

**THE DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE  
HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE, THE  
REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE  
CHESAPEAKE BAY IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
October 4, 2012**

**1. Special Presentation**

Mr. John Carlock, HRPDC, presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Steve Martin, Williamsburg, for her work with the City of Williamsburg and the region. The Resolution is attached.

**2. Summary of the September 6, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee**

The Summary of the September 6, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee was approved as distributed.

**3. Stormwater Regulatory Update**

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of state stormwater regulations. The latest draft model ordinance was sent out to the Committee. The state has established a process for localities to get extensions on setting up their local programs. Sections of the Stormwater Handbook are available for review and comment. A FAQ sheet is also under development. DCR has scheduled several training sessions for October, two of which will be in Hampton Roads:

10/25 @ HRPDC

10/30 @ VIMS

These training sessions will be more in depth than previous sessions and are intended for staff. The runoff reduction method will be discussed.

Mr. Noah Hill, DCR, stated that technical guidance will be sent out once it is approved by DCR's director.

Mr. LJ Hansen stated that his impression was that facility tracking and maintenance were more robust. Also, Suffolk has some concerns with the section on offset loads.

Mr. Bill Johnston, Virginia Beach, stated that DCR is trying to add additional requirements to developments that occurred prior to the permit, and that the region should object heavily to this action.

The next step for the Arlington draft permit is public comment.

#### **4. Chesapeake Bay Program Update**

Ms. Tribo briefed the Committee on new developments with the Chesapeake Bay Program. The focus for 2012-2013 is the establishment of a BMP verification framework, planning for the 2017 midpoint assessment, and establishing new workgroups and BMP panels as needed. States will be submitting their verification framework to CBP for review.

The Committee had some concerns with the source of CBP's jurisdiction and the potential for inconsistencies between EPA and CBP policies and requirements. Ms. Tribo stated that any inconsistencies would have to be brought to the federal agencies' attention. There was also some concern with the determination of efficiencies for BMPs and the application of the stormwater regulations to comply with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. By implementing the new stormwater regulations, new development is assumed to be compliant. There are no state standards for retrofits, so Chesapeake Bay TMDL efficiencies and requirements are the only ones that matter.

There is a new land use working group, which will be holding monthly conference calls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month. Ms. Tribo is the co-chair.

Ms. Fran Geissler, James City County, asked whether latitude and longitude coordinates are required for every BMP. The state is moving toward that requirement as part of its verification protocol. Also, Ms. Tribo stated that standards are needed before local data can be used.

#### **5. Annual Report Documents**

Ms. Tribo presented the Regional Cooperation Summary and askHRGreen.org Annual Report to the Committee for its comments and recommendation. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the reports.

#### **6. Stormwater Budget**

Ms. Tribo presented the updated Stormwater Budget to the Committee for its approval. The budget has been updated since the September Stormwater Subcommittee meeting to reflect the final 2011 local population estimates from the Weldon Cooper Center. Also included in the budget are an increase in funding for staff and committee activities and level legal fees. No problems or questions were received from localities. Mr. David Kuzma, Newport News, made the motion to approve the budget, with Ms. Connie Bennett, York County, seconding the motion. The Committee voted to approve the budget.

#### **7. Coastal Zone Grant Project: Land and Water Quality Protection in Hampton Roads**

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of the Land and Water Quality Coastal Zone Grant Project. HRPDC staff intends to provide substantive

briefings at the November JEC meeting on the project's deliverables and submit a draft of the final products to the Committee for its comments as part of the December JEC meeting agenda package.

## 8. **Sea Level Rise and Extreme Event Workshop Briefing**

Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on a sea level rise/extreme events workshop held in Williamsburg on September 19 and 20; the workshop was organized by the Water Environment Research Foundation; additional partners included NOAA and EPA. The focus of the workshop was on case studies of how the water sector had dealt with extreme events such as sea level rise, hurricanes, and extreme precipitation events. The workshop featured several presentations and panels. WERF will be publishing a case study report based on their findings. Most of the policies discussed were "bottom up" rather than "top down". Communications challenges, including how to address uncertainty, were also discussed. Local government investments need to meet multiple objectives. Existing land use is also not consistent with protecting against extreme events. There appears to be no "silver bullet" for shoreline management.

Mr. Scott Rae, Gloucester, mentioned that Gloucester County and the Institute for Environmental Negotiation would be holding a sea level rise focus group on Friday, October 5.

Ms. Ellen Roberts, Poquoson, stated that one of the topics discussed was the service lives of buildings and facilities. She also expressed concern at if and how the Chesapeake Bay Model would incorporate climate change and wetlands loss for the 2017 update.

Mr. McFarlane reported that VIMS held a stakeholder advisory group meeting for the Recurrent Flooding Study following the WERF workshop. The meeting was a chance for VIMS staff to gather input from local and regional staff for the report. VIMS staff indicated that their recommendation would be for localities to plan for 1.5 feet of sea level rise.

## 9. **Status Reports**

HRPDC staff announced that the next meeting of the Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable will be held Wednesday, October 24 from 10am to 12pm at the Agricultural Research Center in Virginia Beach. The topic will be floating wetlands. Also, the first meeting of the Hampton Roads Adaptation Forum will be at VMASC on Tuesday, October 30.

VDOT staff reported that they are preparing for a visit from EPA to review their MS4 program.

Norfolk staff reported that Planning Director Frank Duke gave a presentation to the City Council on the FEMA Community Rating System; the presentation is available on the City's Flooding page (<http://www.norfolk.gov/flooding/>).

Williamsburg staff reported that DCR is reviewing the City's Erosion and Sediment Control Program.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation representatives reported that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Pleasure House Point in Virginia Beach to celebrate the land being conserved.

DEQ/Tidewater Regional Office staff reported that Ms. Liz McKercher is the new leader for the department's TMDL efforts and that Mr. Arthur Butt is the new head of water quality assessment. Also, Ms. Dinah Oliver has joined the office and will work on water quality assessments, planning, and TMDLs.

DCR staff announced that stormwater grants will be announced this Friday or the following week. The Stormwater Handbook chapters are available on DCR's website for review. DCR's survey on local programs resulted in 64 responses. Phase I Stormwater Training will be held later in October at HRPDC and VIMS; a draft agenda was included in the JEC agenda packet.

Poquoson staff announced that the Poquoson Seafood Fest will be held October 19, 2012.

The Virginia Water Environment Association will be holding a "Lunch & Learn" next Thursday, October 11. The subject will be Virginia Beach Public Schools and Low Impact Development.

#### 10. **Other Matters**

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