

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
DRAFT Summary Minutes
September 30, 2011

Members Present:

David Kochendarfer, Town of Herndon
Thomas Smith, Prince William County
John Snarr, MWCOG
Jane Tatum, Loudoun County
Kate Vasquez, Fairfax County

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC
Linda Summerall, NVRC

Invited Guests:

Ken Billingsley, NVRC
Richard Doucette, Virginia DEQ
Sue Rowland, Legislative Consultant

CALL TO ORDER Vice-Chairman Jane Tatum called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

REVIEW OF SEPT. 9 ACTION ITEMS The September 9 meeting was conducted via conference call. The summary of that meeting was emailed to the members.

The 2011 Annual Report was accepted. Debbie Spiliotopoulos added that the report was presented in the NVRC Executive Director's report to the Commission on September 22.

NO. VA. CENSUS REPORT Debbie Spiliotopoulos introduced Ken Billingsley, NVRC's Director of Demographics and Information Services.

Mr. Billingsley distributed a copy his charts on population growth and trends in Northern Virginia [attached], noting that metropolitan areas like Northern Virginia and the greater D.C. region are on the leading edge of demographics: We are moving toward the day when there will not be a racial or ethnic majority, and the age of suburbia is drawing to a close. If Northern Virginia was a separate Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) it would rank among the largest 25 in size and be 15th in population. In the past decade, Northern Virginia accounted for 45% of the growth in the state. It has added close to two million people in the post-War era, with 36,000 new residents per year for the past 25 years. The population increase is attributable to minorities, both in terms of immigration and higher births. The region represents the leading edge of the demographic upheaval unfolding in American today:

- The historically large baby boom generations ages and will soon begin exiting the workplace in massive numbers, the nation is rapidly moving to a day when there will be no racial and ethnic majority in the country, and metropolitan settlement patterns that have characterized suburbia and central cities during the post-war era are undergoing a fundamental reconstruction.
- Close to two million people have been added during the post-war period. In 1980, there were 1.1 million people living in Northern Virginia. By thirty years later, the population had doubled to 2.2 million. It took 27 years to add a million residents, an average of more than 36,000 per year for more than a quarter of a century
- Growth rate was 23%, about 2 ½ times the national rate. In raw numbers, it was equivalent, in effect, to adding a population the size of those living in Prince William County
- Northern Virginia's population increase was more than that occurring in 35 of 50 American states; and accounted for 45 percent of Virginia's decennial increase.
- **PROJECTED SLOWING OF POPULATION GROWTH.** Both VEC and COG are projecting a slowing of population growth in Northern Virginia from levels experienced during the two-decade period just ending
- If Northern Virginia were a separate MSA, it would rank among the 25 largest in

the United States in population size (from a total of 366 metros) and among the top 15 in population growth since the 2000 census.

- 86% percent of the growth in Northern Virginia last decade came from minority increases; - the same percentage as the decade before
- Majority-Minority Profile - That day has already arrived in the public schools of the region which, in the last 15 years, have gone from 35% minority enrollment to 55%. Another finding of the 2010 census: of the 97,830 increase in the number of 0-17 year olds in Northern Virginia during the last decade, all of the increase— 100% plus — came from growth in Hispanics, Asians, Blacks and other non-white categories. Among 0-17 year olds, the non-Hispanic white population actually declined by more than 5,000 persons.
- 40% of the region's youth, 18 years of age and under, live in a home in which one or both parents are foreign born. In Alexandria, the proportion is the same. In almost a third, – about 30% — of Northern Virginia homes, English is not the primary language spoken, which is also the rate in Alexandria. In the eight public school division of Northern Virginia, there are 157 languages spoken.
- Affordable housing prices, like a powerful magnet, have been pushing predominantly immigrant and minority family households outward —which are either finding it too expensive to live closer-in or are looking further out for a place they can afford to buy.

The members discussed the population increase in terms of recycling, with Prince William County working with Super HOAs on electronics recycling and DEQ in terms of siting landfills further from population centers.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Sue Rowland reported the Governor's Reform Commission meets close to Thanksgiving. Its work is being held very "close to the chest" and as such, the list of boards and commissions for possible elimination is not available to the public. She suggested articulating to the commission members what will be lost if a board was eliminated.

The governor's budget should be released around December 18.

DRAFT 2013 WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

Debbie Spiliotopoulos noted a dues increase that will bring the budget in line with current expenditures, adding that the dues rate has been held steady for the past four or five years.

Asked if there was any comment from the smaller jurisdictions, Debbie said she heard from only one jurisdiction and it was not about the increase.

Thomas Smith moved approval of the budget and work plan. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

KNOW TOXICS UPDATE

A new vendor has been added, and the website receives about 230 visitors/month.

The focus is on business and on developing a training program, with a May 2012 workshop for government staff and facilities staff, and a second workshop open to business and property managers. Arlington may have funds to help pay for a consultant to create courseware and hold trainer sessions for local jurisdictions.

Debbie Spiliotopoulos distributed a proposal from Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc. for courseware development, train-the-trainer, and outreach training. Kate Vasquez and Richard Doucette expressed support, and DEQ wants to participate.

Thomas Smith moved acceptance of the proposal. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

BIENNIAL WASTE REPORT STATUS

The report will be sent electronically for review in November.

FY 2012 BUDGET

Jeff Smithberger moved adoption of the FY 2012 budget. The motion was seconded and

adopted unanimously.

HAULER FORMS
UPDATE

Debbie Spiliotopoulos explained the idea is to have one uniform report for Northern Virginia. Additional comments will be incorporated and emailed to Board members for approval.

David Kochendarfer asked Kate Vasquez how the formula for backing out the town rates was formulated, since he has been asked this question. Kate said Joyce Doughty can provide detailed information.

LOCAL UPDATES

No minutes are kept of information exchanged among the board members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.