

**MEETING SUMMARY
MEETING OF THE
DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE
June 5, 2019
Chesapeake**

1. Summary of the May 1, 2019 Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee

ACTION: The summary of the May 1, 2019 meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee was approved.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Due to the tragedy at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center on Friday, May 31, 2019, the agenda for the meeting was changed. The joint meeting with the Directors of Health was postponed to July 10, 2019.

Ms. Whitney Katchmark provided the following updates:

New Water Resources Planner

The HRPDC hired a new Water Resources Planner, Ms. Katie Krueger, who will begin work on July 1, 2019. Ms. Katchmark described some of the tasks she anticipates Ms. Krueger will be working on, including learning the Virginia Hydro online tool, researching sources of contamination for the Source Water Protection Plan, and assessing groundwater trends.

Fats, Oils, and Greases MOA

Ms. Katchmark asked the Directors how long they anticipated it would take to have the new FOG MOA signed. In order to route the MOA through their attorney's offices and councils/boards, the Directors estimated about six months.

Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP)

The Commonwealth has asked for comments on Virginia's draft Phase III WIP. Ms. Katchmark highlighted a few of the comments included in the regional comment letter. Though it is encouraging that Virginia intends to develop a WIP specifically for state lands, the HRPDC is requesting that Virginia expand the scope to include all state lands, including authorities like airports and ports.

Ms. Katchmark spoke briefly regarding the impact of HRSD's SWIFT project and the intended closure of the Boat Harbor plant on Virginia's WIP. The state is relying on the significant nutrient reductions in the James River basin to trade with the Potomac River basin to meet the 2025 goals; however, DEQ has reported that reductions in the James

River basin are 1/6 as effective as reductions in the Potomac River basin in improving the quality of the main stem of the Bay.

The HRPDC will also comment that projects in the James River basin, such as HRSD's Boat Harbor closure, should be a priority for the state when allocating WQIF, especially if the state is using these projects to meet the 2025 Bay TMDL goals.

The last issue discussed was the way in which Virginia incorporated EPA's expectations for addressing climate change impacts. Though the requirement was to include a description of the strategies in an adaptive management process, Virginia included numeric reductions that were based on inconsistent model runs. The HRPDC will comment that this approach was premature and instead recommend documenting the resiliency projects that the region has completed or proposes to complete.

Mission H₂O Membership

The goals and initiatives for Mission H₂O this year include maintaining dialogue with legislators and DEQ, participating in the development and implementation of the State Water Resources Plan, protecting the grandfathering provision, participating in water supply management, advocating for regional water supply issues, monitoring projects, coordinating the HB 1036, and legislative tracking. The Directors find the legislative tracking to be particularly useful. A regional membership costs \$6,000, which Ms. Katchmark indicated could be covered with old money. The Directors will vote via email.

The next meeting of the Directors of Utilities will be a joint meeting with the Health Directors on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 in Newport News.