

Joint Subcommittee to Formulate Recommendations to Address Recurrent Flooding

2015 Session Review

Interim Recommendations

**\* Topic: Ground water / Outfall ditches**

A. Recommendation (groundwater): Initiate a study by JLARC to develop recommendations for a strategy to sustainably and equitably manage the coastal aquifer system in order to maintain its productivity and availability for the long term.

**HJ 623 - passed; Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study Virginia's water resource planning and management, particularly with regard to groundwater.**

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B. Recommendation (outfall ditches): VDOT shall inventory and record all drainage systems under the responsibility of VDOT. The inventory shall be completed by a specified date and be made available to the public.

**HJ 642 - Left in House Rules Committee**

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**\* Topic: Real estate disclosure**

Recommendation: As part of required disclosures, advise purchasers to exercise due diligence, including obtaining a flood certification and a lender determination of whether the property is located in a flood zone and whether flood insurance is required.

**HB 1642 (SB 775) - passed; Requires the owner's representation to a prospective purchaser of residential property under the Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act that the owner makes no representations with respect to whether the property is located in one or more special flood hazard areas and purchasers are advised to exercise whatever due diligence they deem necessary.**

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**\* Topic: Floodplain Management Plan**

Recommendation: Update the Commonwealth's Floodplain Management Plan.

**HB 1817 (SB 1079) - passed;** Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to regularly update the flood protection plan for the Commonwealth and to make the plan accessible online.

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**\* Recurrent Flooding Resiliency Fund**

Recommendation: Create or authorize the Recurrent Flooding Resiliency Fund, a low-interest loan program that will help residents who are subject to recurrent flooding.

**HB 1866 - Left in House Appropriations**

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**SB 1713 - Left in House Appropriations**

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