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SUBJECT:

Department of Conservation and Recreation's Fiscal Year 2015 Second Quarter Agricultural Cost-Share and Administration/ Technical Assistance Funding Allocations Report

Dear Delegate Jones, Senator Stosch, and Senator Colgan:

This second quarter Agricultural Cost-Share and Administration/ Technical Assistance Funding Allocations report is being submitted to satisfy the requirements of Item 357 A.3. of Chapter 3 of the 2014 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Special Session 1:

"3. The department shall provide a quarterly report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees of how appropriations for each soil and water conservation district have been dispersed in the current quarter and the planned disbursements for the upcoming quarter by district for the following: (i) the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, (ii) the use of Agricultural Best Management Cost-Share Program funds within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, (iii) the use of Agricultural Best Management Cost-Share Program funds within the Southern Rivers area, and (iv) the amount of Technical Assistance funding."

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Cost-share and technical assistance disbursements to Virginia's Soil and Water Conservation Districts (Districts) for Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) are being made in accordance with the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board's *Policy and Procedures on Soil and Water Conservation District Cost-Share and Technical Assistance Funding Allocations (Fiscal Year 2015)*. This document specifies the Board's process, by which funds are to be allocated by the Department to the Commonwealth's 47 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts for cost-share and technical assistance in FY15. A copy of this Policy may be found on the Virginia Town Hall Website at:

http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewGDoc.cfm?gdid=5315 and the Department's Policy web pages at: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/laws and regulations/lr8b.shtml.

We have also included in this report, as it provides a more thorough picture of District payments, administration and operations disbursements to Districts for FY15 that are being made in accordance with the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board's *Policy on Soil and Water Conservation District Administration and Operations Funding Allocations for Fiscal Year 2015*. This document specifies the Board's process, by which funds are to be allocated by the Department to the Districts for administration and operations in FY15. A copy of this Policy may be found on the Virginia Town Hall Website at: http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewGDoc.cfm?gdid=5254 and the Department's Policy web pages at: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/laws_and_regulations/lr8a.shtml.

Pursuant to Appropriation Act requirements, the attached spreadsheet shows the disbursements to each District during the second quarter of FY15 in accordance with Policy. Information is provided for the following:

- Column 1 Soil and Water Conservation District
- Column 2 2015 District Administrative, Dam Maintenance, and Virginia Natural Resource Commitment Fund (VNRCF) Technical Assistance Disbursements
- Column 3 2015 Chesapeake Bay Virginia Agriculture Cost-Share BMP Funds
- Column 4 2015 Outside the Chesapeake Bay Virginia Agriculture Cost-Share BMP Funds
- Column 5 2015 Total Chesapeake Bay and Outside the Chesapeake Bay Conservation Reserve Enhancement Funds

The Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program remains the best strategy to meet the Commonwealth's agricultural non-point source pollution reduction water quality objectives through encouraging the voluntary installation of agricultural BMPs that provide for the reduction of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) and sediment entering state waters. Funding for this Program needs to remain a priority and we look forward to working with you to develop a FY16 funding strategy in this time of budget shortfalls.

Respectfully submitted,

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| SWCD | Total Administrative & Technical Assistance | Total CB VNRCF BMP | Total OCB VNRCF BMP | Total CREP |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| APPOMATTOX RIVER SWCD | \$34,432.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| BIG SANDY SWCD | \$28,977.75 | \$0.00 | \$19,603.21 | \$0.00 |
| BIG WALKER SWCD | \$41,330.00 | \$0.00 | \$65,145.00 | \$22.50 |
| BLUE RIDGE SWCD | \$56,463.75 | \$0.00 | \$456,110.00 | \$337.79 |
| CHOWAN BASIN SWCD | \$58,052.75 | \$0.00 | \$800,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| CLINCH VALLEY SWCD | \$49,034.75 | \$0.00 | \$42,676.00 | \$0.00 |
| COLONIAL SWCD | \$51,492.50 | \$50,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| CULPEPER SWCD | \$85,079.25 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| DANIEL BOONE SWCD | \$44,976.75 | \$0.00 | \$63,861.75 | \$0.00 |
| EASTERN SHORE SWCD | \$72,352.50 | \$375,000.00 | \$375,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| EVERGREEN SWCD | \$35,728.50 | \$0.00 | \$29,737.18 | \$0.00 |
| HALIFAX SWCD | \$40,374.00 | \$0.00 | \$151,635.00 | \$0.00 |
| HANOVER-CAROLINE SWCD | \$59,333.75 | \$100,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| HEADWATERS SWCD | \$68,354.00 | \$80,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| HENRICOPOLIS SWCD | \$28,997.75 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| HOLSTON RIVER SWCD | \$48,838.50 | \$0.00 | \$37,364.00 | \$10,093.00 |
| JAMES RIVER SWCD | \$33,925.75 | \$75,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| JOHN MARSHALL SWCD | \$50,703.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| LAKE COUNTRY SWCD | \$34,977.25 | \$0.00 | \$243,230.31 | \$0.00 |
| LONESOME PINE SWCD | \$34,614.25 | \$0.00 | \$33,508.00 | \$0.00 |
| LORD FAIRFAX SWCD | \$72,739.75 | \$300,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| LOUDOUN SWCD | \$47,273.50 | \$50,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| MONACAN SWCD | \$32,137.25 | \$135,320.68 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| MOUNTAIN SWCD | \$34,043.75 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| MOUNTAIN CASTLES SWCD | \$41,365.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| NATURAL BRIDGE SWCD | \$42,408.25 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| NEW RIVER SWCD | \$48,044.75 | \$0.00 | \$214,475.00 | \$42,762.00 |
| NORTHERN NECK SWCD | \$86,532.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| NORTHERN VIRGINIA SWCD | \$27,344.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| PATRICK SWCD | \$34,708.50 | \$0.00 | \$14,600.00 | \$0.00 |
| PEAKS OF OTTER SWCD | \$36,404.25 | \$0.00 | \$154,223.00 | \$0.00 |
| PEANUT SWCD | \$69,141.00 | \$410,000.00 | \$310,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| PETER FRANCISCO SWCD | \$34,283.00 | \$105,650.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| PIEDMONT SWCD | \$51,609.75 | \$15,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$21,021.75 |
| PITTSYLVANIA SWCD | \$40,808.00 | \$0.00 | \$247,196.61 | \$0.00 |
| PRINCE WILLIAM SWCD | \$28,798.25 | \$25,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| ROBERT E. LEE SWCD | \$57,475.25 | \$110,692.00 | \$184,698.84 | \$0.00 |
| SCOTT COUNTY SWCD | \$44,697.25 | \$0.00 | \$68,554.00 | \$0.00 |
| SHENANDOAH VALLEY SWCD | \$65,723.25 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

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| | \$2,249,874.90 | \$3,321,662.68 | \$4,149,952.65 | \$74,237.04 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| VIRGINIA DARE SWCD | \$45,700.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TRI-COUNTY/CITY SWCD | \$39,709.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TIDEWATER SWCD | \$47,786.25 | \$100,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| THREE RIVERS SWCD | \$61,838.00 | \$400,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| THOMAS JEFFERSON SWCD | \$72,237.90 | \$150,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TAZEWELL SWCD | \$36,521.50 | \$0.00 | \$54,710.75 | \$0.00 |
| SOUTHSIDE SWCD | \$34,870.25 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| SKYLINE SWCD | \$57,636.00 | \$0.00 | \$443,624.00 | \$0.00 |