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HRSD General Manager resigns from Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies board

Ted Henifin, HRSD's General Manager announced his resignation from the VAMWA board today. In his resignation letter, Henifin cited HRSD's Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT) as securing HRSD's regulatory future with regard to meeting Chesapeake Bay TMDL obligations, separating HRSD from other wastewater agencies in the Bay watershed. Lacking shared interests with other Bay watershed members, Henifin stated "it would be challenging to continue to be an effective association leader and advocate for other wastewater agencies facing an uncertain regulatory future when HRSD has taken proactive steps to define our regulatory future with respect to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL."

The SWIFT initiative will provide many significant benefits to HRSD and the Commonwealth including eliminating HRSD's dry weather discharges to the Elizabeth, James and York rivers, reducing discharged pollutant loads by more than 90 percent. Other benefits include offsetting expensive stormwater retrofit work throughout the region, providing a sustainable source of groundwater for Eastern Virginia and reducing the rate of land subsidence in Hampton Roads. When fully operational in 2030, SWIFT will pump over 100 million gallons of purified water into the Potomac aquifer each day.

HRSD Vision: Future Generations will inherit clean waterways and be able to keep them clean.

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