

June 25, 2015

**Memorandum #2015-80**

**TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members**

**BY: Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Planner**

**RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting – July 2, 2015  
RSVP – June 30, 2015**

The next meeting of the **HRPDC Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2015** in the **HRPDC Board Room, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

**Please RSVP by June 30, 2015** 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:**

H. Clayton Bernick, VB	Carolyn Murphy, WM
Louis Bott, NN	David Parks, SU
Barbara Brumbaugh, CH	Diane Quick, PO
Joseph Brogan, YK	Scott Rae, GL
Fred Brusso, PO	Angela Rivas, HA
Dennis Carney, Windsor	Ellen Roberts P.E., PQ
Anna Drake, YK	Erin Roundtree, SU
Fran C. Geissler, JC	Rhonda L. Russell AICP, SY
Donald E. Goodwin, FR/SO	William Saunders, SM
Wayne Griffin, SM	Justin Shafer, NO
Kim Hummel, IW	Aaron Small, WM
David Imburgia, HA	Scott Thomas, JC
William J. Johnston, VB	Allison Watts, NN
David Kuzma, IW	Jennifer White, CH
Beth Lewis AICP, FR/SO	June Whitehurst NO
Melissa Lindgren P.E., IW	Kevin Wyne, PQ

**Regional Environmental Committee – Non Voting:**

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

**Regional Environmental Committee – Interested Parties:**

Michael Anaya, CH  
Lynn Allsbrook, HA  
Beth Arnold  
Wayne Boy, William and Mary  
W. Keith Cannady, HA  
Scott Conley  
Darryl E. Cook, JC  
Ken Dierks  
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  
Dana Gonzalez, DEQ  
Frank Haltom, IW  
Tim Hare, CH2M Hill  
Ed Heide, SU  
Kent Henkel, YK  
Gayle E. Hicks, HA  
Roy Hoagland, William and Mary  
Karen Holloway, PQ  
Shereen Hughes, Wetlands Watch  
Shannon Hulst, Wetlands Watch  
Seshadri S. Iyer , URS  
Donald Jennings, IW  
Julien W. Johnson Jr., SH  
Youssef Khalil, PO  
Sue Kriebel, VB  
Casey Magruder NO  
Eric J. Martin P.E., CH  
Seamus McCarthy, NO  
Mark McElroy

Stephen G. McLaughlin, VB  
Whitney McNamara, VB  
Tom McNeilan  
Jenny McPherson, VB  
Scott Mills, SU  
Chris Moore, CBF  
Ryan Nagel, ARCADIS  
Steve Nesbitt, ARCADIS  
Russell Pace, FR  
John Paine, URS  
Jeryl Phillips, VB  
Meg Pittenger, PO  
Stacy Porter, PO  
Jennifer Privette, NN  
Emily Rich  
Lee Rosenberg, NO  
Mary Carson Saunders Stiff, Wetlands Watch  
Sam Sawan, CH  
Liz Scheessele  
Bruce Schwenneker  
Karen Shaffer, CH  
Gina D. Shaw, NO  
Patrick Shearer, KERR Environmental  
Noelle Slater, ARCADIS  
Bob Speechley, PQ  
Peter M. Stephenson AICP, SM  
Skip Stiles, Wetlands Watch  
David Stromberg, HA  
Brian Swets, PO  
Debbie Vest, PQ  
Beverly Walkup, IW  
Jack Whitney Jr., VB  
Brian Woodward, YK  
James Wright, PO

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**AGENDA  
MEETING OF THE  
HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
JULY 2, 2015  
10:00 A.M.**

**1. Summary of the June 4, 2015 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee (REC).**

The summary and attendance sheets of the above meeting are attached.

**Attachments:** 1A – June REC Meeting Summary  
1B – June REC Meeting Attendance

**ACTION:** Accept the Meeting Summary

**2. Public Comments**

**3. Norfolk RE:invest Initiative**

The Re:invest initiative is a collaboration among eight cities and leading firms in engineering, law, and finance to create new public-private partnerships for resilient infrastructure. Norfolk was selected in 2013 to receive technical assistance for efforts to improve part of the City's stormwater management infrastructure. Mr. Ron Williams, Norfolk Deputy City Manager, will give a presentation to the Committee on the initiative's progress.

**Attachment:** 3A – Re:invest Norfolk City Report

**ACTION:** None required

**4. Final Waters of the US Rule**

On May 27, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) finalized the Clean Water Rule to define Waters of the United States. The HRPDC sent a letter (attached) on behalf of member local governments to EPA in October 2014 expressing concerns about the impact on stormwater systems and ditches in Hampton Roads. Mr. Dave Mergen, City of Chesapeake, will provide the Committee with an overview of the changes made to the final rule in response to comments and highlight ongoing concerns. The Rule is scheduled to go into effect at the end of July, but there are several Congressional actions aiming to block the rule.

**Attachment:** 4A – October 2014 HRPDC letter

**ACTION:** None required

## 5. **NOAA Coastal Resilience Grant Opportunity**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released a Notice of Funds Availability for Coastal Resilience grant projects in May 2015. Several proposals are being discussed throughout the region by academic, government, and non-governmental entities. The HRPDC staff will provide an overview of the grant program. Dr. Joshua Behr, Old Dominion University, will brief the Committee on a proposal being developed by ODU, VIMS, and William & Mary, and Dr. Carl Hershner, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, will brief the Committee on a separate proposal being developed by VIMS.

**Attachment:** 5A – NOAA Coastal Resilience Grant NOFA

**ACTION:** Recommend whether the HRPDC staff or the Commission should officially support any of the grant proposals under development.

## 6. **Coastal Zone Program Update**

The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on matters related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. The briefing will include updates on current and future grant projects funded by the VCZMP.

**ACTION:** None required

## 7. **Dutch Dialogues Briefing**

Dutch Dialogues Virginia: Life at Sea Level, was held from June 19 to June 23, 2015 at the Slover Library in Norfolk. The workshop explored solutions to water management problems using a multiple benefits approach, with a focus on two sites in Hampton (Newmarket Creek) and Norfolk (Tidewater Drive). A separate group also considered water management approaches and issues at the regional scale. The HRPDC staff will provide an overview to the Committee of the workshop and the regional discussion.

**ACTION:** None required

## 8. **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

## 9. **Other Matters**