

Work Group is to report recommendations, including recommended program components, to the State Water Commission and DEQ Director no later than July 1, 2020.

Ms. Whitney Katchmark gave an update on the recent groundwater trading workgroup meeting (July 22). She explained that the DEQ is not supportive of groundwater trading credits due to high costs and a difficult modelling framework associated with enforcing the trades. Ms. Katchmark urged the committee to consider if they would like to push for the use of groundwater credits, especially when considering HRSD's SWIFT project. The general committee response was to not push for legislation that allowed for the trading of groundwater credits.

ACTION: No Action

7. Staff Reports

- **Fats, Oils and Grease MOA** – Ms. Katchmark requested that localities send signed MOA to the HRPDC.
- **HRSD Integrated Plan – First Amendment to 2014 MOA:** Gloucester updated the Committee that the county attorney sent more comments to HRSD.
- **Funding Opportunities Update** – Ms. Katchmark reviewed funding opportunities available for public works. Staff will keep an eye on upcoming deadlines and send out reminder emails. Ms. Katchmark asks that committee members send feedback if they would like more information on the grants or loans and to also provide feedback on why they do not apply to these opportunities if applicable.
- **Waterworks Advisory Committee** – Ms. Katchmark reviewed the meeting summary of the most recent Waterworks Advisory Committee meeting, including the potential increase in connection fees charged by VDH.
- **EO-6 Report** – Ms. Katchmark reviewed the report sent to Governor Northam; *Supporting the Critical Role of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in Protection of Virginia's Air, Water, and Public Health*, which addressed shortcomings due to lack of funds for DEQ.
- **American Water Infrastructure Act Resources and Training (AWIA)** Ms. Katchmark reviewed resources and training events for complying with AWIA requirements:
 - September 5, 2019 (1:00 - 2:30) – US EPA Updated Risk Assessment and Emergency Response Plan Tools Webinar
 - October 16, 2019 (All Day) – In person or web accessible training – Pittsburg, PA
 - November 11, 2019 (All Day) – In person or web accessible training – Annapolis, MD

8. Other Business