

January 27, 2017

**Memorandum #2017-13**

**TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members**

**BY: Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Planner**

**RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting – February 2, 2017**

The next meeting of the **HRPDC Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017** in the **HRPDC Board Room, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

**Please RSVP by January 31, 2017** so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

Copy: Dale Mullen, McGuire Woods

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**Regional Environmental Committee – Voting:**

Joseph Brogan, YK	Carolyn Murphy, WM
Barbara Brumbaugh, CH	David Parks, SU
Melanie Coffey, VB	Scott Rae, GL
Anna Drake, YK	Ellen Roberts, P.E., PQ
Fran C. Geissler, JC	Erin Rountree, SU
Donald E. Goodwin, FR/SO	Rhonda L. Russell, AICP, SY
Wayne Griffin, SM	William Saunders, SM
Joe Grist, NN	Justin Shafer, NO
John Harbin, CH	Aaron Small, WM
Kim Hummel, IW	Scott Thomas, JC
David Imburgia, HA	Allison Watts, NN
David Kuzma, IW	June Whitehurst, NO
Beth Lewis AICP, FR/SO	Kevin Wyne, PQ
Melissa Lindgren, P.E., IW	

**Regional Environmental Committee – Non Voting:**

Mark Bennett, USGS	Kevin Landry, VDEQ
Stacey Bradshaw, SWCD	Ved Malhotra, PO
William S. Bullard, Navy	Jamie Mitchell, HRSD
David J. Cotnoir, Navy	Shep Moon, VDEQ
Paul Cuomo, JC	Rachel Morales, PO
Jennifer Dail, VDOT	Brian Noyes, SWCD
Sarah E. Diebel, Navy	Tara Outland-Williams, SWCD
Roger K. Everton, VDEQ	Kevin M. Parker, HRSD
Tara Gallagher, VB	Jennifer Reitz, HRSD
Chuck Griffin, SWCD	Angela Rivas, VB
Todd Herbert, NASA Langley	Joan Salvati, VDEQ
Noah Hill, VDEQ	Andrew B. Scott, VDOT
Will Hunley, HRSD	Shawn Smith, VDEQ
John Kennedy, VDEQ	Diana St. John, VB
Arthur M. Kirkby, VDCR	Phillip S. Winslow Jr., Navy

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Whitney Katchmark	Joe Turner

**AGENDA  
MEETING OF THE  
HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 2, 2017  
10:00 A.M.**

**1. Summary of the January 5, 2017 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee (REC).**

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

**Attachments:** 1A – January REC Meeting Summary  
1B – January REC Meeting Attendance

**ACTION:** Accept the Meeting Summary

**2. Public Comments**

**3. Joint Land Use Study Update**

Joint Land Use Studies (JLUS) are funded by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment to help communities identify and address civilian development and other issues that adversely affect military missions and readiness. Three JLUS projects are currently in development or underway in Hampton Roads: Peninsula, Norfolk-Virginia Beach, and Portsmouth-Chesapeake. The South Hampton Roads projects are being managed by the HRPDC. The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on the status of these projects and provide an overview of the focus areas and goals for each.

**ACTION:** None required

**4. Eastern Branch Restoration Plan**

Mr. Joe Rieger, Deputy Director of Restoration for the Elizabeth River Project, will provide an update on the plan for restoring the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River. The restoration plan was developed in 2014 and is an effort to revitalize one of the four main tributaries of the Elizabeth River. After being awarded \$750,000 in federal funds, the first meeting for the implementation team took place in December 2016. The effort will affect citizens across Norfolk, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach by improving habitat, reduce pollution, and addressing contaminated sediments on the river bottom, among other initiatives. Mr. Rieger will discuss the plan, the proposed work, results of the first meeting, and future endeavors.

**ACTION:** None required

**5. DEQ Updates**

Mr. Roger Everton, Water Compliance Manager, and Ms. Kristie Britt, Regional TMDL Nonpoint Source Coordinator, from DEQ's Tidewater Regional Office will brief the

committee on the current organization and points of contact, local TMDL process and priorities, nonpoint source grants, and local monitoring.

**ACTION:** None required

**6. Regional Public Access Plan Update**

In October 2016 the HRPDC received a grant from the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program to develop a regional strategic plan for public access to the water. The goal of the plan is to identify existing public access facilities and areas where opportunities exist for additional public access facilities. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the plan for the project and lead a discussion of existing local plans and facilities.

**ACTION:** None required

**7. MS4 General Permit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update**

The current MS4 general permit expires on June 30, 2018. HRPDC staff is participating in the TAC to develop a draft regulation for the new MS4 general permit. The TAC met twice in January, and Ms. Jill Sunderland will provide an overview of the discussions. The TAC agreed to first examine the language in the base regulation and the six minimum control measures before addressing the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) anticipates having a new draft regulation out for public comment this fall.

**ACTION:** None required

**8. Coastal Zone Program Update**

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on matters related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, including an overview of the competitive focal area grant program for FY17. The Committee will discuss proposals for grant applications to be submitted in March 2017.

**Attachments:** 8A – FY17 Competitive Grant Request for Proposals

**ACTION:** None required

**9. Status Reports**

- A. Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- B. Hampton Roads Sanitation District
- C. Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- D. Department of Conservation and Recreation
- E. Department of Environmental Quality
- F. U.S. Geological Survey
- G. Department of Transportation

- H. U.S. Navy
- I. Local Programs

**ACTION:** None required

**10. Other Matters**