLA, so the Authority would not be liable for any contaminated residuals when and if treatment and disposal becomes necessary; an agreement will be necessary. The AEA also negotiated set-aside funds for PFAS treatment in the amount of \$150 million through NJIB.

Mr. Krause reported that, in general, plant flows are down due to the lack of rain. It is noted that Manasquan's percent share is trending lower; they made some small improvements which resulted in lower flows. Manasquan is also proposing a \$30 million dollar flood resiliency project which includes sewer replacement.

### **BUSINESS:**

### **The Board took action on the following items during the Regular Meeting immediately after the Caucus Meeting.**

- Approve the May 13, 2026 Caucus & Regular Meeting Minutes as written.
- Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Funds from the 2026 Revenue Fund to the Operating Fund for the explicit purpose of payment of all known calendar year 2026 listed bills.
- Resolution Amending the SMRSA Employee Policies and Procedures Manual.

**COMMISSIONER'S**  
**COMMENTS:**        NONE

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Chairman Shields made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Nolan seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye.

Chairman Shields made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Shields made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting.

Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye.