

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
August 4, 2011

1. Special Presentation

Mr. John Carlock, HRPDC, presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Ms. Cindy Linkenhoker, Portsmouth, for her work with the City of Portsmouth and the region. The Resolution is attached.

2. Summary of the July 7, 2011 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee

The Summary of the July 7, 2011 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee was approved as distributed.

3. Living Shorelines Presentation

Mr. Tony Watkinson from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) gave a presentation to the Committee on the outcome of the passage of SB964. SB964, passed this past General Assembly Session, includes six main parts. It:

- 1) Defines living shorelines;
- 2) Requires VMRC to develop a General Permit for the implementation of living shorelines;
- 3) Encourages living shorelines by making them the preferred shoreline management alternative;
- 4) Requires VMRC to develop guidance for their implementation;
- 5) Requires Tidewater localities to incorporate guidance developed by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) into their comprehensive plans starting in 2013; and
- 6) Requires VIMS to develop comprehensive coastal resource management guidance by 12/30/2012.

The General Permit will apply to submerged lands, wetlands, sand dunes, and berms. It will also contain review procedures, notice requirements, fees, application, and a tiered approach for implementation.

The guidance will provide approaches for different shoreline types and situations. It will describe the risks and benefits of using living shorelines in different situations. It will also contain information on stakeholder and regulatory communication and

procedures for efficient and effective implementation. VIMS will have a major role in developing specific criteria and guidance. VMRC and VIMS will coordinate with other regulators and stakeholders, including local wetlands boards. A draft general permit should be released in spring 2012. In order to effectively implement the general permit and guidance, there will probably be more scrutiny and oversight of local wetland board decisions regarding shoreline stabilization. However, VMRC realizes that living shorelines may not always be appropriate, depending on the needs of the project and the specific situation and characteristics of the shore.

ACTION: None required.

4. HR Green

Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, gave an update to the Committee on the HR Green program. A new website, www.askhrgreen.org, has gone live that combines the information resources previously available on the environmental education subcommittees' individual websites. The website is part of an overall consolidation of those programs (HR Clean, HRWET, etc.) under the new HR Green program. The website incorporates social media (twitter, Facebook, YouTube, a blog) and includes educational and program-related information, news, and events. If localities have materials to put on the website or comments, please contact Ms. Hillegass (jhillegass@hrpdcva.gov) or Ms. Lisa Hardy (lhardy@hrpdcva.gov).

ACTION: None required.

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

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP):

- DCR will be sending new load spreadsheets to localities in August. The Commonwealth is also looking for input on implementation costs for BMPs from local government staffs.
- The Committee asked for more information on the definitions used in the WIP for land cover/use classifications.

The Chesapeake Bay TMDL Steering Committee will meet at 1pm this afternoon. Steering committee meetings will be held monthly from 1pm to 3pm following the Joint Environmental Committee meeting. These meetings will be open to the public. The goal of these meetings will be to pull together questions and issues for discussion at the regional level.

ACTION: None required.

6. Stormwater Subcommittee Update

Ms. Tribo reported to the Committee on the Stormwater Subcommittee's last meeting. The Stormwater Subcommittee discussed where each locality was on putting together a Chesapeake Bay TMDL team of local government staff. The Subcommittee also discussed the water reuse issue and determined to pursue and explore the uses of stormwater reuse as a best management practice (BMP) under the stormwater regulations and TMDL. If anyone has feedback, please contact Ms. Tribo (jtribo@hrpdcva.gov). The Subcommittee will be discussing in the future how to integrate stormwater permits with the WIP.

ACTION: None required.

7. Wind Energy Lease Program Draft Environmental Assessment

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, reported to the Committee on the draft environmental assessment released for the proposed offshore wind lease program, which will guide the process used to select bids for research and commercial wind energy development in four areas off the Atlantic coast, including an area off Virginia Beach. Virginia Beach is currently looking for the draft assessment to determine whether or not they will comment on the document or program.

ACTION: None required.

8. Meeting Locations

Ms. Hillegass announced that HRPDC staff is looking for alternative meeting sites around the region for future Committee meetings. The Virginia Modeling and Simulation Center in Suffolk has been selected as the site for the September meeting.

ACTION: None required.

9. Status Reports

A. Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

HRPDC representatives had nothing to report.

B. Hampton Roads Sanitation District

HRSD representatives had nothing to report.

C. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

SWCD representatives had nothing to report.

D. Department of Conservation and Recreation

DCR staff reported that the new Stormwater Management Division Director is Reese Peck. DCR will be hiring operations and regulatory managers in the next few weeks.

E. Department of Environmental Quality

DEQ representatives reported that the Tidewater Regional Director position has been filled by Ms. Maria Nold.

F. U.S. Geological Survey

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

G. Department of Transportation

VDOT representatives announced that VDOT has open positions for engineers.

H. U.S. Navy

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

I. Local Programs

Norfolk staff reported that Mr. Justin Shafer will be taking over Ms. Jill Sunderland's full-time position, and he will be attending future Committee meetings. An environmental specialist field position will be open soon. The principal planner position formerly held by Mr. Brian Ballard has been filled by Mr. Mark Woodward.

Chesapeake staff reported that the City is building a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station and converting the City's garbage fleet to CNG.

Gloucester County staff reported that Gloucester's Director of Code Compliance and Zoning Administrator, Mr. Ron Peaks, has resigned, effective August 31, 2011.

Virginia Beach staff reported that the City is finalizing a contract for a sustainability plan consultant. The City is also working with Norfolk on a beach vitex eradication project.

10. Other Matters

The next meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee is scheduled for September 1, 2011 at the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center in Suffolk, Va. Materials will be sent in advance for review.

Resolution of Appreciation

to

Cindy Linkenhoker

Whereas, *Cindy Linkenhoker has faithfully served the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and its Regional Stormwater Management Committee for 14 years; and,*

Whereas, *she has provided leadership in encouraging the Regional Stormwater Management Committee and the HRPDC staff to pursue innovative solutions to a variety of regional stormwater and water quality issues; and,*

Whereas, *Ms. Linkenhoker has served the City of Portsmouth as its Stormwater Engineer since 1997 and in that capacity has overseen the continued operation and enhancement of the County's stormwater management system, its Stormwater Permit and a myriad of other City projects; and,*

Whereas, *she has encouraged Portsmouth staff to play active roles in a number of regional environmental and infrastructure programs, including watershed protection, Chesapeake Bay protection, water quality and stormwater management, and environmental education.*

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved *by the Hampton Roads Regional Stormwater Management Committee that Cindy Linkenhoker is commended for her dedication and outstanding service, and presented this resolution as a token of the Committee's gratitude; and*

Be It Further Resolved *that the Hampton Roads Regional Stormwater Management Committee expresses its hope that Cindy Linkenhoker will enjoy a long and fruitful career and orders that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Hampton Roads Regional Stormwater Management Committees this 4th day of August 2011.*



Executed this 4th day of August 2011

John M. Caloche

Chairman