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CRS Workgroup Meeting Zoom Chat
November 19, 2020
Online Zoom Meeting

Rich Sobota-FEMA: Rich Sobota-FEMA Region III-Regional CRS Coordinator

Paul Koll, Gloucester County: Paul Koll, Gloucester County

Emily Schmidt, ISO CRS Specialist: Emily Schmidt, ISO CRS Specialist, covering the state of VA, beginning 2021.

Ben McFarlane (HRPDC): Ben McFarlane, Hampton Roads PDC

Debbie Messmer - VDEM: Debbie Messmer - SHMO - VDEM

George Homewood--Norfolk: George Homewood, Norfolk, Class 7 on way to 5

Bobby Gelormine: Bobby Gelormine - Chesapeake (Class 7)

Howard Nelson: Howard Nelson, City of Newport News

Kathie Angle, Newport News: Kathie Angle, Newport News, entering program, CRS meeting January 2021

Kent Henkel - York County: Kent Henkel, York County class 7, Cycle verification zoom meeting on 12/21

Heather Stanton - City of Chesapeake Utilities: Heather Stanton City of Chesapeake Public Utilities, Class 7

Tammie Clary: Tammie Clary, Town of Smithfield

Rich Sobota-FEMA: Good morning all!

Danielle Quick: Good morning, all. Danielle Quick, City of Poquoson

Jay Tate: Does everyone agree that equipment 1 foot above freeboard includes all duct work?

Kristin Owen (Henrico County): Yes

Paul Koll, Gloucester County: Yes

Jay Tate: Fill should be allowed in the floodplain. If needed, we should have criteria to achieve intent of both codes.

George Homewood--Norfolk: I think that the workgroup can and should indicate that the decision may have an impact on CRS--don't have to oppose or support to raise the issue that there will be an impact.

Mary-Carson Stiff, Wetlands Watch: I'm about to end the poll, so please answer if you'd like CECs

Mary-Carson Stiff, Wetlands Watch: Also, work group members, please see George's comment: "I think that the workgroup can and should indicate that the decision may have an impact on CRS--don't have to oppose or support to raise the issue that there will be an impact."

Mary-Carson Stiff, Wetlands Watch: What do y'all think of this suggestion? I can draft a letter that is not political, but just states the potential impact to CRS class ratings?

Kristin Owen (Henrico County): I like that idea

Greta Hawkins, Hampton: That's a great idea!

Ben McFarlane (HRPDC): I would support that and add that we should recommend a more transparent and inclusive process to discuss this and other potential issues.

George Homewood--Norfolk: Ben's point about transparency & inclusivity in these processes is spot on.

Tom Brockenbrough - Accomack County: Like the idea as well.

Mary-Carson Stiff, Wetlands Watch: There will be a poll question that will query everyone's thoughts on the letter option

Mary-Carson Stiff, Wetlands Watch: I'll post the flyer on the website with the recording & chat text.

Jay Tate: Chesapeake has had some issues with contract change orders and administration of the contracts by homeowners. One was recently oin the news

Gwen Pointer_Hampton Emergency Management: Hampton has had many challenges with cost of construction, largely due to lack of competition in contractors.

Heather Stanton - City of Chesapeake Utilities: Chesapeake Public Utilities has a wastewater pump station that floods significantly during heave rain events. We just applied for BRIC funding last week to relocate and reconstruct the station.

Mark Bowden Chincoteague: Mark Bowden Town of chincoteague

Tammie Clary: Town of Smithfield. No mic. Nothing to report here. Thank you

Heather Stanton - City of Chesapeake Utilities: hstanton@cityofchesapeake.net 757-382-3402

Brent Payne: Perfect! Thank you!

Mary-Carson Stiff, Wetlands Watch:

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Danielle Quick: City of Poquoson, no microphone, nothing to report currently. Thank you!

Tristian Barnes City of Norfolk: I'm also here too!

Tom Brockenbrough - Accomack County: Half our points are from open space so we're concerned about the RPA issue. We should have a cycle visit next year so right now I'm working on amending the ordinance so the freeboard requirement also includes mechanical and equipment. Also ANPDC is leading our Hazard Mitigation Plan Update which begins next month.

Tom Brockenbrough - Accomack County: Thanks MC. Thanks everyone

Mark Bowden Chincoteague: Thanks.