

## **AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC QUARTYERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ITEM #15: REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN**

#### **SUBJECT:**

The Hampton Roads Regional Water Supply Plan has been completed to help localities comply with the DEQ Local and Regional Water Supply Planning Regulation (9 VAC 25 780).

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In November 2005, the water supply planning regulations were established. The regulations state that

“All counties, cities and towns (hereinafter "local governments") in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall submit a local water supply plan or shall participate in a regional planning unit in the submittal of a regional water supply plan to the board in accordance with this chapter.”

In 2007, the local governments to meet their requirements in the region signed a Memorandum of Agreement to develop a regional water supply plan. The HRPDC staff has worked with the localities for the last several years to develop the enclosed Hampton Roads Regional Water Supply Plan that addresses the required elements. The Directors of Utilities Committee has reviewed the enclosed draft of the plan.

The regulation requires that a plan must include the following elements: description of existing water sources; description of existing water use; description of existing water resource conditions; an assessment of projected water demand; description of water management actions; statement of need; an alternatives analysis that identifies potential alternatives to address projected deficits in water supplies; maps identifying important elements of the program that may include existing environmental resources, existing water sources, significant existing water uses, and proposed new sources; and a copy of the adopted program documents including any local plans or ordinances or amendments that incorporate the required elements (primarily drought response ordinances).

The regulation also requires the following actions for local adoption of a regional plan:

- A resolution approving the plan from each local government that is party to the plan.
- A record of the local public hearing, a copy of all written comments and the submitter's response to all written comments received.

The Plan, including resolutions from all localities approving the plan, must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality by November 2, 2011. HRPDC staff requests that resolutions and record of written comments be sent to HRPDC by September 30th so the

plan and documentation of local adoptions can be submitted to DEQ by the November deadline.

Ms. Whitney Katchmark, Principal Water Resources Engineer, will brief the Commission on the Regional Water Supply Plan.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Accept the Plan as meeting the requirement of the HRPDC Unified Planning Work Program.
2. Distribute the Hampton Roads Regional Water Supply Plan to local governments for adoption.

Enclosure – Hampton Roads Regional Water Supply Plan - Separate