

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #12: ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the November 12, 2014 Directors of Utilities Meetings is attached.

Attachment 12-A

B. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The summary of the November 6, 2014 meeting of the Regional Environmental Committee are attached.

Attachment 12-B

C. HRPDC LEGISLATIVE AD-HOC COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the October 10, 2014 HRPDC Legislative Ad-Hoc Meeting is attached.

Attachment 12-C

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on November 12, 2014. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- The Committee discussed HRSD-local wastewater utility coordination of enforcement efforts for Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) programs.
- Public notice of the State Water Control Board Order by Consent will be published in the Virginia Register on November 17, 2014. HRPDC is collecting all original signatures for submittal to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- The Committee discussed interest in developing a regional source water protection plan and directed HRPDC staff to contact the Virginia Department of Health for more information.
- The Committee discussed interest in forming a subcommittee for long-term, strategic water management planning. The Committee will revisit this topic in nine months.
- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on the November 20, 2014 presentation to the Commission on groundwater permits and DEQ's economic impact analysis. HRPDC staff presented the 2014 Groundwater Permits Summary map and a comparison of permitted withdrawals from 2005 to 2014.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on November 6, 2014. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Gary Foley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development, gave a presentation to the Committee on tools and models developed by the office to assist decision-makers in making public policy.
- Ms. Shereen Hughes, Wetlands Watch, gave a presentation to the Committee on efforts to develop a Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Certification program.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Stakeholder Advisory Group and Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan.
- Ms. Sara Kidd, HRPDC, and Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the final report for the HRPDC's Section 309 Land and Water Quality Phase III grant project. The Committee voted to recommend that the Commission approve the report for publication and distribution.
- Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the Commission's 2015 Legislative Agenda.
- Ms. Hillegass updated the Committee on the status of the HRPDC's Native Plants Promotion grant project.
- Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on recent developments related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.
- Several committee members and guests provided status reports.

HRPDC Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee

Summary Minutes of October 10, 2014

The meeting of the HRPDC Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee was called to order at 8:28 a.m. in the HRPDC Conference Room D, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Members:

Sherri Neil, PO

Ella Ward, CH

Bryan Pennington, NO

Kenneth Wright, PO

HRPDC Staff:

Shernita Bethea

Whitney Katchmark

Jennifer Coleman

Randy Keaton

Julia Hillegass

John Sadler

Others Recorded Attending:

Andrew Fox, David Jurgens, Mary Ann Saunders (CH)

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments made before the Committee.

Development of the HRPDC 2015 Legislative Agenda

Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC Public Information and Community Affairs Administrator reviewed the FY 2014 legislative priorities that would be carried over to the FY 2015 agenda.

After in depth conversation, the Committee added the following items for the legislative agenda:

- Chesapeake Bay Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) funding
- Sea level rise and climate change
- Amending Virginia stormwater management law
- Well construction data
- Groundwater permitting
- Water resources study
- Lower groundwater permit threshold from 300,000 gal per month to 100,000
- Installation of chloride monitoring network for groundwater
- Establish land subsidence monitoring program
- Agriculture programs
- Alternate power for commercial fueling sties

- Flooding and sea level rise
- Emergency shelters
- Realistic alignment of Standards of Learning and Standards of Accountability with State standards of Quality funding levels
- Balloon releases

Old/New Business

No items of Old/New Business was brought before the Committee.