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## MEMORANDUM REVISED III

**TO:** The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, Vice Chair  
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The Honorable Terrence "Positive" Nelson

**FROM:** Senator Sammuell Sanes   
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection  
31<sup>st</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**RE:** NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**DATE:** January 20, 2016

Please be advised that the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016 and 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 26, 2016 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix. The Committee will receive testimony on the following:

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED\*\*\*\*\*

**Thursday, February 4, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

- **Bill No. 31-0273** – An Act amending title 25 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, section 300 relating to the use of jet skis, windsurf boards and kiteboards. (*Sponsored by Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr. and Senator Neville James*)

**Invited Testifiers**

- Honorable Dawn L. Henry, Esq., Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
- Mr. Peter Jackson, Owner, Coki Beach Dive Shop
- Mr. Hubert Brumant, Manager, Magens Bay Authority
- Mr. Hal Rosbach, Owner, Cane Bay Dive Shop

**Thursday, February 4, 2016 – 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

***Salt River Bay***

- Status of Marine Research and Educational Center project
- Federal mandate to avoid building in 100-yr floodplain / status of Salt River Bay's floodplain classification
- Potential National Park Service failure to adhere to their mandate of protection and preservation of the land contained within the park
- Status of demolition of abandoned hotel on Hemer's Peninsula
- Possibility of proposed projects leading to dredging of the bay and the potential impact on/destruction of bioluminescent creatures living in the bay
- Status of lawsuit

**Invited Testifiers**

- Margaret M. Boller, Representative, Save Salt River Bay Coalition
- Honorable Dawn L. Henry, Esq., Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
- Jill & Bryan Updyke, Owners, Virgin Kayak Tours
- Ken Haines, PhD, St. Croix Environmental Association
- Sean L. Krigger, Director, State Historic Preservation Office
- Michael E. Ebner, Board Member, Judith's Fancy Owner's Association
- Alexandria Ham, Board Member, Judith's Fancy Owner's Association
- Colonel Deborah Howell, Adjutant General, VI National Guard
- Michael Baron, Vice President, Virgin Islands Conservation Society
- Joel A. Tutein, Superintendent, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service
- Mark Martin Bras, Director of Field Research and Community Relations, Vieques Conservation Historical Trust
- Benjamin Walter, Judith's Fancy Resident

**Friday, February 26, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.**

- Completed Integrated Resource Plan report
- Smart Meter installation progress
- Reported increase in customer billing with installation of Smart Meters

**Invited Testifier**

- Mr. Hugo V. Hodge, Jr., Executive Director, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

*cc: All Senators  
Central Staff  
Media*