

January 25, 2018

**Memorandum #2018-06**

**TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members**

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

**RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting – February 1, 2018**

The next meeting of the **HRPDC Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018** in the **HRPDC Board Room, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

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

Attachments

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**Regional Environmental Committee – Voting:**

**Chesapeake**

Barbara Brumbaugh  
John Harbin

**James City**

Fran C. Geissler  
Michael Woolson

**Smithfield**

Wayne Griffin  
William Saunders

**Windsor**

Vacant  
Vacant

**Franklin/Southampton**

Donald E. Goodwin  
Beth Lewis, AICP

**Newport News**

Joe Grist  
Allison Watts

**Suffolk**

David Parks  
Erin Rountree

**York**

Joseph Brogan  
Anna Drake

**Gloucester**

Garrey Curry

**Norfolk**

Justin Shafer  
June Whitehurst

**Surry**

Rhonda Russell  
Vacant

**Hampton**

David Imburgia  
Sharon Surita

**Poquoson**

Dannan O'Connell  
Ellen Roberts, PE

**Virginia Beach**

Melanie Coffey  
Diana St. John

**Isle of Wight**

Kim Hummel  
Melissa Lindgren

**Portsmouth**

Vacant  
Vacant

**Williamsburg**

Carolyn Murphy  
Aaron Small

**Regional Environmental Committee – Non-Voting:**

**HRSD**

Will Hunley  
Jamie Mitchell  
Kevin M. Parker  
Jennifer Reitz

Tara Fisher

Shawn Fluharty  
Brian Powell  
Phillip S. Winslow, Jr.  
Adam Wright

**VDCR**

Arthur M. Kirkby

**VDEQ**

Roger K. Everton  
Noah Hill  
John Kennedy  
Kevin Landry  
Elizabeth Polak  
Joan Salvati

**VDOT**

Jennifer Dail  
Andrew B. Scott

**USGS**

Mark Bennett

**NASA Langley**

Vacant

**SWCD**

Stacey Bradshaw  
Chuck Griffin  
Tara Outland-Williams  
Jim Wallace

**Navy**

David J. Cotnoir  
Sarah E. Diebel

**HRPDC Staff:**

Keith Cannady  
Katie Cullipher  
Robert Crum  
Rebekah Eastep  
Katherine Filippino  
Ashley Gordon  
Greg Grootendorst

Whitney Katchmark  
Sara Kidd  
Ben McFarlane  
Matt Smith  
Tiffany Smith  
Jill Sunderland  
Joe Turner

**AGENDA  
MEETING OF THE  
HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 1, 2018  
10:00 A.M.**

**1. Summary of the December 7, 2017 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee (REC).**

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

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

**ACTION:** Accept the Meeting Summary

**2. Public Comments**

**3. Outcomes from the ‘Catch the King’ Tide Project**

In November 2017 a group of media companies, NGOs, and universities conducted a citizen science project to engage Hampton Roads residents on the issues of flooding and sea level rise. “Catch the King” had over 500 participants from around the region and collected over 50,000 flooding measurements during the November 5<sup>th</sup> highest astronomical tide event. Dr. Derek Loftis, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, will brief the Committee about the outcomes of the project and how the data collected is being used to model flooding and sea level rise.

**ACTION:** None required

**4. Virginia Beach Neighborhood Channel Dredging**

The City of Virginia Beach Neighborhood Channel Dredging Program assists communities in re-establishing navigational channels. The program incorporates the establishment of Special Service Districts, which require waterfront property owners to pay a surcharge on their real estate taxes for navigational dredging. Daniel Adams, Coastal Program Manager, will discuss financing strategies and highlight project successes and challenges associated with the dredging program.

**ACTION:** None required

**5. Resilient Hampton Report**

*Resilient Hampton* is the City of Hampton's effort to build on its participation in the *Dutch Dialogues Virginia: Life at Sea Level*. The report details the work completed as part of Phase I of the *Resilient Hampton* initiative. Phase I assesses the causes of flooding affecting the City, identifies key values and principles to guide decision-making, and recommends community-driven strategies to improve resilience.

**ACTION:** None required

**6. Regional Strategic Plan for Public Access to Waterways**

HRPDC staff will present the final report for the CZM grant project, "Regional Strategic Plan for Public Access to Waterways." This project involved identifying the demand for public access to waterways in Hampton Roads, analyzing potential opportunities to expand public access, and collecting an inventory of existing public access sites in the region. An interactive map application, which can be accessed at [fishswimplay.com](http://fishswimplay.com), was also developed for the public to search and explore public access sites in the region. Staff will present the findings and solicit feedback from the Committee. Additional comments will be accepted through February 9, 2018.

**ACTION:** None required

**ATTACHMENT:** 6 - Regional Strategic Plan for Public Access to Waterways

**7. Update on Chesapeake Solar Farm Applications**

As a follow-up to the Committee's discussion in November, John Harbin, Principal Planner with the City of Chesapeake, will provide an update on the outcome of solar farm applications that have recently been considered by the Chesapeake City Council.

**ACTION:** None required

**8. 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session Update**

HRPDC staff will provide an update on bills under consideration in the 2018 General Assembly legislative session relevant to the Committee's work in the areas of environmental planning, land use, water quality, stormwater, and coastal zone management.

**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**