

**EASTERN VIRGINIA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING #10 NOTES – DRAFT

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017

DEQ CENRAL OFFICE – 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOMS B&C

Meeting Attendees

EASTERN VIRGINIA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
John J. Aulbach – Aqua Virginia, Inc.	Chris Pomeroy – Western Tidewater Water Authority
James Baker – City of Chesapeake	Paul Rogers, Jr. – Farmer – Production Agriculture
Nina Butler – WestRock	Nikki Rovner – The Nature Conservancy
Tom Frederick – VA Water and Wastewater Authorities Association	Curtis Smith – Eastern Shore Groundwater Committee
Rhu Harris – Hanover County	Kurt Stephenson – Virginia Tech
Bryan Hill – James City County	Mike Toalson – VA Home Builders Association (retired)
Marissa Levine – VDH	Dennis Treacy – Smithfield Foods
Sandi McNinch – VA Economic Development Partnership	Ellis Walton – Farm Bureau
John O’Dell – VA Well Drillers Association	Bob Wayland - Citizen
David Paylor – DEQ	

NOTE: Advisory Committee Members NOT in attendance: George Harlow – USGS; Chip Jones – Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District; Keith Martin – Chamber of Commerce; Travis Quesenberry – King George County; Brett Vassey – Virginia Manufacturers Association

INTERESTED PARTIES ATTENDING MEETING	
Phil Abraham - VACRE	Chris Gill – Christian & Barton
Elizabeth Andrews – Virginia Coastal Policy Center	Dan Holloway – CH2MHill
Ken Bannister – Draper Aden	Jonathan Harding – Virginia Agribusiness Council
Robert Bohannon – Hunton & Williams/Fairfax Water	Jamie Heisig-Mitchell
Arielle Brown – Virginia Farm Bureau	David Jurgens – City of Chesapeake
Preston Bryant – McGuire Woods Consulting	Whitney Katchmark - HRPDC
Jeff Corbin – Restoration Systems	Shannon Varner – Mission H2O
Robert Crockett - ADVANTUS	Andrea Wortzel – Troutman Sanders
Chuck Duvall – West Rock	Robert Carteris – Norfolk Utilities
Jason Early – CARDNO	

SUPPORT STAFF ATTENDING MEETING	
Brandon Bull - DEQ	Amber Leasure-Earnhardt – VCU/VA Center for Consensus Building
Drew Hammond - DEQ	Deb Harris - DEQ
Scott Kudlas - DEQ	Mark Rubin – VA Center for Consensus Building

The meeting convened at 9:33 a.m. and adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions (Mark Rubin, Director of the VA Center for Consensus Building at VCU and Meeting Facilitator)

Mark Rubin welcomed the members of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (committee) and those from the public to the meeting and asked for introductions. He noted that we will be using the “Open Chair” during the meeting. Mark asked that if a member of the audience needs to address the committee or provide comment relevant to the discussion, they should come to the chair to be recognized prior to providing their input.

Mark reviewed the agenda for the day and noted that the main purpose is to finalize the report. He noted that today we would go through the whole report making “live” edits. The revised report would then be circulated to the members and they will be asked to respond in writing on whether they agree, disagree, or disagree in part.

Mark then noted that the report has been revised since the June meeting and many of the edits have been editorial or narrative in nature. Things not in the report include: (i) new issues, such as comments that were received recently, which have been provided as handouts; (ii) issues that did not make it out of a workgroup; and, (iii) issues discussed but no consensus was achieved. Mr. Rubin then went through the materials that were available as handouts.

2. Approval of June 12th Meeting Notes (Mark Rubin)

Mark asked whether there were any comments or edits to the draft meeting notes that had been distributed to the group. It was noted that one change was received and the edit was shown to the committee. During the discussion on the meeting notes, it was clarified that underground injection is not delegated to the state.

The Advisory Committee accepted the edit and approved the meeting notes as revised. The meeting notes will be posted to Town Hall.

Action Item: Staff will post the meeting notes to the Town Hall as “Final”.

3. Discussion of the Draft Report (Mark Rubin):

Mark began the review of the draft report. He noted that during the review “live” edits will be made and projected on the screen. The committee could then see the changes made to the report.

The committee began its review of the draft report starting with Section I.

The committee took a break from 10:52 am until 11:05 a.m.

Mark informed the committee that the page by page review including all of the wordsmithing edits would likely take too long and that for the discussion forward it would be better to confine comments to substantive points. Additionally, review of the recommendations and discussions of the recommendations would be the priority for the day.

The committee then began its review of each of the recommendations.

The committee took lunch from 12:15 p.m. until 1:26 p.m.

After lunch, the discussion on each of the recommendations continued. The changes to the recommendation were captured during the discussions and shown to the committee. All of the recommendations were reviewed and edited as agreed to by the committee agreed to the changes made to the recommendations.

After the recommendations review, Mark noted that there was not enough information or clarity on the some other topics so the committee would need to revisit them. Information was provided to the committee from DEQ staff about the background of the human consumption definition. The committee then discussed the information provided and the issue. It was agreed to modify the Section II of the report to provide some clarity and to not have a separate part for this issue.

Mark then asked the committee what information should be provided as appendices to the report and the committee discussed what should be added.

4. Next Steps (Mark Rubin)

Mark then went through the next steps. The report will be revised based on today's discussions and will be sent to the committee for their review and input on concurrence. He noted that the report needed to be completed by August 1, 2017. The report will be sent to the members and each one will need to specify whether they agree, they dissent or they dissent in part. The report will then be sent to David Paylor.

Mr. Paylor noted that the report will be transmitted after it is received and he may reinforce some information when transmitting the report. He also noted that the DEQ was working on some concepts regarding irrigation and surficial aquifers.

Mark then thanked everyone involved in the report drafting process.

5. Public Comment (Mark Rubin)

No further comment was provided.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attachment 1

MEETING HANDOUTS

(Some materials were distributed via email or made available at the meeting.):

- Transmittal Letter to Advisory Committee;
- [Draft Agenda](#);
- Draft Meeting Notes – EVGMAC Meeting #9 – Monday, June 12, 2017;
- Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee, Report to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Virginia General Assembly (Working Draft, July 2017)
- VMA Comment Letter (June 21, 2017)
- West Rock Email & Attachment – Comments
- Kurt Stephenson Email & Attachment - Comments
- Mission H2O Comments