

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #11: ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the August 6, 2014 and September 3, 2014 Directors of Utilities Meetings are attached.

Attachment 11-A1

Attachment 11-A2

B. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SUMMARIES

The summaries of the August 7, 2014 and September 4, 2014 meetings of the Regional Environmental Committee are attached.

Attachment 11-B1

Attachment 11-B2

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on August 6, 2014. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on campaign highlights from the 2013-14 askHRgreen.org program and described media outreach, public relations activities, and regional events. Staff presented the plan for the 2014-15 campaign, including goals, media strategies, website improvements, and evaluation research. Funding proposals will be presented as part of the draft FY2016 Water and Wastewater Program budgets at the September 3, 2014 Committee meeting.
- The Committee discussed the Department of Environmental Quality's plans to meet with the 14 largest permitted groundwater users to reduce permit limits. HRPDC staff will draft a statement for the Committee's consideration, with the intent of providing comments at the September meetings of the State Water Control Board and State Water Commission and incorporating the statement into the HRPDC legislative agenda.
- The Committee discussed the revised draft white paper describing policy proposals for managing the use of private wells and groundwater withdrawals less than 300,000 gallons per month to mitigate impacts to the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. The revised draft was approved. HRPDC staff will finalize the white paper and incorporate it into the HRPDC legislative agenda.
- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on the draft whitepaper "Chloride Concentrations in Hampton Roads Drinking Water Sources, Salt Water Intrusion and Potential Impacts to Community Water Systems." The draft will be circulated to the Committee for review and comment.
- The Committee discussed the proposed language of the draft Consent Order distributed by the Department of Environmental Quality on July 18, 2014. HRPDC staff will compile and circulate consolidated comments to the Committee.
- HRPDC staff reported on the status of the affordability research project. The Committee provided feedback on the analysis approach and next steps. Assumptions for the draft analysis will be circulated to the Committee for review and comment.

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on September 3, 2014. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- The Committee discussed the draft white paper describing policy proposals for managing the use of private wells and groundwater withdrawals less than 300,000 gallons per month to mitigate impacts to the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. The Committee could not agree on whether or not to recommend that the permit threshold be reduced from 300,000 gallons per month to 100,000 gallons per month.
- The Committee discussed DEQ's groundwater permitting program. DEQ is holding meetings with the largest groundwater withdrawal permit holders and identifying permit reduction targets for each one. The current permitted withdrawals cannot be reissued using the existing management criteria. Eleven of the fourteen largest permits are due for renewal. The Committee is working on a regional response to this issue.
- The Committee reviewed locality comments on the modified Consent Order drafted by DEQ to address the need for continued implementation of Management, Operations, and Maintenance (MOM) plans for local sewer systems. The Consent Order must be signed by December 31, 2014 to meet the deadlines in the regional Memorandum of Agreement signed in March 2014.

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The Regional Environmental Committee met on August 7, 2014. The following items were discussed.

- Ms. Whitney McNamara, Virginia Beach, and Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the final report for the HRPDC's Coastal Zone Management Program grant project, "Developing a Local Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan for Virginia Beach."
- Mr. Ben McFarlane updated the Committee on efforts related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise, including a training workshop for area local staff provided by NOAA and new LIDAR data for eastern Hampton Roads.
- Ms. Sara Kidd, HRPDC, provided an update to the Committee on the status of regional trails in Hampton Roads.
- Ms. Katie Cullipher, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the FY13-14 askHRgreen.org annual report and provided an overview of the group's 2014-2015 plan.
- Ms. Jill Sunderland, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on an analysis by HRPDC staff of projections funded through the 2013 Stormwater Local Assistance Fund.
- Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of statewide land cover data.
- The Committee discussed a proposal to use reserve funds from the regional Stormwater Program to pay for enhancement to the Stormwater Permit Administration Reporting System (PARS). Of the fifteen localities present, thirteen voted in favor of the proposal and two abstained.
- Several committee members and guests provided status reports.

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The Regional Environmental Committee met on September 4, 2014. The following items were discussed.

- Ms. Joan Salvati, DEQ, gave a presentation to the Committee on DEQ's upcoming Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act compliance reviews.
- Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on proposed regional comments on EPA's proposed changes to the definition of "Waters of the United States."
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, and Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDDC, briefed the Committee on the proposed FY16 Stormwater Program budget.
- Ms. Tribo briefed the Committee on the FY14 Regional Stormwater Cooperation Summary, and the Committee voted to recommend that the Commission approve the report for distribution.
- Ms. Katie Cullipher, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the askHRgreen.org annual report, and the Committee voted to recommend that the Commission approve the report for distribution.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on changes to the HRPDC Virginia Beach Sea Level Rise Final Report. The Committee requested more time to review the report before making a recommendation to the Commission.
- Ms. Jai McBride, HRPDC, and Ms. Hillegass led a Visioning Session for the Envision Hampton Roads strategic planning effort with the Committee.
- Several committee members and guests provided status reports.