

**Attachment 1A**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 7, 2018**  
**Newport News**

**1. Summary of the October 5, 2018 Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee**

There were no comments on, or revisions to the summary of the October 5, 2018 Committee meeting.

**ACTION:** The summary of the October 5, 2018 meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee was approved.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3. Roanoke River Basin Association (RRBA)**

Mr. Scott Van Der Hyde, RRBA Executive Director, briefed the Committee on the status of the RRBA's programs, legislative issues, and funding.

Mr. Van Der Hyde discussed relevant issues to the RRBA, including uranium mining, coal ash, and natural gas pipelines. He mentioned a rezoning request by Virginia Uranium that was defeated in Pittsylvania County in August 2018. There were concerns that the proposed rezoning would enable uranium mining to take place on a 24-acre property. Mr. Van Der Hyde also discussed efforts related to coal ash. He described the impacts of Duke Energy's 2014 coal ash spill on the Dan River, which has caused ash to settle in the sediment. RRBA is seeking to prevent future incidents from occurring at other sites and is anticipating a trial between Duke Energy and insurance companies to take place in July 2019.

RRBA has partnered with the Dan River Basin Association and Key Log Economics, LLC to participate in an Ecosystem Services assessment project. The project will comprehensively examine a broad suite of services, which may include water supply, water purification, and water-based recreation, including their spatial distribution and value across the entire Roanoke River Basin. This will help planners, resource managers, and others understand and prioritize actions to restore ecosystem functions in the Basin. Mr. Van Der Hyde anticipated the initial project to be complete in spring 2019.

Mr. Van Der Hyde also discussed legislative efforts of the RRBA. The only issue in which the RRBA is lobbying is on uranium mining. He mentioned RRBA plans to participate in the Virginia Conservation Network's Symposium in December 2018.

Last, Mr. Van Der Hyde discussed RRBA's efforts to secure additional funding. He indicated RRBA is continuing to engage localities at symposiums and through letter requests. The Committee suggested continuing these discussions and recommended in-person meetings to effectively build a network.

RRBA will provide another program update to the HRPDC in spring 2019.

**ACTION:** No action.

#### **4. Help To Others (H2O)**

Mr. Moses Foster, President and CEO of West Cary Group, and Rachael Krance, Senior Account Director, discussed their strategy to rebrand and facilitate a comprehensive fundraising campaign for the H2O assistance program. HRPDC engaged West Cary Group for these services after issuing a Request for Proposal earlier this year.

Mr. Foster shared preliminary thoughts about the H2O program, including name and identity exploration; website improvements such as how to redesign the donations page; a campaign around the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program; materials created for distribution such as brochures; corporate sponsorships; and a social media strategy to increase awareness of the program.

The Committee discussed how to measure the success of changes to the program and how to raise awareness through existing channels. Moving forward, West Cary Group will provide periodic updates to the Committee. There will also be a meeting with the Salvation Army staffs who administer the H2O program at the end of November.

**ACTION:** No action.

#### **5. Safe Yield and Groundwater Update**

Ms. Whitney Katchmark discussed proposed changes to the definition of "safe yield" being considered by the Virginia Department of Health Waterworks Advisory Committee. The Committee reviewed aspects of proposed definitions from VDH and Mission H2O. Members acknowledged this issue may be ongoing for some time.

Ms. Katchmark also mentioned the initial meeting of the Groundwater Trading Working Group, which is considering the creation of a long-term groundwater trading program. The Committee discussed capability of long-term trading, program details, use of aquifers for storage, and guidelines on groundwater and surface water compliance.

**ACTION:** No action.

## 6. Water Supply Plan Compliance

Ms. Katchmark reviewed the revised locality demand projections and the outstanding compliance items that DEQ identified for the five-year Regional Water Supply Plan update due in December 2018. Localities in attendance discussed potential updates for these items.

**ACTION:** Ms. Katchmark will follow-up with DEQ to discuss outstanding items further.

## 7. Staff Reports

- **HRSD Integrated Plan – First Amendment to the 2014 MOA:** Ms. Katchmark noted December 2018 is the targeted deadline for locality execution of the First Amendment to the 2014 MOA with HRSD for the Integrated Plan/Regional Wet Weather Management Plan. As of October 31, 2018, the HRPDC has received signature pages from Smithfield, Williamsburg, Hampton, Poquoson, and Virginia Beach. Committee members from Suffolk, James City County, York County, Norfolk, and Newport News indicated they would provide signature pages. Chesapeake anticipated City Council approval on November 27, 2018. Isle of Wight County will follow-up with its Board of Supervisors.
- **Regional Affordability Workgroup:** At the August 1, 2018 meeting of the CAOs, they agreed to nominate candidates to participate in a work group focused on customer assistance programs. The work group members include:
  - Doug Powell and Rebecca Vinroot, James City County
  - David Jurgens, Chesapeake
  - Kristen Lentz, Norfolk
  - Steve Carpenter, Newport News Waterworks
  - Reed Fowler, Gloucester
  - Al Moor, Suffolk
 HRSD indicated it would provide a timeline for the work group to meet in early 2019.

- **Annual State Groundwater Forum:** November 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake.

## 8. Other Business

Ms. Katchmark engaged Committee members about whether they would like to participate in a VDH effort to create a GIS layer with localities who have emergency generators to support their drinking water systems.

**ACTION:** No action.