

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #12: ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the December 3, 2014 Joint Health Directors and Directors of Utilities Meeting and January 7, 2015 meeting are attached.

Attachment 12-A1

Attachment 12-A2

B. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

The summary of the December 4, 2014 and January 8, 2015 meetings of the Regional Environmental Committee are attached.

Attachment 12-B1

Attachment 12-B2

C. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RECURRENT FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE MEETING SUMMARIES

The summary of the December 19, 2014 meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise is attached.

Attachment 12-C

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE AND
DIRECTORS OF HEALTH**

The Directors of Utilities Committee and the Directors of Health met on December 3, 2014. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- The Committee agreed to develop a regional Source Water Protection Plan. The Directors of Utilities Committee would serve as the Local Advisory Committee for plan development. HRPDC staff will continue to liaison with VDH and proceed with drafting the plan with input from utility staff volunteers.
- Mr. Dan Horne, Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Office of Drinking Water (ODW), provided an update on regulatory issues, including the proposed revisions to the Virginia Waterworks Regulations; the implementation strategy and draft regulations for the Revised Total Coliform Rule; the development of a knowledge base of surface water sources and cyanobacteria toxin risks; and the Preliminary Regulatory Determination for Candidate Contaminant List 3.
- The group participated in a planning discussion for future joint meetings of the Committee and Health Directors. Topics of common interest, examples of valuable past presentations and projects, and suggestions for future meetings were identified.
- The Committee was briefed on the November 20, 2014 HRPDC presentation on groundwater permit cuts. It was suggested that a small group of Committee members meet to discuss the information needs for regional solutions and how to frame associated issues like economic development, land subsidence, and long-term resiliency.
- The Committee was briefed on the November 20, 2014 HRPDC presentation on land subsidence and the need for better data to predict future trends. The Committee will consider making a recommendation to the Commission in January after the December 19, 2014 meeting of the HRPDC Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise.
- The Committee was briefed on the Hampton Roads Sea Level Rise Preparedness and Resilience, Intergovernmental Planning Pilot Project.
- Public notice of the State Water Control Board Order by Consent was published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on November 17, 2014. To date, no public comments have been received by DEQ.
- HRPDC staff presented the final 2014 Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area permit summary and interactive web viewer.

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on January 7, 2015. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- The Directors of Utilities Committee was briefed on the December 19, 2014 meeting of the HRPDC Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise and the Special Committee's recommendation for assessing land subsidence in the region. The Directors of Utilities Committee recommended pursuing the USGS study to assess land subsidence monitoring methods and to develop cost estimates.
- Mr. Ted Henifin, HRSD, briefed the Committee on HRSD's aquifer recharge study. The Phase I of the study is currently underway to evaluate impact to the aquifer and assess technologies and feasibility of implementation. Depending on the Phase I results in mid-2015, Phase II will consist of a cost analysis to be completed in late 2015.
- The Committee discussed groundwater management issues, including: the December 15, 2014 State Water Commission Meeting discussion; DEQ proposals for regulating small capacity withdrawals. Also, Committee approved support for Mission H2O's lobbying effort to pursue legislation requiring formation of a Groundwater Advisory Committee to evaluate regional solutions to groundwater management in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area, and prohibiting DEQ from requiring individual permit reductions while this evaluation is taking place.
- The HRPDC staff provided an update on the Regional Source Water Protection Plan. Staff is coordinating with VDH to acquire appropriate GIS data.
- The Committee was briefed on a forthcoming RFP. Two Committee representatives volunteered to participate in the RFP development and review process.
- Regarding planning for the FY16 Committee Retreat, it was agreed that the retreat discussion will be incorporated into the agenda for a regular monthly meeting.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on December 4, 2014. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Chris Burkett, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, gave a presentation to the Committee on plans for the update to the Virginia Wildlife Action Plan.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the annual report on Virginia's impaired waters and Chesapeake Bay TMDL implementation progress.
- Ms. Katie Cullipher, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on a white paper, "The State of Recycling in Hampton Roads," produced by the askHRgreen.org Recycling and Beautification Committee.
- Ms. Katchmark updated the Committee on discussions about whether and how to proceed with monitoring regional land subsidence.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on matters related to sea level rise and recurrent flooding.
- Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on matters related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, including PDC grants for FY15-16.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.

MEETING SUMMARY REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on January 8, 2015. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Chris Moore, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, gave a presentation to the Committee on a report evaluating the economic benefits of implementing the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.
- Mr. James Davis-Martin, DEQ, briefed the Committee on an opportunity for PDCS, counties, cities, and towns to receive funding for the collection of stormwater best management practice data to help with the development and calibration of the Chesapeake Bay Phase 6 Watershed Model.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on matters related to sea level rise and recurrent flooding.
- Mr. James Clary, HRPDC, gave a presentation to the Committee on various ways to analyze the economic impacts of sea level rise and flooding.
- Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on the FY13-14 HRPDC Coastal Resources Technical Assistance Program Final Report. The Committee voted to recommend that the Commission approve the report for publication and distribution.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of nutrient credit trading regulations.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, updated the Committee on a discussion about whether and how to study regional land subsidence.
- Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on matters related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, including PDC grants for FY15-16. The Committee voted to recommend that the Commission authorize the Interim Executive Director, in consultation with the Regional Environmental Committee to submit grant proposals to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program and accept grant awards if and when they are made.
- Two Committee members volunteered to serve on the review committee for a Request for Proposals for Continuing Professional Services.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.