

**ATTACHMENT 1A**  
**THE DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE, THE**  
**REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE**  
**CHESAPEAKE BAY IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**January 3, 2013**

**1. Summary of the December 13, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee**

The Summary of the December 13, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee was approved as distributed.

**2. HRPDC 2040 Forecast**

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, briefed the Committee on the results of the 2040 Socioeconomic Forecast. The forecast is conducted as part of the HRTPO's 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan. This forecast utilized different methods than the previous 2034 Forecast, so it should not be considered an update of that forecast, which was completed in 2007. The forecast includes population, employment (by place of work and place of residence), households, and passenger vehicle registrations. Mr. Grootendorst described the methodology used for the forecast, including assumptions and source data. Mr. Grootendorst also outlined the results of the forecast. The next steps for the forecast are to seek its approval by the HRPDC and to work with localities to disaggregate the data to individual transportation analysis zones (TAZs).

The Committee had no questions.

**3. Bacteria Study**

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the regional bacteria study. There have been no revisions since November 2012, and the Committee had no new comments. HRPDC staff requested that the Committee recommend approval of the study report by the Commission. The Committee recommended approval of the report by a vote of ten in favor to none opposed.

**4. Coastal Zone Management Program**

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on two Coastal Zone Management Program project final reports. The Coastal Resources Technical Assistance Program Final Report for FY 2011-2012 describes the HRPDC staff's technical assistance, special studies, training programs, and regional coordination activities that support the goals of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Project. Special studies included work on Reality Check Hampton Roads, an analysis of areas eligible to be

designated as Targeted Employment Areas, and work on integrating existing LIDAR elevation datasets into a seamless regional dataset. HRPDC staff requested the Committee recommend approval of the final report by the Commission. The Committee recommended approval of the report by a vote of ten in favor to none opposed.

Since the draft of the Section 309 Land and Water Quality Protection final report was delivered late to the Committee, HRPDC staff asked whether or not the Committee would prefer to table discussion of the report until the February meeting. The Committee requested deferring discussion of the report until February.

## 5. Status Reports

HRPDC staff made several announcements:

- 1) The last TAC meeting for the Draft Construction General Permit will be held Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. John Paine, URS, is going. The definition of discharges to impaired waters has been clarified to include discharges within the watershed of an impaired waterbody. This will be more consistent with DEQ's TMDL development process. There appears to be no significant change to the definition of common plans of development. The definition of qualified personnel has been removed, with discretion left to the permit holder. Locality qualified personnel are covered in the regulations already.
- 2) HRPDC is working with McGuire Woods to request that DCR/DEQ develop guidance for MS4 permit action plans through the formation of a TAC composed of local government staff. DCR wants the process to be more informal. HRPDC is still pursuing the formal action, but is working with DCR.
- 3) HB1488 has been submitted. This bill proposes to change the adoption date of the stormwater regulations from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015.
- 4) HRPDC staff is putting together an informal climate change working group that will provide input on HRPDC's projects as well as other related efforts in the region, such as a clinic being put on by William & Mary's School of Law.
- 5) A summit hosted by Wetlands Watch on private property BMPs and incentives will be held in Williamsburg February 13 and 14. The summit will be facilitated by the Institute for Environmental Negotiation. Details are still being worked out. The summit is targeted at both governmental and private sector participants, with the goals of resolving current issues and identifying a way forward.
- 6) Localities may want to look at HB1430, which expands the Right to Farm Act and redefines agricultural operations. This bill could allow any agricultural operation in an area zoned for agriculture to sell almost any product without local restrictions.

Virginia Beach staff announced that study on harvesting phragmites as a nutrient removal BMP has been completed. They intend to incorporate it into their WIP, as it appears to be relatively cost effective.

Poquoson staff reported that they have been contacted by FEMA related to the Region 3 flood mapping update. Results are expected this month (also for some other localities in

the region). Poquoson is interested in comparing the impacts of the map changes across the region.

James City County staff announced that the Mid-Atlantic Erosion Control Association Regional Conference will be held in Williamsburg September 17-19. There will be training opportunities available. Topics will include the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, the transition of stormwater management from DCR to DEQ, the stormwater general permit, local stormwater ordinances, e-permitting, and others. Contact Darryl Cook (darryl.cook@jamescitycountyva.gov) for more information.

DCR staff announced that the updated model stormwater ordinance has been sent out along with a Frequently Asked Questions document. Contact Noah Hill if you have any questions. Packets will be due to DCR regional staff by April 1. In response to questions from Poquoson staff, Mr. Hill stated that there is no minimum requirement for program information in the packets. Localities are required to show that they are making progress in determining what staff will be needed (as opposed to having a set plan). Ms. Barbara Brumbaugh, Chesapeake, stated that a spreadsheet from Ms. Shawn Smith was pretty basic. Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, stated that localities would be fine as long as their funding and staffing plans were in accordance with each other.

## **6. Other Matters**

The next meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee is scheduled for February 7, 2013 at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake, Virginia. Materials will be sent in advance for review.