Wastewater Infrastructure Policy Working Group § 62.1-223.2

Eastern Virginia Roundtable Discussions September 8, 2021 – 10:00 to 12:00 Draft Meeting Agenda

Meeting Location: Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Davis Hall, 1st Floor, Owens-Bryant Board Room

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1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions by Policy Working Group Chair Designee, Karen Doran, Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program Manager,

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

- 2. Overview of American Rescue Plan Act Funding.
 - a. Karen Doran, DEQ
 - b. Lance Gregory, Division of Onsite Sewage and Water Services Director, Environmental Engineering, and Marina Programs, Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
- 3. Roundtable Discussion with Working Group Participants facilitated by Ann Jennings, Deputy Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources on the following issues:
 - a. How to promote public education about the importance of adequate wastewater treatment?

- b. How to encourage collaboration among local, state, and federal government entities, including consistent collaboration and coordination of grant requirements and timelines?
- c. How to endorse community-based and regional projects as opposed to cumulative and repetitive site-by-site individual solutions and integrated solutions across sewer and onsite wastewater treatment systems.
- d. How to support prioritized, focused, and innovative uses of state and federal funding to address needs determined pursuant to the wastewater infrastructure needs assessment required under § 62.1-223.3.
- 4. Public comment.
- 5. Adjournment.
- § 62.1-223.1. State policy as to community and onsite wastewater treatment. It is the policy of the Commonwealth to prioritize universal access to wastewater treatment that protects public health and the environment and supports local economic growth and stability.