

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

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MEETING VIA GOTOWEBINAR

March 19, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

Due to a technical issue the March 19, 2021 meeting was not recorded. This document will serve as the record of the committee meeting.

| Committee Members Present | |
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| Robert Pickett — VA Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts | Tech Ben Rowe — Proxy for Martha Moore, Farm Bureau |
| Anna Killius — James River Association | Robert Wayland – Citizen at Large |
| Nina Butler — WestRock | Stephen Schoenholtz — Virginia |
| Andrea Wortzel — Mission H2O | Peggy Sanner — Chesapeake Bay Foundation |
| David Jurgens — City of Chesapeake | Ted Henifin — Hampton Roads Sanitation District |
| Doug Powell — James City County Service Authority | John Aulbach – Aqua Virginia |
| Kurt Stephenson – Virginia Tech | Stewart Leeth — Smithfield Foods, Inc |
| Shannon Alexander – Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission | John Loftus – Virginia Economic Development Partnership |
| Dwayne Roadcap — Virginia Department of Health | Chief Stephen Adkins — Chickahominy Tribe |
| John O’Dell – Virginia Well Drillers Association | |

For the record, the following members were absent from the meeting: Hope Cupit, Keith Martin, Neiman C. Young, David Paylor, and Mark Bennett.

| Department of Environmental Quality Staff Present | |
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| Scott Kudlas — Director, Office of Water Supply | Joseph Grist — Water Withdrawal Permitting and Compliance Program Manager |
| Jutta Schneider — Director, Water Planning Division | Brandon Bull — Water Policy Manager |

| Visitors Present | |
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| Jamie Heisig-Mitchell | Dan Holloway |
| Charles Bott | |

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting convened at approximately 10 am.

Meeting Agenda

The proposed meeting agenda was as follows:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Comprehensive Presentation on Status of SWIFT Project(s) – Ted Henifin, Jamie Heisig-Mitchell, Dan Holloway, and Charles Bott
- Public Comment Forum
- Wrap up: Expectations for content at the next two meetings

Presentation

- “One Initiative – Many Benefits, SWIFT [Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow]”, – Ted Henifin, Jamie Heisig-Mitchell, Dan Holloway, and Charles Bott

The Committee received a presentation from HRSD staff regarding the latest activities associated with the SWIFT project. Mr. Henifin provided an overview of the project and its multiple benefits to the Bay and to the aquifer system. Dan Holloway presented information to the committee regarding current modeling of the injection anticipated and the potential regional benefits to improving aquifer water levels. Jamie Heisig-Mitchell presented the latest information related to permitting the injection at multiple locations, the estimated timeline for permitting, and the role of the Potomac Aquifer Recharge Oversight Committee in safeguarding public health and the environment. She also provided information on the constituents being monitored and under which regulatory oversight mechanism. Charles Bott provided an overview of the technical aspects of the treatment processes used and their experience with them at the Nansemond Demonstration Facility.

The HRSD answered questions from the Committee.

Public Comment

No available information on public comment.

Next Committee Meeting

Scheduled for April 27, 2021. Future agenda items discussion was moved to the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm