

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ITEM #15: HRSD REGIONAL CONSOLIDATION OF SANITARY SEWER ASSETS**

#### **A. BRIEFING BY HRSD**

##### **SUBJECT:**

HRSD and thirteen (13) of the localities have entered into a Special Order by Consent with the State Water Control Board to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows from the regional wastewater system. Consolidation of the region's sanitary sewer assets has been identified as a potential solution to several issues being discussed by HRSD and the localities.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

One of the guiding principles behind the regional effort to fulfill the requirements of the Special Order by Consent between the State Water Control Board, HRSD and 13 of the Hampton Roads localities to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows has been to achieve the most cost effective solution for the regional ratepayer. As the region gets closer to making commitments to significant infrastructure investments, this guiding principle has at times been in conflict with individual locality interests.

This presentation will highlight some of the issues the technical team has been trying to work through over the past several months and how one alternative (regionalization of sanitary sewer assets) has the potential to resolve many of these issues. Unlike other municipal utilities, the sanitary sewer system in Hampton Roads is integrally connected (on each side of the Hampton Roads), thus flows from each locality impact the others connected to the regional system. Regional Wet Weather Management Plan actions developed without concern for jurisdictional boundaries have the potential to be the most cost effective for the regional ratepayer.

Recognizing the need for a comprehensive study of this issue to fully evaluate the costs and benefits of regionalization of sanitary sewer assets, a majority of the local governments in Hampton Roads have passed or are scheduled to consider a resolution authorizing participation in such a study. An update on the scope and schedule for the study will be included with this presentation.

Mr. Ted Henifin, HRSD General Manager, will brief the Commission on this effort.

**B. CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT – SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM ASSET CONSOLIDATION STUDY**

**SUBJECT:**

Authorize consultant contract to undertake a Regional Sanitary Sewer System Consolidation Study.

**BACKGROUND:**

HRSD has requested that the HRPDC staff manage a study to explore consolidation of the region's sanitary sewer system assets on behalf of HRSD and the region's localities. A Steering Committee, comprised of representatives of the localities and HRSD, will assist in guiding the study.

The Steering Committee is being formed. It is expected that the Steering Committee will meet in early May to assist HRPDC and HRSD staffs in developing a Request for Proposals, including the study scope, schedule and fee.

This project is funded by the Hampton Roads Sanitation District.

Contract Amount: Estimate of approximately \$500,000

Period of Performance: July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

General Scope of Work: To be developed by HRSD, HRPDC and Steering Committee

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposals, pursue selection of a consultant and execute contracts with HRSD and the selected consultant for the Sanitary Sewer System Asset Consolidation Study.