

**AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**ITEM #11: ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES**

**A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES**

The summary minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting is attached.

Attachment 11-A

**B. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES**

The summaries of the February 5, 2015 and March 5, 2015 meetings of the Regional Environmental Committee are attached.

Attachment 11-B1

Attachment 11-B2

## **MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on February 4, 2015. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- The first portion of the meeting was a planning retreat for HRPDC FY2016 Water and Wastewater Program priority projects. The Committee discussed groundwater management and water supply planning and the proposed legislation to establish the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee. The Committee discussed customer affordability and directed staff to complete an analysis. Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) was also noted for future Committee discussion.
- The Committee reviewed recent HRSD Commission Adopted Policies for Regional Sewage Flow Projection Data and Hydraulic Grade Line System Operating Pressure.
- The HRPDC staff updated included the following:
  - Regional Source Water Protection Plan: Preliminary materials were reviewed by utility staff volunteers and staff is incorporating comments. Staff continues to coordinating with VDH to acquire appropriate GIS data.
  - HRPDC RFP for FY16 Professional Services. The first round review of the draft RFP was completed in January and the revised RFP will be circulated to the selection panel for comments in February.
  - State Water Resources Plan: DEQ has requested the opportunity to present the plan. The HRPDC staff is coordinating with DEQ to confirm the details.
  - The June 3, 2015 Joint Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors will be held at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Brock Environmental Center in Virginia Beach.

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

The Regional Environmental Committee met on February 5, 2015. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Russell Lotspeich, U.S. Geological Survey, gave a presentation to the Committee on planned expansions to Virginia's coastal tide gauge network.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on draft regional comments on proposed Nonpoint Source Nutrient Credit Regulations.
- Ms. Shannon Jarbeau and Ms. Mary-Carson Stiff, Wetlands Watch, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Community Rating System and how localities can get CRS credit for local planning strategies and ordinances.
- Ms. Katchmark updated the Committee on legislation of interest to the Committee.
- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program competitive grants for FY15-16. The Committee recommended pursuing two Section 306 projects and one Section 309 project.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

The Regional Environmental Committee met on March 5, 2015. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Mark Bennett, U.S. Geological Survey, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay Program's Climate Change Workgroup.
- Mr. Chris Thompson, Department of Housing and Community Development, briefed the Committee on the Commonwealth's application for the National Disaster Resilience Competition.
- Ms. Shereen Hughes, Wetlands Watch, updated the Committee on efforts to train and certify landscape professionals on small scale stormwater best management practices.
- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the recently announced Federal Flood Risk Management Standard.
- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on matters related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.
- Ms. Jill Sunderland, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the region's draft comment letter on proposed state nutrient trading regulations. The Committee voted to approve the letter with minor changes.
- Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, updated the Committee on legislation of interest to the Committee.
- Ms. Tiffany Smith, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the status of the HRPDC's Request for Proposals for FY16 Professional Services.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.