

Stormwater Stakeholder Advisory Group
Wordsmithing Work Group
July 20, 2015
Final Meeting Notes²

Location: DEQ Central Office
2nd Floor Conference Room A
629 E. Main Street, Richmond, VA

Start: 1:12 p.m.
End: 3:04 p.m.

SAG Work Group Members Present:

Adrienne Kotula, James River Association
Elizabeth A. Andrews, DEQ
Melanie Davenport, DEQ

Philip F. Abraham, VACRE
Chris Pomeroy, Aqua Law

Work Group Members Absent:

Bart Thrasher, VDOT
Katie Frazier, Va. Agribusiness Council

Douglas Beisch, Strantec

Facilitator: Mark Rubin, VCU
Recorder: Debra Harris, DEQ

Guests and Public Attendees:

Christine Watlington, VDOT
Fred Cunningham, DEQ
Drew Hammond, DEQ

I. Agenda Item: Welcome

Discussion: The work group members were welcomed to the meeting and asked to use their handouts for today's meeting. As previously noted, the consolidated strawman is called the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Act (VESMA) and the basis for the strawman was the current SWMA¹ through §62.1-44.15:34. The SWMA was compared to the ESCL requirements and a recommendation for VESMA language was drawn from the two statutes.

II. Agenda Item: VESMA Strawman

Discussion: The WWG reviewed the consolidated VESMA strawman (Handout 1 - Attachment B). During the meeting, the WWG reviewed sections §62.1-44.15:24, 15:26, 15:27, and 15:28. The comments and changes suggested by the WWG are provided in Attachment C.

III. Agenda Item: Future Meeting

Discussion: The WWG decided that a future meeting will be necessary to go over the remainder of the strawman. WWG members selected July 31st at 12pm for their next meeting.

The WWG meeting was then adjourned.

¹ See list of acronyms in Attachment A

² WWG - 8/3 no comments

Acronyms:

CBPA – Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act

DEQ – Department of Environmental Quality

DMME – Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

E&SC – erosion and sedimentation control

ESCL – Erosion and Sedimentation Control Law

EWG – Enforcement Work Group (a subgroup of the SAG)

IWG – Implementation Work Group (a subgroup of the SAG)

RLD – Responsible Land Disturber

SAG – Stormwater Stakeholder Advisory Group

SWCL – State Water Control Law (in this context the term normally refers to the general provisions)

SWMA – Stormwater Management Act

VESMA – Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Act

VESMP - Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Program

VSMP – Virginia Stormwater Management Program

WWG – Wordsmithing Work Group (a subgroup of the SAG)



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Handout 1



VSMP List.xlsx

Handout 2

Attachment C



Attachment C.docx