

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**January 8, 2020**  
**Newport News**

**1. Summary of the December 4, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors**

There were no comments on or revisions to the summary of the December 4, 2019 Committee meeting.

**ACTION:** The summary of the December 4, 2019 meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee was approved.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3. Regional Emergency Management Committees Update.**

Mr. David Jurgens, Chesapeake, is serving as the Public Utilities representative on the regional emergency management committees. He serves on the All Hazard Advisory Committee (AHAC) and the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). He updated the Committee on the proposed priorities for projects apply for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds. Priority will be given to infrastructure grant applications that serve multiple localities, take an all hazards approach and improve security. The AHAC and UAWG groups will publish guidelines later in the year for how to apply for the grants and the finalized priorities.

**ACTION:** No Action

**4. Utility Easements as Trail**

Mr. Steve Lambert, HRTPO, leads regional planning efforts for bike and pedestrian transportation. He provided an example of how the HRTPO has already worked with Newport News on using utility easements for the Birth of America Trail. He reviewed future opportunities for the use of utility easements for mixed use trails around the region. Mr. Jurgens commented how trails on utility easements can provide easy access for staff. Mr. Lambert asked the Committee to share any maps that they have that include water/sewer pipeline and/or easements.

**ACTION:** HRPDC staff will send out a data request for locality pipelines and/or easement maps.

## 5. Source Water Protection Updates and next steps

Ms. Katie Krueger, HRPDC, updated the Committee on staff work with the Source Water Protection Plan. HRPDC staff has successfully updated and refined the potential sources of contamination inventory. Additionally, staff has reached out to locality staff and consultants who are working on either source water protection or risk and resilience assessments to determine an initial meeting time for the Risk and Resilience Subcommittee. The goal of this subcommittee is to better refine the inventory of potential sources of contamination and to compare assumptions and analysis used by localities for risk and resilience assessments.

**ACTION:** No Action

## 6. 2020 Work Program

Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, reviewed the proposed FY2021 water and wastewater work program. Proposed projects include reviewing water and sewer rates among the localities, tracking private/unregulated wells in the region, researching the link between groundwater permit changes and groundwater levels, and researching septic tank program options for the region. The Committee asked that HRPDC staff to do additional research into the requirements and resources for the upcoming EPA mandated lead service line inventory.

**ACTION:** No Action

## 7. Legislative Priorities Roundtable

Ms. Krueger reviewed some of the bills that have been submitted to the 2020 General Assembly, including the proposed budget increases for DEQ, lead testing bills, banning hydraulic fracturing in the Eastern Groundwater Management Area, and studying the effects the occurrence of PFOA, PFOS, and PFAS in Virginia's public drinking water.

**ACTION:** No Action

## 8. Staff Reports

- **Fats, Oils and Grease MOA** – Ms. Katchmark requested that localities send the signed MOA to Ms. Katie Krueger, HRPDC.
- **HRSD Integrated Plan – First Amendment to 2014 MOA** – The integrated plan is close to being finalized
- **2020 Meeting Schedule** – Staff reviewed the 2020 DUC meeting schedule
- **Updates from winter conferences** – Ms. Krueger attended two conferences over the winter, including the National Groundwater Association annual conference and the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Management annual conference. During these conferences Ms. Krueger was able to learn more about VDH requirements for asset management plans, climate resiliency projects around the county, case studies on completing risk and resilience assessment

requirements, examples of groundwater use reduction incentives, and updates to MODFLOW

- **Upcoming Grants/Loans** - Upcoming deadlines include the Virginia Pooled Financing Program (February 7), and the VDH Drinking Water State Revolving Program and Water Supply Assistance Grant (April 1)

The next meeting of the Directors of Utilities will be on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 in Newport News.