

**MEETING SUMMARY
MEETING OF THE
DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

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.

3. Annual Water and Wastewater Rate Data Call

Ms. Katchmark reported that the data call has been complete and will circulate the power point slides to the Committee. She circulated the Excel spreadsheet and will field any questions or concerns that the group may have. The Committee was asked whether or not fire protection services fees should be included and many say to continue to include it as it is part of the water service.

ACTION: Ms. Katchmark will send out the power point presentation.

4. Fats, Oils and Grease Enforcement MOA

Mr. Steve Motley of VA Beach presented on their FOG program and how well the regional approach is working for their locality. They have seen decreases in FOG-related infractions and continue to see SSOs decline as a result. VB also uses an acoustic inspection tool, SL-RAT, that helps them decrease the frequency of clean outs. Gloucester and Isle of Wight offered to demo their tools at any locality's request. A draft of the original FOG MOA was presented by Ms. Katie Cullipher. A few changes were made since the last MOA was signed in 2007. The Committee agreed to the amendments and added one to update the Consent Decree amendment date in the MOA.

ACTION: Ms. Cullipher will update the MOA and send out for locality approval and execution.

5. DoD Joint Land Use Studies (JLUS) and Resiliency

The Norfolk-Virginia Beach JLUS includes recommendations that overlap with utilities. Ms. Katchmark asked the Committee who has working relationships with their military installations. Many have military liaisons but they either do not meet regularly or do not talk about specific utility issues. Most localities discuss utility concerns with military installations if there are immediate concerns. Virginia Beach often discusses backflow issues. HRSD's conversations are limited to permit-related issues. Ms. Katchmark will send out a point of contact list for utility-related issues on military installations once it is completed. HRSD then discussed their upcoming resiliency plan. They will undertake a 2-year study to look at critical water levels (SLR, category 3 hurricanes, etc.) and run scenarios for how those will affect facilities within their service area. They are modelling it after Norfolk's Moores Bridges water treatment plant storm surge guidance. Norfolk had great success with this plan which was not overly expensive.

6. Groundwater Trading Workgroup

Ms. Katchmark briefed the Committee on the most recent groundwater trading workgroup meeting. Trading and banking of water injected to the aquifer were both discussed but DEQ has issues with credit duration and with whom to trade with. The workgroup hasn't come to any decisions yet. The next meeting is May 7.

7. Staff Reports

- **SSORS status:** Everyone was reminded that if an incident was reported to DEQ during the time that SSORS was down, the locality must still report that incident to SSORS.
- **HRSD Integrated Plan – First Amendment to the 2014 MOA:** There is one outstanding locality left to sign the MOA, HRSD is working with them and it will be signed soon.
- **Regional Construction Standards:** The annual meeting is June 3 and the Committee was reminded to email their representatives to HRPDC prior to that meeting.
- **Agenda items for joint meeting with Health Directors on June 5th:** Committee members agreed to all of the recommended topics and one locality would like to see funding sources for extending lines related to fluoride concerns.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Health Directors and the Directors of Utilities on June 5, 2019 at the HRPDC offices in Chesapeake.