

May 29, 2014

**Memorandum #2014-79**

**TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members**

**BY: Jai McBride, HRPDC Principal Regional Planner**

**RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting - June 5, 2014  
RSVP - June 3, 2014**

The next meeting of the HRPDC **Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, June 5, 2014**, in the **HRPDC Board Room, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

**Please RSVP by June 3, 2014** so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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**Regional Environmental Committee – Voting:**

Brian Alperin, SU  
Connie Bennett, YK  
H. Clayton Bernick, VB  
Barbara Brumbaugh, CH  
Fred Brusso, PO  
Dennis Carney, Windsor  
Anna Drake, YK  
Fran C. Geissler, JC  
Emily Gibson, GL  
Donald E. Goodwin, FR  
Wayne Griffin, SM  
Kim Hummel, IW  
David Imburgia, HA  
William J. Johnston, VB  
David Kuzma, NN  
Beth Lewis AICP, SH  
Melissa Lindgren P.E., IW  
Carolyn Murphy, WM  
Diane Quick, PO  
Scott Rae, GL  
Ellen Roberts P.E., PQ  
Erin Roundtree, SU  
Rhonda L. Russell AICP, SY  
William Saunders, SM  
Justin Shafer, NO  
Aaron Small, WM  
Scott Thomas, JC  
Jennifer White, CH  
June Whitehurst NO  
Kevin Wyne, PQ  
Weston S. Young P.E., HA

**Regional Environmental Committee – Non Voting:**

Mark Bennett, USGS  
Stacey Bradshaw, SWCD  
William S. Bullard, Navy/DOD  
David J. Cotnoir, Navy  
Sarah E. Diebel  
Roger K. Everton, DEQ  
Chuck Griffin, SWCD  
Todd Herbert  
Noah Hill, DEQ  
Jennifer Howell, VDEQ  
Will Hunley, HRSD  
John Kennedy, VDEQ  
Arthur M. Kirkby  
Kevin Landry  
Nancy Miller  
Jamie Mitchell, HRSD  
Shepard Moon, VDEQ  
Brian Noyes, SWCD  
Tara Outland-Williams, SWCD  
Kevin M. Parker, HRSD  
Jennifer Reitz, HRSD  
Joan Salvati  
Andrew B. Scott, VDOT  
Shawn Smith, DCR  
Phillip S. Winslow Jr., NAVY

**Regional Environmental Committee – Interested Parties:**

Lynn Allsbrook, HA  
Beth Arnold  
Michael Barbachem, URS  
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Joseph Brogan, YK  
W. Keith Cannady, HA  
Darryl E. Cook, JC  
Ken Dierks  
Stephanie Drzal, VA Dare SWCD  
Anne Ducey-Ortiz, GL  
Melinda Dunlap YK  
Joseph M. DuRant, NN  
Suzanne Dyba, JC  
Michael Faulk, USDA-NRCS  
H. Reed Fowler Jr., NN  
J. Arnie Francis, GL  
Frank Haltom, IW  
Tim Hare, CH2M Hill  
Ed Heide, SU  
Kent Henkel, YK  
Gayle E. Hicks, HA  
Karen Holloway, PQ  
William T. Hopkins III, SM  
Shereen Hughes, Wetlands Watch  
Shannon Hulst, Wetlands Watch  
Donald Jennings, IW  
Julien W. Johnson Jr., SH  
Kari Lynch, PO  
Casey Magruder NO  
Eric J. Martin P.E., CH  
Seamus McCarthy, NO  
Stephen G. McLaughlin, VB  
Whitney McNamara, VB  
Jenny McPherson, VB  
Scott Mills, SU  
Chris Moore, CBF  
Ryan Nagel, ARCADIS  
Steve Nesbitt, ARCADIS  
Russell Pace, FR  
John Paine, URS  
Jeryl Phillips, VB  
Richard Phillips  
Meg Pittenger, PO  
Stacy Porter, PO  
Jennifer Privette, NN  
Lee Rosenberg, NO  
Sam Sawan, CH  
Liz Scheessele  
Karen Shaffer, CH  
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Bob Speechley, PQ  
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**AGENDA**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
**June 5, 2014**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**1. Summary of the May 1, 2014 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee.**

The summary and attendance sheet of the May 1, 2014 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee are attached.

**Attachments:** 1-A May Meeting Summary  
1-B May Meeting Attendance

**ACTION:** Accept the Meeting Summary

**2. Public Comments**

**3. Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants**

On April 2, 2014 the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced funding opportunities for FY 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). Local governments can apply for assistance through their states. The FMA grant program provides funds to reduce or eliminate the risk of flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program. The PDM program provides funds for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects. The HRPDC staff will provide a brief overview of the program. VDEM representatives have been invited to speak.

**Attachment:** 3-A FY 14 FMA Fact Sheet  
3-B FY 14 PDM Fact Sheet

**ACTION:** None required

**4. Draft Comments on Waters of the U.S. Definition**

The HRPDC staff will lead a discussion on the draft comments to the EPA on the proposed rule to define "Waters of the United States." Comments will be finalized at the July REC meeting, and the Committee will vote to recommend that the HRPDC send the comments to the EPA on behalf of local governments.

**Attachment:** 4-A Draft Waters Comments

**ACTION:** None required

**5. Subcommittee Structure Discussion**

The Committee will revisit the discussion on restructuring the existing Elizabeth River Steering Committee to be a subcommittee of the Regional Environmental Committee that focuses on technical issues related to restoration projects and programs. Proposed membership is local government environmental staff, DEQ, VDH, VMRC, NOAA, ODU, VIMS, COE, HRSD, CBF, and ERP. The meetings will be open to the public. The

Subcommittee will not vote, but may request that staff make a recommendation to the REC to vote on a policy action. The Subcommittee will meet quarterly and provide regular updates to the REC. The REC may direct the Subcommittee to address particular topics of interest. Since the Elizabeth River Steering Committee was originally initiated by the HRPDC Board, the REC vote will serve as a recommendation to the Board to restructure the Committee. Since this action is not related to legislation or regulations, the recommendation will be determined by a majority voice vote.

**Attachment:** 5-A REC\_Guidelines

**ACTION:** Vote on adding Subcommittee.

## 6. Environmental Education Update

The HRPDC staff will provide a summary of the Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable meeting held on May 19, 2014 as well as provide an update on the native plants initiative.

**ACTION:** None required

## 7. Sea Level Rise Update

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on items related to sea level rise and recurrent flooding in Hampton Roads, including the status of the HRPDC Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise.

**ACTION:** None required

## 8. Coastal Zone Program Update

The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on items related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, including HRPDC grant projects. CZM staff sent out the guidance for both the PDC Competitive Grants and PDC Water Quality (Section 309) Grants. All grants will be for the 2014 grant year (10/1/14 to 9/30/15). Competitive grants are available for projects addressing water quality, coastal resiliency, working waterfronts, habitat restoration, and public access. The HRPDC staff is currently developing proposals for projects related to sea level rise and wetlands restoration planning. Section 309 projects are available for localities and PDCs for implementation projects based on work by the MPPDC and HRPDC from 2011 – 2014. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on these grant opportunities and a proposed timeline for developing and submitting proposals.

**Attachments:** 8-A FY 14 PDC Competitive Grant Guidance  
8-B FY 14 309 CSI Water Quality PDC Competitive Grant Guidance

**ACTION:** None required

**9. HRPDC Retreat Summary**

Mr. Randy Keaton, Deputy Executive Director, will provide the Committee with a brief summary of the HRPDC retreat which occurred on May 15, 2014.

**ACTION:** None required

**10. Status Reports**

- A. Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- B. Hampton Roads Sanitation District
- C. Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- D. Department of Conservation and Recreation
- E. Department of Environmental Quality
- F. U.S. Geological Survey
- G. Department of Transportation
- H. U.S. Navy
- I. Local Programs

**ACTION:** None required

**11. Other Matters**