

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #16: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the December 7, 2011 & January 4, 2012 Directors of Utilities Committee Meetings are attached.

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Attachment 16A-2

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

The meeting summary of the January 5, 2012 Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee and Regional Stormwater Management Committee Meeting is attached.

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C. SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The summary minutes of the January 5, 2012 Chesapeake Bay TMDL Steering Committee are attached.

Attachment 16C

D. PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Attached are status reports on other HRPDC programs.

Attachment 16D

**Summary Minutes
Directors of Utilities Committee
Meeting of January 4, 2012**

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on January 4, 2012. The following items were addressed during the initial closed session portion of the meeting:

- The Directors of Utilities that are party to the Joint Defense Agreement discussed the status of Special Order by Consent (SOC) activities and next steps.

The following items were addressed during the public portion of the meeting:

- Mr. Richard Stahr, Brown and Caldwell, provided a briefing on the status of rehabilitation planning activities for the Special Order by Consent for sanitary sewer system overflows. Local government staffs are encouraged to complete their rehabilitation plans and cost estimates by May 1, 2012 so localities can compare approaches and work out any concerns before the rehabilitation plans are submitted to DEQ on November 26, 2012.
- The Annual Committee Retreat included discussion of program direction for FY 2012-13 and budget planning for the water and wastewater programs. The draft budget will be revised according to the comments received during the discussion and will be distributed to the Committee for final review and endorsement.

Summary Minutes
Joint Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors
December 7, 2011

The Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors met on December 7, 2011. The following items were addressed during the meeting:

- Mr. Joel Silverman, CNA, provided a project status update on the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Water Supply Assessment and Emergency Response Training project. Most data collection activities and interviews with utilities, public health, and emergency management sectors were completed in September and October 2011. Preliminary analysis of trends and interdependencies will be presented to the Committee for discussion in February. Tabletop exercises, currently being developed, will be held on May 23, 2011 for Southside utilities and on May 24, 201 for Peninsula utilities.
- Mr. Scott Kudlas, Director of the Office of Surface and Ground Water Supply Planning, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), briefed the Committee on 1) groundwater-related issues, and 2) development of the State Water Resources Plan. Under groundwater issues, Mr. Kudlas summarized Norfolk's draft groundwater withdrawal permit, and provided permit status updates for West Point and International Paper. Regarding the State Water Supply Plan, Mr. Kudlas indicated that all local and regional water supply plans were received in compliance with the regulatory deadline. Due to staff vacancies and the activities of the State plan advisory committee, DEQ's schedule to complete plan reviews and a cumulative impact analysis will be extended from 12 months to 18 months.
- Mr. Dan Horne, Virginia Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water (ODW), briefed the group on the status of state and federal regulatory actions pertaining to drinking water and water utilities. Mr. Horne also advised the Committee of projects that are seeking VDH permits for private wells/emergency wells for emergency water supply systems for hospitals. The ODW is urging utilities to contact local hospitals to check if facilities are implementing these systems and to ensure that the utility is protected from cross connections. The Committee had received a presentation on this effort from a representative of the Eastern Region of Virginia Hospital Emergency Preparedness Coordinating Group at the November 2, 2011 meeting, and the Committee had expressed similar concerns.
- Mr. Phil Hubbard, HRSD, provided a summary of upcoming milestones for the EPA Consent Decree and Special Order by Consent for sanitary sewer system overflows. In addition to interim milestones, the final Rehabilitation Plans are to be submitted to DEQ on November 26, 2012. Rehabilitation Plan peak flow commitments will be used to develop the Regional Wet Weather Management Plan (RWWMP) due November 26, 2013. The schedule for RWWMP implementation must be negotiated with EPA after plan submittal.

MEETING SUMMARY
CHESAPEAKE BAY AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES
January 5, 2012

The Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees met on January 5, 2012. The following items were discussed.

- Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan.
- Ms. Peggy Sanner, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, gave a presentation to the Committee on local government authority to improve water quality and implement the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan, specifically the authority found in VAC 15.2-1200.
- Mr. Clay Bernick, Virginia Beach, gave a presentation to the Committee on Virginia Beach's efforts to protect and improve water quality through new ordinances and city policies, ordinance revisions, and programs to involve the public.
- Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, led a roundtable discussion on the expected impacts to local programs from new stormwater regulations and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. The Committee identified several specific impacts to consider as part of HRPDC's work program in 2012.
- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on two environmental impact reviews of regional significance, the Proposed 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017 and a State Corporation Commission application by Virginia Electric and Power Company for a Community Solar Power Program and Certification of Proposed Distributed Solar Generation Facilities. The Committee expressed general support for increasing solar power generation in the region, but had some concerns about possible exclusivity or the lack of involvement with private parties and local governments.
- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on the work program for 2012.

Summary Minutes
Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for the Chesapeake Bay
Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan
January 5, 2012

The Regional Steering Committee for the Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) met on January 5, 2012. The following items were addressed during the meeting:

- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on the latest developments in the Phase II WIP process. Virginia submitted the draft WIP report on December 15, 2011. Staff reviewed the schedule for completion of the regional report. Comments on the draft regional narrative are due to HRPDC staff on January 10, 2012. The revised regional appendix (narrative and preferred scenarios) will be provided for Committee review by noon on January 12, 2012; comments are due January 17, 2012 at 9 a.m. The final regional appendix will be distributed to HRPDC on January 17, 2012 by 3 p.m. for consideration at the January 19, 2012 Commission meeting. Pending any revisions per the Commission meeting, staff will provide the final package to localities on January 23, 2012. Local submittals are due to DCR on February 1, 2012. Committee members clarified the use of local submittals during question and answers with the DCR representative.
- The Committee discussed the review draft of the narrative portion of the regional appendix, which was distributed for review on January 4, 2012. HRPDC staff collected comments for incorporation in four key areas of the report. Additional written comments will be accepted by HRPDC staff until January 10, 2012.
- HRPDC staff updated the Committee on the effort toward developing a regional scenario which meets the Phase I WIP level of effort. Staff summarized the data received thus far from local governments. Staff will be following up with individual localities regarding questions or missing data. Staff reviewed the methodology and assumptions being applied in development of the regional scenario. Questions and clarifications were discussed, and the Committee provided feedback on decision points identified by HRPDC staff.
- Roundtable updates were provided by Committee members, and preliminary plans were made regarding the February meeting schedule.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

1. Regional Housing Program

Housing & Human Services Technical Assistance

The Housing & Human Services Staff continues to work with the South Hampton Roads Disability Services Board and facilitated a strategic planning work session with the committee in December to reevaluate the Board's workplan for 2012. While the actual state program was discontinued in 2009, the SHRDSB has worked diligently to continue to assist in identifying and addressing the needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Suffolk.

The staff is also working with the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium on an upcoming regional meeting to discuss the impact of the newly announced Rapid Re-housing initiative as it relates to homelessness. On November 17, 2011, Governor Bob McDonnell announced a new initiative to support communities in increasing Rapid Re-housing training and capacity in an effort to reduce rates of homelessness for children and their families. This initiative is aimed to assist the Commonwealth's goal of reducing homelessness by fifteen percent for children and their families in urban, suburban, and rural communities across Virginia. Staff members are assisting in organizing a regional discussion in January with the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness to explore and discuss regional needs.

Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership

The staff is continuing to provide downpayment and closing cost assistance to qualified first-time homebuyer in the region through HOME Funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

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. Over the past month, the staff has responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

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. While the REMTAC has not officially convened since September, 2011, staff continues to support ongoing projects and ancillary Committees and Workgroups. REMTAC electronically voted on December 7, 2011, to continue to support the following FY12 projects, if FY12 UASI grant funds are awarded:

The FY12 REMTAC Supported Urban Area Security Investments that moved forward include:

- WebEOC Support & Sustainment
- Special Needs Planning Sustainment
- Regional Exercise

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

HRPDC staff continues to work with Virginia Beach to begin HRTacRAN redundant system installation. In review, Virginia Beach (as recipient of the FY08 UASI Communication award) received approval from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to modify the FY08 UASI grant to support HRTacRAN. The intent was to utilize a preexisting contract. However, a contract to support this initiative could not be found requiring Virginia Beach to go out for bid. With the addition of the bid process, Virginia Beach requires additional time to expend the funds before the end of the FY08 performance period (currently extended to February 29, 2012). HRPDC staff and Virginia Beach continue to explore several options to utilize allocated FY08 UASI funds.

Since the October update, the HRPDC has formally requested an extension from DHS. The decision is still pending and would constitute an exception on the part of DHS as extension requests are usually not considered until the last 60 days of the performance period (January 1, 2012 for the fiscal year 2008) However, during the October 24, 2011, Urban Area Work Group (UAWG) meeting, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) indicated that work on the fiscal year 2008 project must be completed by February 29, 2012, but Virginia Beach would be allowed an additional 60 days to close out the project administratively. Based on this information, communications representatives from Virginia Beach indicated that it would be possible to release the bid without approval of the extension. Furthermore, a preexisting contract may have been discovered that could be utilized to install the redundant HRTacRan microwave ring.

On January 9, 2012, Virginia Department of Emergency Management advised the HRPDC staff that the time extension has been approved.

FY12 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

The HOEPS committee formally met in December and further focused seminar content. Subsequently, venues have been evaluated and contracts agreed upon. The seminars will occur 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 Tabletop Exercise is undergoing development with the assistance of Donna Brehm of CRA.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

The HRPDC and Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee plan updates (for the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Southampton Hazard Mitigation Plan) are complete and have been adopted or are being scheduled for adoption.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP) Support

The Emergency Management staff continues to support the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) to ensure existing projects and data are integrated.

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). Currently the focus of the UAWG is ensuring that all FY08 funds are spent within the performance period of the grant, beginning closeout procedures for FY09, and sustainment planning in the event that UASI funds are no longer received. The UAWG has requested a project briefing in February, 2012 for initiatives funded with the fiscal year 2009 UASI grant. Lastly, Hampton Roads has not been awarded fiscal year 2011 funds as they are currently tied to the award of the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), which is still going through the application process.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs

The Special Needs Subcommittee met in December and discussed the registry and its utilization and how best to survey the localities on it and the use of shelters during Irene. Hampton Roads Transit was engaged by the Subcommittee in a dialogue to better improve transportation and sheltering coordination as a result of Irene.

Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (HR CIPP)

HRPDC staff is working with the Office of Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs to reengage stakeholders and the HR CIPP working group.

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.

Additional work on a special newspaper geared to area sixth grade students has begun, with a fall delivery date for the region's schools.

Recent online information regarding Christmas tree recycling received considerable coverage in area newspapers and news websites.

<http://askhrgreen.org/how-to-recycle-your-naturally-grown-christmas-tree-in-hampton-roads/>



5. Legislative Tracking

Several bills of interest are being tracked in the 2012 General Assembly session. Of note, HB 124—Plastic Bag Tax, HB 92—UDAs, HBs 69 and 70—Energy related matters, SB 77—Nutrient Trading, HJ 3, HB5 and SJ 3—Eminent Domain issues and HJ 2—JLARC study. Anticipated, but not yet filed, legislation regarding DCR program, Integration bill, WQIF bond authority and uranium mining.

6. Air Quality Regulations

On September 2, 2011, President Obama announced that he had requested the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw the draft Ozone National Ambient

Air Quality Standards. Subsequently, EPA announced that it would proceed with implementation of the 2008 ozone standard of 75 parts per billion and requested state recommendations on designation of areas as attainment or nonattainment. In November, EPA gave preliminary approval to DEQ's recommendations.

In November 2011, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality submitted its recommendations on nonattainment areas to EPA for approval. Based on improved air quality conditions, DEQ recommended that the Hampton Roads, Fredericksburg and Richmond areas be designated as attainment areas under the 2008 ozone standard. The Northern Virginia portion of the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area would continue to be designated as a nonattainment area. In November 2011, EPA advised DEQ that the state's recommendations on attainment/nonattainment status were accepted.

In announcing withdrawal of the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard in September, the Obama Administration and EPA indicated that EPA would proceed with further consideration of revisions to the ozone standard in 2013 following completion of the review of the scientific literature by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee later in 2011. This would put the standards review on the normal five-year regulatory schedule. There remains the potential that EPA will propose a further downward revision to the standard again in 2014.