

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #4: SEWER CONSOLIDATION UPDATE

SUBJECT:

Update on the proposed Memorandum of Agreement defining HRSD and Locality roles and responsibilities under the hybrid plan for partial regionalization of the sewer system.

BACKGROUND:

The cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg; the Town of Smithfield; and the counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, and York; and the James City Service Authority must choose between two approaches to meet the Special Order by Consent for wet weather sewer overflows by February 28, 2014.

The Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) developed and approved the hybrid regionalization plan in which HRSD would take sole responsibility for financing and implementing the approved Regional Wet Weather Management Plan (RWWMP) across the entire regional sewer system. Localities would retain ownership and operation of their sewer collection systems. This hybrid approach still allows regional ratepayers to benefit from the majority of the savings identified in the regionalization study but does not require complete consolidation of sewer assets.

Each locality must sign the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by February 28, 2014 in order to move forward with the proposed hybrid plan. If one or more localities decide not to sign the MOA, HRSD and all the Localities will proceed with the current requirements of the Consent Decree and Special Order by Consent.

Whitney S. Katchmark, Principal Water Resources Engineer, will present a summary of the Memorandum of Agreement.