

Attachment 1A
MEETING SUMMARY
MEETING OF
Directors of Utilities Committee
January 8, 2014
Newport News

1. Summary of the December 4, 2013 Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors.

There were no comments on, or revisions to the summary of the December 4, 2013 Committee meeting.

ACTION: The summary of the December 4, 2013 Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors meeting was approved.

2. Subsidence Report Summary

Whitney Katchmark, HRDPC staff, presented a summary of the USGS report "[Land Subsidence and Relative Sea-Level Rise in the Southern Chesapeake Bay Region.](#)" HRPDC worked with USGS to develop this report which reviews the available measurements of land subsidence in the region and evaluates the potential causes of land subsidence. A major finding of the report is that aquifer compaction due to groundwater withdrawals can explain the majority of the observed land subsidence.

ACTION: HRPDC staff will provide the Committee with information to support DEQ's proposed budget to add the Land Subsidence package to the existing Virginia Coastal Plain groundwater model. (email sent January 14, 2014)

3. Mission H2O Update

Whitney Katchmark, HRDPC staff, presented a summary of the whitepapers under development by the Mission H2O Groundwater subcommittee.

ACTION: No action.

4. Fats, Oils, and Grease

The Committee discussed the Hampton Roads Fats, Oils, and Grease (HR FOG) Program, including the 2008 "Memorandum of Agreement Pertaining to Mutual Cooperation in the Retrofit Enforcement of Grease Control Devices" and local FOG ordinances. The Committee supports the continuation of the HRPDC FOG education program. Many localities have adopted FOG ordinances but there is no longer a need for HRPDC to pursue collecting a Memorandum of Agreement from each locality.

ACTION: Continue FOG education and close out effort to have MOAs for Enforcement of Grease Control Devices from each locality.

5. Regional Sanitary Sewer System Asset Consolidation

HRSD and Norfolk discussed a revision to the MOA defining the hybrid approach for the sewer consolidation. The revision addressed Norfolk's existing Consent Order and how it fit into the hybrid plan. There was no opposition to the revision.

It was agreed that HRPDC staff will brief the HRPDC Commission on the status of the hybrid approach at the January 16, 2014 meeting.

ACTION: Distribute revised MOA. (emailed January 8, 2014)

6. Staff Reports

- **SB 48 Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area; prohibition on oil and gas drilling:** HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the [proposed legislation SB 48](#). The Committee will have the opportunity to discuss the Committee's position and any recommended actions.
- **Update on Implementation of the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act of 2011:** Following unanimous votes by the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, the Community Fire Safety Act (HR3588) was signed by President Obama on December 20, 2013. The new Public Law No. 113-64 exempts fire hydrants from compliance with the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has revised the agency's "[Summary of the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act and Frequently Asked Questions](#)" to state that the Community Fire Safety Act of 2013 exempts fire hydrants from the lead free requirements in section 1417(a) of the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act.

ACTION: Committee recommended that the HRPDC Commission amend the regional legislative agenda to support legislation that protects the aquifer system in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area by banning drilling or adding regulatory protections to ensure groundwater quality will not be degraded.