Stormwater Stakeholder Advisory Group Wordsmithing Work Group

July 31, 2015 Final Meeting Notes²

Location: DEQ Central Office

Start: 12:06 p.m. **End:** 3:29 p.m.

7th Floor Conference Room

629 E. Main Street, Richmond, VA

SAG Work Group Members Present:

Elizabeth A. Andrews, DEQ
Melanie Davenport, DEQ
Philip F. Abraham, VACRE
Chris Pomeroy, Aqua Law

Work Group Members Absent:

Adrienne Kotula, James River Association Katie Frazier, Va. Agribusiness Council

Bart Thrasher, VDOT Douglas Beisch, Stantec

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

Guests and Public Attendees:

Whit Marshall, Goochland County
Christine Watlington, VDOT
Drew Hammond, DEQ
John Olenik, VDOT

Fred Cunningham, DEQ

I. Agenda Item: Welcome, Minutes & Overview

Discussion: The work group members were welcomed to the meeting. The WWG¹ was asked to review and provide any comments on the draft meeting notes for their past meeting by the end of the day on Monday, 8/3. An overview of the handouts was provided and, 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 SWMA from § 62.1-44.15:24 through § 62.1-44.15:34. It was noted that the EWG will be reviewing sections § 62.1-44.15:25 and 15:29 and the IWG will be handling the fees.

II. Agenda Item: Strawman - 15:24 through 15:29

Discussion: The WWG reviewed the strawman for sections § 62.1-44.15:24 through § 62.1-44.15:29 (Handout 1 - Attachment B). During the meeting, the WWG reviewed sections § 62.1-44.15:24, 15:26, 15:27, and 15:28 (as noted previously, the EWG will be reviewing and recommending the revisions to § 62.1-44.15:25 and 15:29. The comments and changes suggested by the WWG are provided in Attachment C. During the discussion, comment on the transition issues was made. DEQ will prepare a strawman with proposed enactment clauses in order to provide information for transitioning from the VESCP and VSMP to the consolidated VESMP.

III. Agenda Item: Strawman – 15:30 through 15:34

Discussion: The WWG reviewed the strawman for sections § 62.1-44.15:30 through § 62.1-44.15:34 (Handout 2 - Attachment B). During the meeting, the WWG reviewed sections §62.1-44.15:30 through 15:33 and some subsections of 15:34. The comments and changes suggested by the WWG are provided in Attachment C.

The WWG took a break from 2:05 p.m. until 2:14 p.m.

As with the discussions for the previous strawman, comments on possible enactment clauses and transition issues were made. These comments will be included with the proposed enactment clauses that DEQ will prepare for review at the next meeting.

IV. Agenda Item: Future Meeting

Discussion: The WWG decided that a future meeting will be necessary to go over the remainder of the strawman. The members will be queried and notified of the next meeting date.

The WWG meeting was then adjourned.

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¹ See list of acronyms in Attachment A

² 08/14/15 WWG

ATTACHMENT A

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)

NWG - Nutrient Trading 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)



Handout 1



Handout 2



Handout 3

Attachment C



