

November 24, 2020

Memorandum #2020-148

TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members

BY: Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer

RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting – December 3, 2020

The next meeting of the **HRPDC Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, December 3, 2020**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the committee members, staff, and the general public, the Regional Environmental Committee meeting will be held electronically via Webex. Participants can join using the following information:

Join by computer: <https://hrpdc-418.my.webex.com/hrpdc-418.my/j.php?MTID=m79b5251a0174bd16c1ca9c8e4cfdeda6>

-or-

Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001

Meeting Number / Access Code: 126 075 0386

Password: 735Hshipp4b (73547447 from phones)

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Attachments

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 3, 2020
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the November 5, 2020 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee (REC).

The summary and attendance sheets of the above meeting are attached.

Attachments: 1A_NovemberMeetingSummary_REC_03Dec2020
1B_NovemberMeetingAttendance_REC_03Dec2020

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Tidewater Air Monitoring Evaluation Project

Mr. Charles "Chuck" Turner, DEQ Manager of Air Quality Monitoring, will brief the Committee on DEQ's Tidewater Air Monitoring Evaluation Project. Recently, as a result of funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, a new study will be launched to examine coal dust and other toxins in Norfolk and Newport News.

ACTION: None required

4. Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan Framework

Governor Northam announced the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan Framework on October 22, 2020. The framework implements part of the governor's Executive Order 24 and is intended to guide the development of a master plan for the commonwealth's resilience policy and project implementation efforts. The framework establishes principles and goals and identifies several next steps, including the creation of a technical advisory committee. The framework is available online at <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Virginia-Coastal-Resilience-Master-Planning-Framework-October-2020.pdf>. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the framework.

Attachments: 4 – Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan Framework Overview

ACTION: None required

5. Current Events from the York River and Small Coastal Basins Roundtable (YRSCBR)

Ms. Cirse Gonzalez, Coastal Training Program Coordinator for Chesapeake Bay NERR – Virginia, will brief the Committee on the background and current events of the YRSCBR. HRPDC staff have attended both the Roundtable and the Habitat Steering Subcommittee meetings in 2020. Ms. Gonzalez will provide an overview and discuss new initiatives that may lead to funding opportunities and new partnerships for BMP implementation within the York River watershed.

ACTION: None required

6. Virginia Bay Enhancement Working Group (VA BEWG) and Beneficial Use of Dredge Material

In an effort to address issues related to the placement of dredged material from the Virginia portion of the 50-foot channel that leads to Baltimore, a working group was formed. The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) is the sponsor for the dredging project and lead for the working group. The working group will help devise alternatives for the beneficial use of this dredge material that is to no longer be placed in Virginia waters, negatively affecting the crab population. The group has met once and Mr. Ben McFarlane and Dr. KC Filippino will brief the Committee on the background and path forward.

ACTION: None required

7. Other Matters

Regional Environmental Committee – Voting:

Chesapeake

Barbara Brumbaugh

James City

Toni Small
Michael Woolson

Smithfield

Tammie Clary

Williamsburg

Heather Markle
Aaron Small

Franklin

Carlee Smith

Newport News

Angela Hopkins
Allison Watts

Southampton

Beth Lewis

Windsor

Vacant
Vacant

Gloucester

Mike Hudgins
Kevin Landry

Norfolk

Justin Shafer
June Whitehurst

Suffolk

Erin Rountree

York

Anna Drake

Hampton

David Imburgia
Greta Hawkins

Poquoson

Dannan O’Connell
Ellen Roberts

Surry

Vacant

Isle of Wight

David Kuzma

Portsmouth

Meg Pittenger
Thomas Quattlebaum

Virginia Beach

Melanie Coffey
Diana St. John

Regional Environmental Committee – Non-Voting:

HRSD

Jamie Mitchell
Kevin M. Parker
Jennifer Reitz

NAVY

Tara Fisher
Brian Powell
Phillip S. Winslow, Jr.

SWCD

Stacey Bradshaw
Tara Outland-Williams
Jim Wallace

VDEQ

Noah Hill
John Kennedy

VDOT

Jennifer Dail
Andrew B. Scott

VDOF

Bryant Bays
Meghan Mulroy-Goldman

USGS

Mark Bennett

NOAA

Andrew Larkin