

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #16: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the February 2012 Directors of Utilities Committee Meetings are attached.

Attachment 16A

B. HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting summary of the February 2, 2012 & March 1, 2012 Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee and Regional Stormwater Management Committee Meeting is attached.

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Attachment 16B-2

C. PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Attached are status reports on other HRPDC programs.

Attachment 16C

A. Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee:

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on February 1, 2012. The following items were addressed during the meeting:

- The Committee had a follow-up discussion to the December 7, 2011 discussion of the International Paper (IP) Groundwater Withdrawal Permit. HRPDC staff was directed to proceed with drafting a document summarizing the technical information related to the recovery of groundwater levels since IP has ceased withdrawals.
- HRPDC staff provided an overview of the EPA's Draft Integrated Planning Approach Framework for Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Planning and planned listening sessions. Mr. Jim Pletl, HRSD, attended the January 31, 2012 EPA listening session and provided a summary of the listening session format and key points. The Committee echoed many of the concerns summarized by Mr. Pletl. HRPDC staff indicated that it would attend the February 17, 2012 EPA listening session and report back to the Committee.
- During staff reports, hard copies of the revised draft HRPDC water and wastewater program budgets were distributed (to be followed by electronic copies via email), and staff alerted the Committee to be prepared for a March presentation and discussion of the HRPDC socio-economic analysis and 2040 Forecast.
- Mr. Richard Stahr, Brown and Caldwell, provided a briefing on recent coordination efforts with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the Special Order by Consent for sanitary sewer system overflows. The Capacity Team will work toward consensus on a path forward and plans to meet with DEQ again in mid-February; meanwhile, HRSD has informed EPA, as required by the federal Consent Decree, of these developments and the potential impact on compliance with the schedule.

ATTACHMENT 1A
THE DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE, THE
REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE
CHESAPEAKE BAY IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
February 2, 2012

1. Summary of the January 5, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee

The Summary of the January 5, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee was approved as distributed.

2. Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Update

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). The HRPDC regional appendix has been sent out to localities for inclusion in their plans. All localities should have submitted their plans to DCR. Regional DCR offices are conducting the initial reviews. Localities should, if possible, send digital copies to Todd Herbert (todd.herbert@dcr.virginia.gov). Also, localities should submit hard and/or digital copies to HRPDC staff along with DCR. The Regional Steering Committee will not be meeting on February 15; the next meeting will be March 1. HRPDC staff does not expect anything to occur regarding the TMDL prior to March. In addition, HRPDC staff received an email from Ms. Joan Salvati, DCR, stating that DCR is treating the Phase II WIPs and Permit processes as separate.

Questions or comments on the WIP or TMDL should be sent to either Ms. Tribo (jtribo@hrpdcva.gov) or Ms. Whitney Katchmark (wkatchmark@hrpdcva.gov).

3. HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Update

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on HRPDC's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application. HRPDC's grant debriefing from HUD has been postponed until February 9. HRPDC staff will report on the findings at the March Committee meeting. In addition, HUD has released the funding notice for the 2012 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grants. These grants are available for planning or implementing redevelopment plans. Eligible applicants include public housing authorities, local governments, tribal entities, nonprofits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity. More information is available on HUD's website and through Grants.gov. The CFDA number for the notice is 14.889, "Choice Neighborhoods."

4. Great American Cleanup Update

Ms. Lisa Hardy, HRPDC, updated the Committee on The National Kickoff of the Great American Cleanup™. Hampton Roads has been selected by Keep America Beautiful (KAB) as one of 10 Kickoff locations across the country. Kickoff events include litter cleanups, park spruce-ups, beautification projects, garden planting, graffiti removal, or waste reduction/reuse/recycling. Events are scheduled across Hampton Roads on April 27-28. . The Kickoff will generate national media attention as well as some funding from KAB. HRPDC is partnering with askHRgreen.org, Keep America Beautiful, and Keep Virginia Beautiful to organize the region’s Kickoff events. The region’s goals for the Kickoff are:

- To hold a transformational project in each Hampton Roads municipality
- To recruit at least 1,000 volunteers from across the region
- To raise at least \$100,000 for future projects
- To heighten awareness through media coverage
- To engage more people in local stewardship through askHRgreen.org

Information about the Great American Cleanup can be found at <http://askhrgreen.org/the-great-american-cleanup/>.

Ms. Hardy also updated the Committee on askHRgreen.org’s recent educational campaigns. These include campaigns focusing on garbage disposal use and proper disposal of fats, oils and grease during the holidays and the Superbowl, fertilizer use and pet waste management during the spring, and water pipe leaks and promoting the use of tap water instead of bottled water during the spring. On April 19th an askHRgreen.org editorial tab will be published and included in the Virginian Pilot and the Daily Press. Ideas for FY13 campaigns include a TMDL/water quality media campaign, recycling basics, and garbage disposal use. FY 13 will include a 6th grade edition of newspapers in education.

Questions about the National Kickoff of the Great American Cleanup or askHRgreen.org should be directed to Ms. Hardy (lhardy@hrpdcva.gov), Ms. Julia Hillegass (jhillegass@hrpdcva.gov), or Ms. Katie Cullipher (kcullipher@hrpdcva.gov).

5. Legislative Agenda Update

Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, updated the Committee on bills of interest to the Committee.

Bill	Description	Status
HB426	Planning districts preparing regional strategic plans	Assigned to subcommittee
HB823	Planning district functional areas	Assigned to subcommittee
HB105	Machinery and equipment recyclable materials tax credit	Passed by indefinitely
HB913	Solid waste management plans made optional	Subcommittee recommended reporting to GA with amendments
SB676	Recycling survey reports must be submitted	Referred to committee

HB114	Cigarettes deemed litter	Tabled
HB124	Plastic bag tax	Tabled
HB67	Nonnavigable state waters regulated exclusively by the Commonwealth	Assigned to subcommittee
HB169	Enterprise zones criteria	Assigned to subcommittee
HB222	Locality legal notices	Tabled
SB129	(Unfunded) State mandates on localities temporarily suspended by Governor	Re-referred to committee
SB123	Environmental covenants; compliance with Uniform Environmental Covenants Act not required	Referred to committee
HB1137	Properties within a historic district can be excluded if a majority of affected property owners object to district	Assigned to subcommittee
HB732	Transfer of Development Rights; sending area may be used for parks and campgrounds	Assigned to subcommittee

Several subcommittee studies have also been called for by the House. These include H.J.R. 85, which calls for a study of the multiplier effects of various types of income tax credits, public-private partnerships, and other public-private investment programs; H.J.R. 132, which calls for a study of the ongoing planning and preparedness efforts throughout the Commonwealth with regard to homeland security and emergency management; H.J.R. 137, which calls for the Secretary of Natural Resources to study the possibility that regulatory requirements may be modified to alleviate the cost and time required to pursue land-disturbing activities; H.J.R. 141, which calls for the study of the impact of unfunded federal mandates in the Commonwealth; H.J.R. 243, which calls for DEQ to study the benefits and costs of seeking authority from U.S. EPA to administer the Section 404 permitting program under the federal Clean Water Act; and H.J.R. 50, which calls for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to study strategies for adaptation to relative sea level rise in Tidewater localities.

6. Virginia Coastal Geospatial and Educational Mapping System (GEMS) Training

Mr. Nick Meade, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, gave a presentation and workshop to the Committee on the Virginia Coastal Geospatial and Educational Mapping System, or Coastal GEMS, an online GIS that allows individuals to access many of the Commonwealth's water and land natural resources data layers. Coastal GEMS is designed for all users, from basic to advanced. Data providers for Coastal GEMS include DCR, VIMS, VDH, VCU, and DEQ. Coastal GEMS includes fact sheets for each dataset, including a description, its source, and other information. VCZMP is currently working on the next version of Coastal GEMS, which will utilize Microsoft Silverlight to add functionality, including adjustable transparency of layers. The new version will be based on ArcGIS 10. At this point, there are no plans to share raw data through Coastal

GEMS, but many datasets can be downloaded directly from the providing agency. The new version should be out by summer 2012.

7. Status Reports

A. Hampton Roads Sanitation District

HRSD representatives had nothing to report.

B. Hampton Roads Planning District

HRPDC staff reported that Frank Dukes, Institute for Environmental Negotiation, will be at the next Stormwater Committee meeting (2/15). HPRDC staff is currently working on the Section 309 Grant, which will be looking at the impacts of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Stormwater Regulations on locality plans and policies; Committee members should encourage their planner counterparts to attend the next JEC meeting. The Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable met at the Norfolk Zoo on January 25 to discuss ideas for private property BMPs and how to count them for TMDL credit; attendance was excellent.

C. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

In the absence of a SWCD representative, there was no report.

D. Department of Conservation and Recreation

In the absence of a DCR representative, there was no report.

E. Department of Environmental Quality

DEQ representatives had nothing to report.

F. U.S. Geological Survey

In the absence of a USGS representative, there was no report.

G. Department of Transportation

VDOT representatives had nothing to report.

H. U.S. Navy

In the absence of a U.S. Navy representative, there was no report.

I. Local Programs

Norfolk staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR and is now working on long range plans for BMPs.

Virginia Beach staff reported that initial results from the City's oyster reef BMP studies indicate that oyster reefs could be the most cost-effective water quality BMP.

Chesapeake staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

Hampton staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

Poquoson staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

Newport News staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

The Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association (VLWA) will be holding the Virginia Water Conference in Richmond from March 4-6; the conference will include technical sessions.

8. **Other Matters**

The next meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee is scheduled for March 1, 2012 at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake, Virginia. Materials will be sent in advance for review.

MEETING SUMMARY
CHESAPEAKE BAY AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES
March 1, 2012

The Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees met on March 1, 2012. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committees on the results of HRPDC's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application debriefing with HUD staff.
- Mr. Bill Conkle and Ms. Janit Llewellyn Allen, DCR, gave a presentation to the Committees on the next update to the Virginia Outdoors Plan. They led a discussion of potential needs in the region related to the plan.
- Mr. McFarlane and Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, gave presentations to the Committees on HRPDC's Section 309 Land and Water Quality Protection study, funded by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

1. Regional Housing Program

Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership

HRPDC staff is preparing for an upcoming program performance review by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) as it relates to the HOME grant for downpayment and closing cost assistance. DHCD routinely monitors sub-grantees for fiscal/recordkeeping, as well as, adherence to HOME regulations such as affordability and Fair Housing compliance. The staff is continuing to provide downpayment and closing cost assistance to qualified first-time homebuyer in the region.

Housing & Human Services Technical Assistance

Staff members are also continuing to assist the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium and currently working on activities to celebrate Affordable Housing Awareness Week in April. A resolution was signed in April of 2011 proclaiming the last week of April as Affordable Housing Awareness Week. Staff is assisting in the planning of an event tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2012. A symposium is scheduled to discuss Housing and the Impact on the Economy.

Regional Housing Portal

HRPDC staff members are continuing to work on the implementation of the Regional Housing Portal. A second stakeholders meeting will be held in April with regional partners to discuss the initiative. Software and programming needs are still being explored.

2. Regional Economics Program

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Information from both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provides easy access to a great deal of regional information. Staff also provides special reports on topics of timely significance, most recently on the HRPDC forecast and the employment benefits of higher education. Over the past two months, staff has delivered presentations to the Newport News Rotary Club, the City of Chesapeake's Proffer Policy Committee, Kiwanis of Colonial Capital in Williamsburg, Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth, Surry County Board of Supervisors, the Hampton Roads Retail Alliance, and Chesapeake City Council. Staff has also responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

Analysis of Energy Development Strategies

Staff has begun work on an analysis of energy development strategies in Hampton Roads. At present, very little is commonly understood as to the feasibility and ability for the region to capitalize on various forms of energy development. Staff will be collecting and compiling information on the region's capacity to develop energy and will research the potential economic benefits associated with energy development.

HRPDC Socio - Economic Forecast

Every four years the Federal Highway Administration requires that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) complete a long-range transportation plan. One of the first steps in putting the plan together is to conduct a regional socio-economic forecast.

HRPDC economics staff will begin the process of developing the 2040 forecast for the region that will include information on the region's population, households, employment, workers and passenger vehicles. This work product will be conducted in concert with the HRTPO and member jurisdictions and will comply with the regulation mandated by the FHWA. Staff will also work to include the needs of other local and regional organizations that rely on the socio-economic forecast for their planning efforts.

Hampton Roads Economic Quarterly

The region's economy is in a constant state of change. Expectations change as new information become available and forecasts are revised in the face of unforeseen developments. Economics staff provides regionally significant up-to-date information through the Hampton Roads Economic Quarterly. The most recent report includes the most current relevant economic indicators as well as a narrative on the tourism industry.

3. Emergency Management Project Update

Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee (REMTAC)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee and its associated tasks and committees. The REMTAC last met February 28, 2012. REMTAC's recent activities included:

- Welcoming the addition of Mr. Curtis Brown, Regional Emergency Management Administrator and Ms. Mary Donny, Regional Special Needs Planner
- REMTAC-supported UASI project status and sustainment

- Fuel Commodity (scarcity) Workgroup, Special Needs Subcommittee, and 2012 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminar planning activities and support.
- Further development of WebEOC standard operating procedures granted the recent milestone of reaching the WebFUSION v2 upgrade and its related data communication enhancements among localities and community partners (i.e. universities, health departments and more).
- Possible procurement of one additional Pet Shelter Supply Trailer
- Support of Metropolitan Medical Response System Shelter Support Unit trailers deployment and development.
- Further development of ReadyHamptonRoads.org as an inclusive regional one-stop preparedness resource.
- Full support of the Regional Communications Planning initiative that begun on a kick-off meeting February 9th at the HRPDC

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

HRPDC staff continues to work with interoperable communications leadership to begin HRTacRAN augmentation installation. Recent efforts include coordinating meetings to identify strategies for ensuring that UASI grant funds are effectively utilized within FEMA guidelines.

FY12 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

The HOEPS Subcommittee met in February. Venue contracts have been signed for May 8th at the Point Plaza at City Center in Newport News and May 9th at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center in Virginia Beach. The much anticipated seminar attendee registration opened March 1, 2012, at <http://hoeps.org>. The draft agenda has been set, with seminar content development and finalization ongoing by the HOEPS Planning Subcommittee.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

HRPDC Emergency Management staff continues to support Hazard Mitigation Planning Committees for updates to the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, City of Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Southampton County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Locality adoptions of the final plans are currently underway.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP)

HRPDC staff continues to provide support for the RCPGP Committee and coordinate efforts with the RCPGP program manager.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). In February, 2012, the HRPDC received official notice that Hampton Roads has been eliminated from the UASI program in fiscal year 2012. As such, the HRPDC and UAWG leadership have been primarily focusing on the sustainment of UASI funded initiatives after September, 2014 (end of fiscal year 2011 performance period). Additionally, HRPDC staff has been providing assistance with the expenditure and closing out of prior fiscal years UASI grant funds.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs

The Special Needs Subcommittee met in February and discussed transitioning and program evaluation strategies and priorities with the new Regional Medical Special Needs Planner. A Hurricane Irene Medical Special Needs Registry and Sheltering survey was developed and distributed among local emergency management and shelter support staff. The final results will be discussed at the upcoming March meeting. The Special Needs Registry has been updated and has well over 900 validated registrants.

4. HR Green



The regional environmental education committees continue to promote a unified regional message on environmental concerns in Hampton Roads. Of particular note this month is the development of a spring newspaper insert in partnership with both The Virginian-Pilot and the Daily Press. The content will include messages about the value of tap water, containing fats, oil and grease, pollution prevention and reducing, reusing and recycling. Special features about the region's upcoming Great American Clean-Up and Help-to-Others program will provide calls to action for area residents. This special supplement will be distributed on April 18th.

5. Regional Planning Program

Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail Support

Planning staff has been involved in the development of the Virginia portion of a new interstate blueway known as the Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail (SECSPT), connecting Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. The planning process for the Trail has been underway since 2010. The process has been facilitated by the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) in conjunction with a planning partner in each state.

The end result was the identification of a 'main corridor' for a blueway along the Atlantic Coast. The Trail will connect with the highly successful and well-known Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail and another blueway system,

the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail on the Chesapeake Bay. The Virginia portion of the trail connects the Lynnhaven River to the North Landing River.

To date, the state project partners have worked with local and regional partners to identify existing canoe and kayak access sites and camping/overnight accommodations to provide for day or multi-day paddling trips.

HRPDC staff is supporting the trail effort by developing a website to provide a uniform identity for the new Trail and make trail maps and other information available to the general public. A geographic information system (GIS) database, as well as maps, will also be developed by staff to centralize Trail access sites and accommodations locations across four states.

6. Uranium Mining

At the HRPDC Retreat on February 16, 2012, the issue of uranium mining and its potential adverse impact on Lake Gaston and the water supply system that serves the southside Hampton Roads localities was discussed at length. The Commission requested the HRPDC staff to monitor state activity related to uranium mining very closely. A number of actions have occurred since the Retreat:

- HRPDC staff contacted the region's legislative liaisons to determine their ability to assist in addressing this issue. Through Bob Matthias, the liaisons advise that they will be tracking this issue and that most of the larger localities could use their lobbying firms as well. The consensus of the liaisons was that the HRPDC did not need to hire a lobbyist on this issue at this time.
- No legislation has been enacted by the General Assembly during its 2012 Session.
- On March 3, 2012, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in cooperation with the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME), issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant assistance in providing a framework for potential regulations if the General Assembly were to lift the current moratorium on uranium mining. Proposals are due to DEQ by April 3, 2012 with a final report to be completed by October 15, 2012.

The HRPDC staff will work with the Legislative Liaisons and the Directors of Utilities Committee to monitor this effort.

7. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

At the September 15, 2011 Executive Committee meeting, the HRPDC approved the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for Southeastern Virginia. The Plan, which covers the sixteen cities, counties and towns in the service area of the Southeastern Public Service Authority of Virginia, was subsequently adopted by SPSA on September 28, 2011. On January 19, 2012, the Virginia Department of

Environmental Quality (DEQ) advised SPSA and HRPDC that it had accepted the plan as the region's approved plan.

Concurrently, the region is pursuing the re-designation of the region's solid waste planning agency. At press time, thirteen of the affected sixteen localities have acted to request DEQ to change the planning agency designation from SPSA to the HRPDC. Once all localities have acted, DEQ will begin the formal re-designation process.

8. Chesapeake Bay TMDL

As approved by the HRPDC at its January 19, 2012 Commission meeting, the HRPDC staff provided all localities with the final report: **Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan - Hampton Roads Regional Planning Framework, Scenario, and Strategies**. The region's localities all met the February 1, 2012 deadline for submission of their input and plans to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). DCR is in the process of developing its Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), which is to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency by March 30, 2012. The staff understands that the WIP will be made available for public review and comment following the submittal to EPA.

The state's Stakeholder Advisory Group is scheduled to meet on March 15, 2012. Ms. Jennifer Tribo serves on the Stakeholder Advisory Group and will participate in the meeting.

The HRPDC staff will brief the Commission at the April 19, 2012 Quarterly Meeting on the Phase II WIP and regional comments and concerns.