

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on April 13, 2016. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- The HRPDC staff provided an update on efforts to promote the Help 2 Others (H2O) Program's participation in the Give Local 757! fundraising event on May 3, 2016, which coincides with Drinking Water Week. Local radio stations will help encourage donations to H2O and urge listeners to find the "magic faucet" educational displays on the Southside and Peninsula. The HRPDC staff is providing Drinking Water Week outreach materials, content, and graphics for localities to use for social media posts, municipal TV slides, newsletters, and websites. Utilities are asked to add the link to the H2O program on department homepages (shareh2o.org) and promote donations.
- The Committee discussed the rotation for hosting the askHRgreen.org trailer. Portsmouth is the current host. Norfolk will be the next locality to host the trailer.
- The Committee discussed the monthly meeting format and priorities for the FY17 Regional Water and Wastewater Programs. The Committee agreed to maintain the current meeting schedule, to continue meeting with the Health Directors twice a year, and to have utility presentations on operational and management topics. The Committee agreed to pursue the following priority projects for FY17: groundwater management, SSORS enhancements, Regional Water Supply Plan compliance conditions, and groundwater mitigation program update.
- The Committee held a roundtable discussion of issues of regional interest, including:
 - Public web viewer access to water and sewer system information;
 - Status of HRSD's Sustainable Water Recycling Initiative;
 - The Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee activities and the JLARC study, *Virginia's Water Resource Planning and Management*;
 - HRPDC's plans to begin developing the 2017 regional legislative agenda;
 - [H.R.4542](#) (Low Income Sewer and Water Assistance Program Act of 2016, Rep. Marcia L. Fudge, D-OH), which would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a low-income sewer and water assistance pilot program; and
 - [HB 919](#) (Approved March 11, 2016) and amendment of § 15.2-2119 of the Code of Virginia, relating to delinquent water and sewer charges.