

**Attachment 1A
MEETING SUMMARY
MEETING OF
Directors of Utilities Committee
November 4, 2015
Newport News**

1. Summary of the October 7, 2015 H2O – Help to Others – Program Annual Board of Directors Meeting and the Directors of Utilities Committee Meeting

There were no comments on, or revisions to the summary of the October 7, 2015 Committee meeting.

ACTION: The summary of the October 7, 2015 H2O Board of Directors meeting and the Directors of Utilities Committee meeting was approved.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. HRSD I/I Reduction Program and RWWMP Schedule

The Committee discussed how the Sustainable Water Recycling (Aquifer Replenishment System) concept could be integrated with the Regional Wet Weather Management Plan (RWWMP). If an integrated planning approach was pursued, HRSD would still prioritize rehabilitation work to reduce infiltration and inflow (I/I) in areas with the most capacity challenges. Localities would continue to implement their respective management, operations, and maintenance (MOM) programs.

HRSD shared lessons learned so far from three rehabilitation pilot projects. In general, HRSD found the need to clarify with locality staff that HRSD's work is aimed at achieving cost effective I/I removal in specific prioritized areas, and that other system needs should be addressed through locality MOM programs. HRSD encountered several complications with work on private property; one example is the flexibility afforded to building inspectors in approving structural liners in private laterals.

ACTION: No action.

4. James City Service Authority Water Supply Study

The James City Service Authority (JCSA) briefed the Committee on the findings of the JCSA water supply study completed earlier this year. The study was prompted by DEQ's proposed reduction to the JCSA's groundwater withdrawal permit.

The study projected water demands for the JCSA service area and evaluated alternatives for potential new water sources, including intakes on the Chickahominy, York, and James Rivers. After reviewing the report, DEQ held a pre-application meeting with JCSA and provided general comments. JCSA is planning to develop a specific proposal while continuing to consider other options to diversify its water sources, including regional solutions.

ACTION: No action.

5. Groundwater Management

The Committee discussed the recent Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (EVGMAC) Workgroup meetings. HRPDC staff provided brief summaries of the workgroup discussions on alternative sources of supply, alternative management structures, and trading. Highlights of meeting outcomes are summarized below:

- Alternatives Sources of Supply: The workgroup developed a list of factors to consider in evaluating alternatives and identified research/information needs to make meetings more useful.
- Alternatives Management Structures: To help move things forward, the workgroup agreed to focus on articulating the problems associated with the status quo. The group also agreed to examine the structure of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.
- Trading: The workgroup developed a list of options and issues that are important considerations for a “trading system” and a list of subjects that need further research.

ACTION: Per discussion.

6. Legislative Agenda

The Committee discussed emerging issues, including potential legislation reallocating locality nutrient allocations currently assigned to existing municipal wastewater facilities; potential legislation for a groundwater conservation incentive program; and the concept of requiring sewer lateral inspections for home sale transactions.

The potential legislative proposal to reallocate municipal wastewater nutrient allocations is not expected to move forward. The needs of the proponent can likely be met through the nutrient credit exchange program.

The Western Tidewater Water Authority briefed the HRPDC Chief Administrative Officers on the Groundwater Withdrawal Reduction Incentive Program concept. The

HRPDC will poll member localities to assess support for including the proposal in the regional legislative agenda.

The HRPDC staff noted that the Regional Stormwater Workgroup has indicated an interest in exploring the idea of requiring sewer lateral inspections for home sale transactions. The Committee commented that other cities in the U.S. have such ordinances in place and that such point-of-sale ordinances may be a consideration for future legislative proposals.

ACTION: No action.

7. Staff Reports

- **FY 2016 Water and Sewer Rates Data Call:** The compiled results of the FY16 data call was distributed to the Committee on October 30, 2015.
- **Regional Source Water Protection Plan:** The HRPDC staff provided a status update. A copy of the presentation is provided as Attachment 1C. Per discussion, staff will proceed with GIS data request to HRSD for wastewater pump stations and trunk lines.
- **Final State Water Resources Plan:** The final [State Water Resources Plan](#) is complete and available to the public. [Appendix E](#) documents the DEQ's responses to comments received on the draft Plan. Although no changes were made to the Plan, Appendix E is provided to ensure consideration of comments in future Plan updates.

ACTION: No action.

8. Other Business

The Virginia AWWA Water Resources & Environment committee is hosting a discussion session on the Virginia Water Protection Permit Regulation Amendments on November 9, 2015 from 10:00-12:00 at the Troutman Sanders office in Richmond. Mr. Scott Kudlas, Director, DEQ Office of Water Supply will be participating in the discussion.

ACTION: No action.