

EASTERN VIRGINIA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Bank of America Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 1111 East Main Street, Richmond, VA
23219

May 2, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members Present	
Robert Pickett – Northern Neck SWCD	Dave Jurgens – City of Chesapeake
Peggy Sanner – Chesapeake Bay Foundation	Hope Cupit - SERCAP
Stewart Leeth – Smithfield Foods	Zach Jacobs – Farm Bureau
Dan Holloway – HRSD	John Aulbach – Aqua Virginia
Doug Powell – James City Service Authority	Christopher Miller – King George County

For the record, the following members were absent from the meeting: Erin Riley, Nina Butler, Andrea Wortzel, Dr. Colin Greene, Chief Adkins, Stephen Schoenholtz, Kurt Stephenson, Mike Rolband, Kellan Singleton, Keith Martin, Mark Bennett, John Loftus, John O'Dell, Robert Wayland, and Al Moor

Department of Environmental Quality Staff Present	
Joseph Grist – Office of Water Withdrawal Permitting Manager	Brian Campbell – Groundwater Characterization and Monitoring Manager
Scott Morris – Director, Division of Water	Elizabeth Gallup – Surface Water Withdrawal Team Lead
Eric Seavey – Groundwater Withdrawal Team Lead	Todd Wood – Aquaveo (DEQ Contractor)

Visitors Present	
Robin Schroeder – International Paper	Whitney Katchmark - HRPDC
Ivy Ozmon - HRPDC	Chris Pomeroy – AquaLaw (VMDWA)
George Harlow, Jr. - USGS	Bryant Mountjoy - Stantec
Bryce Young – King George County	Joey Hiner - SERCAP
Jon Cawley - SERCAP	Ethan Bettoton – Virginia Chamber of Commerce

PROCEEDINGS

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Joe Grist convened the meeting at 10:05 am; he welcomed members to the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee meeting. A quorum was not present.

Committee members and visitors introduced themselves and the organizations they represented. Mr. Grist announced the retirement celebration for Scott Kudlas, Office of Water Supply Director, upcoming on May 31, and announced that Jutta Schneider, Water Planning Director, is retiring in August. He reviewed the last EVGMAC meeting and site visit to the West Point Extensometer. Mr. Brian Campbell updated the committee that drilling is complete and next steps are construction of the instrumentation and building surrounding the extensometer.

Meeting Agenda

Mr. Grist went over the planned meeting agenda outline.

- Presentation by Aquaveo – 2021-2022 Annual Simulation of Reported Use and Total Permitted Groundwater Levels
- Open floor for public comment

Floor was opened for member questions regarding the meeting agenda; no questions from the body.

Presentations

Mr. Todd Wood, Aquaveo, joined the meeting virtually from Utah to provide an update to the committee on the results of updating the Coastal Plain Groundwater Model and the Eastern Shore Groundwater Model with 2021 reported use data. Committee members asked for clarification about who reports chloride concentrations used in the model. Mr. Grist responded that when Technical Evaluations are received, monitoring requirements are added for facilities if an increase in chloride is shown. Committee members asked if the annual model reports include observed water levels in aquifers. Mr. Wood replied that they are not in the annual reports, but aquifer water levels are reported when the models are recalibrated. Committee members requested a copy of today's presentation as well as the annual model reports.

Public Comment

Floor was opened to public questions or comments.

There were no public comments.

Next Committee Meeting

Mr. Grist concluded the meeting and thanked the committee for their time, attention, and willingness to serve on the committee. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023 at 10:30am.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.