

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #14: ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the October 1, 2014 Directors of Utilities Meetings is attached.

Attachment 14-A

B. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The summary of the October 2, 2014 meeting of the Regional Environmental Committee are attached.

Attachment 14-B

C. RECURRENT FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE COMMITTEE SUMMARY

The summary of the September 26, 2014 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise Committee is attached.

Attachment 14-C

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on October 1, 2014. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- The Committee endorsed the FY2016 budgets for the regional Wastewater and Water Programs.
- The modified Consent Order must be approved by locality boards or councils and submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) by October 27, 2014. Committee members noted the dates on which the Consent Order will be considered by City/County Councils and Boards.
- The HRPDC provided an update on groundwater regulatory topics and the DEQ groundwater permitting program. The Committee is working on a regional response to this issue, and a briefing will be provided at the HRPDC meeting on October 16, 2014.
- The Committee discussed ideas for legislative proposals for inclusion in the HRPDC legislative agenda. The Committee's recommendations will be submitted to the HRPDC Legislative Committee for consideration.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on October 2, 2014. The following items were discussed.

- 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." The Committee voted to recommend that the Commission sign a letter containing these comments and submit it to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of the localities.
- HRPDC staff updated the Committee on the third year of the Section 309 Land and Water Quality grant project.
- Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, led a discussion by the Committee on the regional legislative agenda. The Committee made several proposals for the Commission's Legislative Committee to consider.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on recent developments related to sea level rise and recurrent flooding.
- Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on recent developments related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, including proposed changes to the Program's enforceable policies.
- Ms. Katie Cullipher, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the final draft for the FY16 Stormwater Program budget. The fourteen (14) present localities voted in favor of the proposed budget, and HRPDC staff will communicate with the remaining four localities to record their votes.
- The Committee voted to recommend that the Commission approve the report, "Developing a Local Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan for Virginia Beach," for publication and distribution.
- Several committee members and guests provided status reports.

MEETING SUMMARY
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RECURRENT FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE

The Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise met on September 26, 2014. The following items were discussed.

- The Committee adopted by-laws.
- Mr. Tom McNeilan, McNeilan and Associates, gave a presentation to the Committee on the proposed Dutch Dialogues to be held in Hampton Roads.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, led a discussion by the Committee on legislative priorities. The Committee voted in favor of recommending that the Commission's Legislative Committee consider language requesting that the state develop a long term plan to monitor groundwater and subsidence. The Committee considered a proposal from the City of Portsmouth regarding mandatory real estate disclosures regarding flooding, but requested more information before making a recommendation.
- Mr. McFarlane led a discussion by the Committee on adopting regional floodplain management recommendations for freeboard and building standards within the Limit of Moderate Wave Action line. The Committee voted to recommend that the Commission adopt a resolution encouraging localities to considering adopting freeboard standards in floodplains if they have not already, and to consider adopting higher standards if they have not already done so.
- Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on several items related to sea level rise and recurrent flooding.
- Several committee members and guests provided status reports.