



April 24, 2014

Memorandum #2014-61

TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members

BY: Jai McBride, HRPDC Principal Regional Planner

**RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting - May 1, 2014
RSVP - April 29, 2014**

The next meeting of the HRPDC **Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**, in the **HRPDC Board Room, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

Please RSVP by April 29, 2014 so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

Copy: Dave Evans, McGuire Woods

SK/fw

Regional Environmental Committee – Voting:

Connie Bennett, YK
H. Clayton Bernick, VB
Barbara Brumbaugh, CH
Fred Brusso, PO
Dennis Carney, Windsor
Anna Drake, YK
Fran C. Geissler, JC
Emily Gibson, GL
Donald E. Goodwin, FR
Wayne Griffin, SM
Leroy Hansen, SU
Kim Hummel, IW
David Imburgia, HA
William J. Johnston, VB
David Kuzma, NN
Beth Lewis AICP, SH
Melissa Lindgren P.E., IW
Carolyn Murphy, WM
Diane Quick, PO
Scott Rae, GL
Ellen Roberts P.E., PQ
Erin Roundtree, SU
Rhonda L. Russell AICP, SY
William Saunders, SM
Justin Shafer, NO
Aaron Small, WM
Scott Thomas, JC
Jennifer White, CH
June Whitehurst NO
Kevin Wyne, PQ
Weston S. Young P.E., HA

Regional Environmental Committee – Non Voting:

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

Regional Environmental Committee – Interested Parties:

Lynn Allsbrook, HA
Brian Alperin, SU
Beth Arnold
Michael Barbachem, URS
Wayne Boy
Joseph Brogan, YK
W. Keith Cannady, HA
Darryl E. Cook, JC
Ken Dierks
Stephanie Drzal, VA Dare SWCD
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
Frank Haltom, IW
Tim Hare, CH2M Hill
Ed Heide, SU
Kent Henkel, YK
Gayle E. Hicks, HA
Karen Holloway, PQ
William T. Hopkins III, SM
Shereen Hughes, Wetlands Watch
Shannon Hulst, Wetlands Watch
Donald Jennings, IW
Julien W. Johnson Jr., SH
Kari Lynch, PO
Casey Magruder NO
Eric J. Martin P.E., CH

Seamus McCarthy, NO
Stephen G. McLaughlin, VB
Whitney McNamara, VB
Jenny McPherson, VB
Scott Mills, SU
Chris Moore, CBF
Ryan Nagel, ARCADIS
Russell Pace, FR
John Paine, URS
Jeryl Phillips, VB
Richard Phillips
Meg Pittenger, PO
Stacy Porter, PO
Jennifer Privette, NN
Lee Rosenberg, NO
Sam Sawan, CH
Liz Scheessele
Karen Shaffer, CH
Gina D. Shaw, NO
Noelle Slater, ARCADIS
Bob Speechley, PQ
Peter M. Stephenson AICP, SM
Skip Stiles, Wetlands Watch
David Stromberg, HA
Jill Sunderland, NO
Brian Swets, CH
Debbie Vest, PQ
Beverly Walkup, IW
Jack Whitney Jr., VB
Brian Woodward, YK
James Wright, PO

HRPDC Staff

Katie Cullipher
Rebekah Eastep
Dwight Farmer
Julia Hillegass
Whitney Katchmark
Randy Keaton

Sara Kidd
Jai McBride
Ben McFarlane
Tiffany Smith
Jenny Tribo
Joe Turner

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MAY 1, 2014
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the April 3, 2014 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee.

The summary and attendance sheet of the April 3, 2014 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee are attached.

Attachments: 1-A April Meeting Summary
1-B April Meeting Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Briefing on the Clean Water Act Definition of the “Waters of the U.S.”

On March 25, 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jointly proposed a rule defining the scope of waters protected under the Clean Water Act (CWA). Revisions are proposed in light of Supreme Court rulings in 2001 and 2006 that interpreted the regulatory scope of the CWA more narrowly than previously, but created uncertainty about the precise effect of the Court’s decisions. Mr. Dave Mergen, City of Chesapeake, will provide the Committee with an overview of the proposed rule and discuss implications for localities in Hampton Roads.

The attached Congressional Research Service summary and EPA presentation provide an initial summary of the proposed Rule. The Committee will discuss whether or not HRPDC should submit formal comments on the Rule.

Attachments: 3-A CRS Waters of the US summary
3-B EPA presentation on Waters of the US

ACTION: Per discussion

4. Living Shorelines BMP Panel Report

The Chesapeake Bay Program has created a process of convening expert panels that provide recommendations on efficiencies for best management practices that should be represented in the Chesapeake Bay models. Mr. Kevin DuBois, City of Norfolk, who served on the expert panel for Shoreline Management as a BMP, will provide the Committee with an overview of the report. The draft report has been approved by the Urban Stormwater Workgroup and will be reviewed by the Water Quality Goal Team in the next couple of months. Once the report is approved by the Water Quality GIT, it will be added to the Model accounting systems. The report can be reviewed at the following link:

http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/21151/attachment_c--uswg_shoreline_management_041414.pdf

ACTION: None required

5. Sea Level Rise Update

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on items related to sea level rise and recurrent flooding in Hampton Roads. Items discussed will include grant project updates and the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise.

ACTION: None required

6. Coastal Zone Program Update

The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on items related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, including HRPDC grant projects.

ACTION: None required

7. Discussion on forming subcommittees

The Committee will revisit the discussion on restructuring existing stand-alone committees, such as the Elizabeth River Steering Committee and Urban Forest Roundtable, to be subcommittees of the Regional Environmental Committee.

ACTION: Vote on adding subcommittees

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