

February 25, 2021

Memorandum #2021-37

TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members

BY: Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer

RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting – March 4, 2021

The next meeting of the **HRPDC Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, March 4, 2021**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the committee members, staff, and the general public, the Regional Environmental Committee meeting will be held electronically via Webex. Participants can join using the following information:

Join by computer: <https://hrpdc-418.my.webex.com/hrpdc-418.my/j.php?MTID=m79b5251a0174bd16c1ca9c8e4cfdeda6>

-or-

Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001

Meeting Number / Access Code: 126 075 0386

Password: 735Hshipp4b (73547447 from phones)

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Attachments

**AGENDA
MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MARCH 4, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

1. Summary of the February 4, 2021 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee (REC).

The summary and attendance sheets of the above meeting are attached.

Attachments: 1A_FebruaryMeetingSummary_REC_04Mar2021
1B_FebruaryMeetingAttendance_REC_04Mar2021

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. The Elizabeth River Project's 2021 State of the River

Mr. Joe Rieger, Deputy Director of Restoration for the Elizabeth River Project (ERP), will brief the Committee on the release of it's 2021 State of the River Scorecard. This collaborative effort paves the way for a new Watershed Action Plan and opportunity to explore monitoring needs using available state funding.

ACTION: None required

4. Chesapeake Bay Program's Land Use/Land Cover Update

Dr. KC Filippino will provide an update on the Chesapeake Bay Program's progress on updating the high resolution Land Cover data. Localities are being asked by the Chesapeake Conservancy to do a systematic review of new data produced from 2017/2018 imagery. Additionally, examples will be provided and ideas are welcome for application of the new data beyond Chesapeake Bay TMDL needs.

ACTION: None required

5. Considering Fiscal Stress in Funding Projects with the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF)

Mr. Joe Wood, Virginia Senior Scientist for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), will brief the Committee on an analysis conducted looking at the historical distribution of SLAF allocations. This analysis led to a policy recommendation and successful legislation in the 2021 General Assembly.

ACTION: None required

6. Virginia 2021 Legislative Session

HRPDC will provide a short overview on the progress of bills moving through the General Assembly.

ACTION: None required

7. Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) Designation and Management Regulation – Proposed Amendments

On February 1, 2021, the DEQ published proposed amendments to the CBPA regulations adding two new considerations – coastal resiliency and the preservation of mature trees. HRPDC staff has coordinated with regional local government stakeholders to review the proposed amendments and identify concerns with regional consensus for inclusion in the comment letter. The Committee will be asked to provide feedback on the attached outline for a draft comment letter. HRPDC staff will distribute an updated draft regional comment letter by March 9, 2021.

Attachment: 6_Outline for HRPDC Regional Comment Letter

ACTION: None required

8. Other Matters

a. VMRC Proposed Wetlands Guidelines

Regional Environmental Committee – Voting:

Chesapeake

Barbara Brumbaugh

James City

Toni Small
Michael Woolson

Smithfield

Tammie Clary
Jack Reed

Williamsburg

Heather Markle
Aaron Small

Franklin

Carlee Smith

Newport News

Angela Hopkins
Allison Watts

Southampton

Beth Lewis

Windsor

Vacant
Vacant

Gloucester

Mike Hudgins
Kevin Landry

Norfolk

Justin Shafer
June Whitehurst

Suffolk

Erin Rountree

York

Anna Drake

Hampton

David Imburgia
Greta Hawkins

Poquoson

Dannan O’Connell

Surry

Vacant

Isle of Wight

David Kuzma

Portsmouth

Meg Pittenger
Thomas Quattlebaum

Virginia Beach

Melanie Coffey
Diana St. John

Regional Environmental Committee – Non-Voting:

HRSD

Jamie Mitchell
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Jennifer Reitz

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Tara Fisher
Brian Powell
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Tara Outland-Williams
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