

**Attachment 1A  
Meeting Summary  
MEETING OF  
DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE  
July 8, 2015  
Newport News**

**1. Summary of the June 3, 2015 Joint Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors**

There were no comments on, or revisions to the summary of the June 3, 2015 joint meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors.

**ACTION:** The June 3, 2015 meeting summary was approved.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3. Groundwater Levels Discussion**

The Committee participated in a workshop-style discussion of groundwater levels in the Coastal Plain aquifer system. Maps of each major aquifer showing well locations and corresponding graphs of water levels over time were provided as discussion aids. Committee members reviewed each map and discussed whether the data indicates trends of water level decline or recovery in different portions of each aquifer.

The Committee also discussed factors that influence aquifer response, including major withdrawals, the time delay before water levels show response to withdrawals, the relationships between different aquifers, and the influence of small private wells. These factors further complicate the assessment water level trends. The Committee talked about the regional groundwater model and the value of additional calibration with water level data to date and model runs to develop water level predictions for the next ten years.

**ACTION:** No action.

**4. Eastern Virginia Groundwater Advisory Committee Update**

The Committee discussed the membership of the state Groundwater Advisory Committee. The first tier of the Committee, which will focus on policy issues, consists of 24 members, including James City County Administrator Bryan Hill, Chesapeake City Manager James Baker, and legal counsel for the Western Tidewater Water Authority

(City of Suffolk and Isle of Wight County). The second tier of the Committee will focus on data gaps and the technical implications of recommended reductions.

**ACTION:** No action.

## 5. **Integrated Planning**

As follow-up to the November 12, 2014 meeting, the Committee revisited the idea of forming a subcommittee for integrated planning. At this time, the Committee is not ready to move forward with forming a subcommittee.

Funding wastewater management, stormwater management, groundwater management, and recurrent flooding and sea level rise adaptation are examples of significant challenges facing the region. An integrated planning approach could help prioritize these challenges, but the development of a regional strategy between localities is a challenge in itself. Cost estimates for stormwater management are particularly difficult to develop. HRPDC staff is incorporating the best available stormwater cost information into the 2020 regional cost scenarios.

**ACTION:** No action.

## 6. **Other Business**

Other business included the following:

- The Committee was briefed on HRSD's two sewer system rehabilitation pilot projects that are underway to evaluate different planning approaches and project delivery methods.
- The Committee recognized Mr. Anthony Reyes, Hampton Public Works Director, for his service and contributions to the region with a resolution of appreciation.

**ACTION:** Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Anthony Reyes, Hampton Public Works Director.