



HRPDC ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

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SUBJECT:

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) requests guidance and a commitment from Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resources regarding the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) and state participation in the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay TMDL Regional Steering Committee process.

BACKGROUND:

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter from EPA Region III Administrator Shawn Garvin to Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Doug Domenech. This letter responds to the September 28, 2011 letter from Secretary Domenech to Administrator Garvin (Attachment C to Agenda Item #16. This letter was discussed with the Regional Stormwater Management Committee at its meeting on October 19, 2011.

Based on experience over the past several months, the staff and members of both the Stormwater Committee and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Steering Committee are concerned about the lack of high level state participation in the Regional Steering Committee and the lack of guidance from the state to the HRPDC and localities to address concerns that have been raised by the HRPDC. Attached is a draft letter to Secretary Domenech expressing the HRPDC's concerns and reiterating the request for more information about the "Path Forward" proposed in Virginia's letter to the EPA.

Ms. Katchmark, Principal Water Resources Engineer, will highlight these matters in her presentation.

Attachments:

- Supplemental A: Letter of October 5, 2011 from EPA Regional Administrator Garvin to Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Domenech.
- Supplemental B: Draft Letter from HRPDC to Secretary Domenech

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve draft letter from the Commission to Secretary Domenech, requesting:

1. More information about local governments' role in the "Path Forward" proposed in Virginia's letter to the EPA.
2. Commitment from the state to participate actively in the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay TMDL Steering Committee process.