

## Virginia Water Monitoring Council Steering Committee Meeting

December 14, 2010

DEQ Piedmont Office/Conference Call

Minutes by Robin Wilder

### **Steering Committee representatives attending:**

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (ACB) – Chris French

Clean Virginia Waterways (CVW) – Katie Register

County of Chesterfield – Weedon Cloe

County of Henrico – Robin Wilder

County of James City – Fran Geissler

Ferrum College – Carolyn Thomas

Newport News Waterworks – Ron Harris

University of Mary Washington – Michael Bass

United States Geological Society (USGS) – Tracy Hancock

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) – Stuart Torbeck

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) – Dan Dietrich

Virginia Water Resources Research Center (VWRRC) – Stephen Shoenholtz, Jane Walker

### **Organizations without a representative at the meeting:**

Longwood University

Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District

Virginia Association of Counties (VACo)

Virginia Citizens for Water Quality (VCWQ)/Friends of the Shenandoah

Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF)

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF)

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS)

The Virginia Water Monitoring Council (VWMC) Steering Committee met at the DEQ Piedmont Office and by conference call on December 14, 2010 (3:00– 4:30 PM). Katie Register, Steering Committee Co-Chair, led the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM. Following welcome and introductions, the meeting agenda was reviewed and approved. The minutes from the October 27, 2010 meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved as corrected.

### **Financial Report:**

There was no written report. Jane Walker reported the following:

- There is a proposal for \$2500 from VDH to promote beach monitoring.
- Va. SOS funds have been transferred to Longwood University Foundation, however, we still have some unspent funds.
- \$5000 has been received from VDEQ (2011 Citizen Monitoring)
- MS4 Workshop dollar figures are not yet available.
- Jane intends to do a year-end summary.

### **Announcements:**

Carolyn Thomas reported that a sustainability conference will be happening soon – as updates become available, information will be shared.

**Old Business:**

**MS4 Compliance Workshop**

This workshop occurred on December 8, 2010. It was well attended and received positive feedback. Survey results are still being compiled by VIMS. Registration will continue to be a problem due to government procurement rules. The Council needs to research options to handle future registrations (i.e., 501c3 formation, outside vendors, ACB option, VT continuing education option). VWMC needs to continue to pursue sponsorships for future workshops and conferences.

**Steering Committee Survey**

Weedon and Dan had no report. They are hoping to get the survey out to the steering committee in mid-January 2011. It was decided to use VT survey due to restrictions with Survey Monkey.

**New Business:**

**2011 Annual Conference**

The Henrico County facility is only available 4/22/11 (Earth Day) or 5/26/11 or 5/27/11 (Memorial Day weekend). VIMS availability needs to be checked (Sandra Erdle). Spotsylvania County facilities are also an option (Richard Street). Topics for the conference will be determined by looking at survey results from last year's conference and the MS4 workshop. There are conflicts for the first 2 weeks in June 2011. Potential speakers thus far include Eric Eckles and Laura Grape. Fran Geissler suggested that Hydrologics may be a good sponsor for our conference.

**2011 Officer Nominations:**

Co-Chairs: Chris French and Katie Register

Vice Chair: Weedon Cloe

Secretary: Robin Wilder

Jane will send out a ballot, in survey form, for the entire Steering Committee to vote and/or write in alternates.

**Future Meeting Date:**

February 16, 2011. 3pm – 4:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm