

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #13: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The Directors of Utilities Committee Summary Minutes from the October 2, 2013 meeting is attached.

Attachment 13-A

B. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The Regional Environmental Committee Meeting Summary from the October 3, 2013 meeting is attached.

Attachment 13-B

C. PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Attached are the project status reports on other HRPDC programs.

Attachment 13-C

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on October 2, 2013. The following items were addressed during the meeting:

- The Committee discussed the September 24, 2013 Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) Commission action on the regional sewer consolidation study and next steps. HRSD is sending correspondence to localities to explain the action to accept the recommendation of the regionalization study with phased implementation. HRSD would fund the implementation of the regional wet weather capacity improvements. HRSD will be meeting with DEQ and EPA in October to discuss the concept, local government support, and potential next steps.
- The HRPDC staff provided an update on FY14 program activities for water awareness education and fats, oils and grease education. Highlights include new messaging for holiday cooking and garbage disposals, what not to flush, infrastructure, TapIt Hampton Roads, and outdoor watering. Initiatives include search engine marketing and search engine optimization, outreach through HRSD bill messages, and multi-family property outreach.
- The Committee discussed priority projects for the FY14 water and wastewater work programs. It was agreed that staff will focus initially on projects related to water and wastewater rate structures outreach, affordability, and groundwater policy and mitigation; the source water protection project will be undertaken later in the fiscal year.
- The Committee members present unanimously endorsed the proposed FY15 water and wastewater program budgets as included in the agenda packet.
- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on the following:
 - September 11, 2013 State Water Commission meeting discussion of the State Water Supply Plan and groundwater management.
 - September 2013 revised final draft of the DEQ Ambient Groundwater Quality Monitoring Strategy and draft FY14 implementation plan.
 - Summary of water and wastewater rate data from FY05 to FY14.
 - HRPDC's September 19, 2013 approval of the water and wastewater rate structures report for distribution.
- The Committee discussed citizen concerns regarding the addition of fluoride to public water. It was agreed that this topic will be included on the agenda for the December 4, 2013 joint meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on October 3, 2013. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Clifton Bell, Brown and Caldwell, gave a presentation to the Committee on DEQ's Chlorophyll A study for the James River.
- Ms. Kelly Burks-Copes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, gave a presentation to the Committee on a study of the vulnerability of Naval Station Norfolk to sea level rise and storm surge.
- Ms. Jenny Tribo and Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of the HRPDC's Section 309 Grant Project.
- Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on a proposal to allocate unspent money from the HRPDC stormwater program budget to a stormwater monitoring study for the PCB TMDL for the James and Elizabeth Rivers. HRSD estimates that the cost to collect samples will be \$20,000. The Committee voted to approve this allocation of unspent funds.
- Ms. Katchmark briefed the Committee on the proposed stormwater budget for FY 2014-2015. Eleven localities voted in favor of the budget and two abstained. Votes from the abstaining and absent communities will be obtained via email.
- Status reports and updates from HRPDC staff and locality staff.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

1. Regional Economics Program

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provide easy access to a great deal of regional information. Staff also provides special reports and newsletter articles on topics of timely significance, such as payroll and unemployment reports. Over the past month, staff has provided briefings to member localities (per request), provided interviews and presentations for information purposes, and has responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

Analysis of Department of Defense Presence

The Department of Defense plays a significant role in the Hampton Roads economy, a role that is continuously being re-defined. In an attempt to better understand the economic impact of the DoD on the region, staff have worked to provide an in-depth analysis of the federal presence in Hampton Roads, specifically as it relates to defense activities. A report on the DoD presence in Hampton Roads will be presented at the October Commission meeting.

Hampton Roads Data Center

In keeping with the state mandate that calls for Planning District Commissions to collect and maintain demographic, economic, and other data concerning the region and member localities, and to act as a state data center affiliate in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission, staff routinely collect and maintain a variety of data sets. This year, as per the Commission's work program, staff is moving from the publication of data in an annual Data Book, to an online data repository that will enable efficient access for those seeking regional data. Staff is in the process of moving to an online system; a process that is expected to be ongoing as new information is released.

2. Housing & Human Services Technical Assistance

The Housing & Human Services Staff continues to work with the Hampton Roads Disability Board, formerly the South Hampton Roads Disability Board. In observance of October as Disability Awareness Month, the HRDB will host a symposium on October 22, 2012 entitled; ***"The Americans With Disabilities Act: For Everyone, Every day."*** This free seminar will provide an overview of the basic principles and core concepts of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA). This event will also include a facilitated discussion on how the region can address accessibility needs more effectively.

Staff members also continue to work with the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium and the planning of its Seventy Annual Housing Awards. The following regional housing providers and organization were recently honored:

HRHC Housing Warrior: Excellence Award

Shelia Doplemore, Business Development Office, Virginia Housing Development Authority

HRHC Housing Partner: Special Project Award

Virginia Supportive Housing, Heron's Landing SRO Project

HRHC Across the Region Award

Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, Inc.

HRHC Lifetime Achievement Award

Lori Miller- Executive Director, Our House Families

Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership

The staff is continuing to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to qualified first-time homebuyers in the region through HOME Funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). DHCD has changed its funding cycle to a calendar year. Staff is working on completion of the 2013 loan cycle.