

**Attachment 1A  
MEETING SUMMARY  
MEETING OF  
H2O – Help to Others – Program Board of Directors  
October 7, 2015  
Chesapeake**

**1. Program Status**

The annual meeting of the H2O – Help to Others – Program Board of Directors was held on October 7, 2015. All members of the Directors of Utilities Committee are members of the H2O Program Board of Directors. The HRPDC staff provided a program status update, including FY15 fundraising results, FY15 assistance distribution, and FY15 and FY16 budget allocations. A copy of the presentation is provided as Attachment 1C.

FY15 fundraising results were about 15% higher than FY14, with just over 7,000 donations contributing \$51,318.48. With the November 2014 Board action to transfer \$10,000 of reserve funds to the assistance pool, FY15 fundraising efforts amounted to \$61,318.48. A total of 5,811 online donations raised \$21,828.20, with an average donation amount of \$3.76. Although significantly fewer donations were made via mail-in envelopes, these donations raised \$29,490.28, with an average donation amount of \$24.66. Assistance funding is allocated according to the number of accounts per locality; new donations and any remaining assistance funds are compiled and reallocated across localities twice annually in February and August.

The HRPDC staff reviewed the FY16 budget and expenses, and briefed the Board on the implementation of a new fundraising mechanism; H2O will participate in the Give Local 757! event on May 3, 2016, which coincides with Drinking Water Week. Staff will coordinate with utilities through the HRWET committee to promote the fundraiser.

The Board discussed HRWET Committee participation; the HRPDC staff will circulate the list of HRWET Committee representatives to solicit updates from each utility. The HRWET Committee is continuing to develop messaging to align with the overall askHRgreen.org campaign, the “value of water” message and the “use water wisely” message.

**Action:** No action.

**2. Officers**

The Board discussed the appointment of officers; officers do not have specified terms and serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Board agreed that the terms of the current officers will be continued. Officers are listed below:

- President – Tom Leahy, VB
- Vice President – Doug Powell, JCSA

- Secretary/Treasurer – Ted Henifin, HRSD
- Director – Scott Dewhirst, NNWW
- Director – Al Moor, SU

**Action:** The Board agreed to continue the terms of the current officers.

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**1. Summary of the September 2, 2015 Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee**

There were no comments on, or revisions to the summary of the September 2, 2015 Committee meeting.

**ACTION:** The summary of the September 2, 2015 Directors of Utilities Committee meeting was approved.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3. Groundwater Management**

Mr. Al Moor, Suffolk Public Utilities Director, updated the Committee on recent meetings between the Western Tidewater Water Authority (WTWA) and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) concerning the WTWA's proposed concept for a voluntary incentive program to conserve groundwater. A copy of the presentation is provided as Attachment 1D.

The proposed concept addresses long-term aquifer protection by creating a voluntary program with incentives for participating permittees to reduce reliance on groundwater sources, including a transition period to develop alternative sources and infrastructure and a certainty period for permitted withdrawals. It would require amending §62.1-66 of the Virginia Code and adding a new section describing the incentive program.

Mr. Moor summarized the key issues discussed with DEQ, including program eligibility, the transition period to implement reductions, the certainty period for permit terms, and the regulatory authority to reopen permits. The Committee suggested the addition of language to address drought/emergency situations and to allow permit holders to incorporate any alternative options identified through the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee process.

The WTWA is developing draft language based on discussions with DEQ and plans to brief the CAOs on November 4, 2015. The Committees comments will be incorporated into the forthcoming draft.

**ACTION:** No action.

#### **4. Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee**

The HRPDC staff summarized the September 17, 2015 meeting of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (EVGMAC) Workgroup #1, Alternative Sources of Supply. Following facilitator briefings on the process and ground rules, the stakeholders provided input on the range of alternative source options and issues for consideration. HRSD provided a presentation on the Aquifer Replenishment System (ARS) project, followed by Hanover County's presentation on their Prospective Aquifer Replenishment Project.

Due to Hurricane Joaquin, other workgroup meetings that were to be held in early October were rescheduled and the next EVGMAC meeting has been postponed to November 19, 2015.

**ACTION:** No action.

#### **5. Capacity Team Update**

The Committee discussed the September 21, 2015 Capacity Team meeting and the status of I/I reduction planning, HRSD's rehabilitation pilot projects, and points of locality interface for the Regional Wet Weather Management Plan (RWWMP).

HRSD is planning to include I/I reduction work in 300 basins in the scope of the RWWMP. These 300 basins will be identified in the final RWWMP; HRSD will not perform work in basins outside the scope of the RWWMP. Localities remain obligated to properly manage, operate, and maintain the collection systems. Localities should plan on coordinating road projects with HRSD's rehabilitation program to minimize disruptions.

**ACTION:** No action.

#### **6. Staff Reports**

- **Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs):** Beginning October 7, 2015, the CAOs meeting will occur on the first Wednesday of every month.
- **Subsidence Monitoring:** The USGS has made significant progress on the development of a land subsidence monitoring plan. The agency has also decided to fund the rehabilitation and operation of two extensometers in the region. The

USGS will provide the next project update on October 29, 2015.

- **FY 2016 Water and Sewer Rates Data Call:** The HRPDC staff will continue to follow up with localities that have not responded to the FY16 rates data call. The compiled results will be distributed as soon as possible.

**ACTION:** No action.

## **7. Other Business**

The Committee discussed the implications of potential legislation to require the State Water Control Board to review and periodically revise existing facility nutrient allocations for the purpose of transferring allocations to new facilities. Locality nutrient allocations currently assigned to existing wastewater facilities would be at risk.

**ACTION:** No action.