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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** RMP Amendment Committee

**From:** Margaret Nordstrom, Executive Director

**Subject:** RMP Amendment Committee Meeting of June 15, 2018

**Date:** June 28, 2018

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The RMP Amendment Committee met on Friday, June 15, 2018 at 2:30pm at the Highlands Council office in Chester.

RMP Amendment Committee Members present: Council Chair Richko, Committee Chair Alstede, Members Dressler, Holtaway, and Vohden

Highlands Council Staff Members present: Margaret Nordstrom, John Maher, James Humphries, Maryjude Haddock-Weiler, Corey Piasecki, Keri Green, and Carole Ann Dicon

Also, present via phone: Lauren Nathan-LaRusso, Associate Counsel, Governor's Authorities Unit

Ms. Nordstrom began by discussing the meeting Council staff had with the Highlands Coalition on February 16, 2018 regarding the Monitoring Program Recommendation Report (MPRR). Meeting notes were provided to the committee for their review. Some of the topics discussed at the meeting were:

- Affordable housing ("COAH")
- Forestry Best Management Practice (BMP) manual
- Highlands Open Water Buffers
- Alternative Wastewater Treatment plants
- Climate Change
- LUCZ and Smart Growth Capability maps
- Grow NJ

Council staff adjusted the language in the MPRR to address the above topics. After discussion, Council Chair Richko suggested that Council staff meet with some members of the Highlands Coalition one more time before bringing the MPRR with changes to the full Council. Chair Richko

stated that he would contact the Executive Director of the Highlands Coalition to get the process moving to schedule another meeting. It was suggested to schedule this meeting before the Council's July 19 meeting.

The committee also discussed taking a field trip to Sparta Mountain to better understand the forest management of the property and the role of the Highlands Council in Forestry Management Planning.

*The RMP Amendment Committee adjourned at 3:08pm.*