

7. GROUNDWATER MITIGATION PROGRAM RENEWAL OF M.O.A.

Attached for your reference please find a memorandum from Dwight Farmer, Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), seeking your consideration in renewing an existing memorandum of agreement regarding the ground water mitigation program.

The original agreement was executed in August 1994 and subsequently renewed in May 2000 and February 2006. This renewed agreement will extend through December 31, 2015, and establishes the HRPDC responsibilities for conducting the analysis of the impacts of municipal ground water withdrawals in support of local government ground water withdrawal permits and mitigation plans. Among other things, the agreement obligates the HRPDC to:

1. Conduct technical analyses of the impacts of municipal groundwater withdrawal throughout the Hampton Roads region;
2. Respond to requests from member organizations to analyze the impacts of specific municipal groundwater withdrawals;
3. Develop technical recommendations on mitigation responsibilities among member organizations;
4. Provide written reports of its technical analyses to all member organizations.

The annual cost to Southampton County is approximately \$3,600 and is already one component of our annual appropriation to the HRPDC.

MOTION REQUIRED: A motion is required to authorize the County Administrator to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of Southampton County.