

June 17, 2016

Memorandum #2016-79

TO: Coastal Resiliency Committee

BY: Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

**RE: Meeting of the HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Committee - June 24, 2016
RSVP - June 22, 2016**

The next meeting of the **Coastal Resiliency Committee** will be held on **June 24, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the HRPDC Board Room, the Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake.** The agenda and related materials are attached.

Please RSVP by June 22, 2016 so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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Coastal Resiliency Committee Voting Members:

Alan Archer, NN
Dennis Carney, Windsor
Mark Carter, YK
Donald E. Goodwin, FR
John Horne, JC
David Kuzma, IW
Thomas Leahy, VB

Beth Lewis, SH
Brian Lewis, GL
Eric Martin, CH
Scott Mills, SU
James Peterson, HA
William Saunders, SM
Ron Williams, NO

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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE HRPDC COASTAL RESILIENCY COMMITTEE
June 24, 2016
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the March 25, 2016 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Coastal Resiliency Committee.

The summary and attendance sheets of the above meeting are attached.

Attachments: 1A – March Coastal Resiliency Meeting Summary
1B – March Coastal Resiliency Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Wetlands Watch Adaptation Strategy Guide

For the past year Wetlands Watch has been working on an adaptation strategy guide that will provide useful and relevant information, including case studies and examples, to local governments interested in adopting policies or implementing strategies to adapt to sea level rise and recurrent flooding. As part of this process, Wetlands Watch staff interview local government staff throughout the region to identify needs and preferences to inform the guide's final format. Mr. Skip Stiles and Mr. Ross Weaver will brief the Committee on the findings from the interviews and the draft guide.

Attachments: 3A – DRAFT Wetlands Watch Adaptation Guide Materials
3B – DRAFT Wetlands Watch Adaptation Guide Template

ACTION: None required

4. Communicating Resiliency

Many localities in Hampton Roads are already implementing projects or practices to improve resiliency. In many cases, these efforts are not covered by media or are otherwise relatively little known. The Committee will discuss whether to promote local success stories individually or through the HRPDC.

ACTION: Recommend whether to incorporate coverage of local resiliency efforts into the HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Work Program.

5. Update on Discussions with FEMA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

At the March Coastal Resiliency Committee meeting the Committee discussed working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on multi-jurisdictional feasibility studies and

developing recommendations for changes to FEMA programs and policies. The HRPDC staff will provide an update to the Committee on these two items.

ACTION: None required

6. **HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Work Program Update**

The CAOs have asked the HRPDC staff and Coastal Resiliency Committee to work on two tasks: developing criteria for prioritizing regional resiliency projects and mapping areas vulnerable to recurrent flooding. The HRPDC staff will lead a discussion on these tasks with the Committee and discuss other potential additions to the work program.

ACTION: Recommend additions to HRDPC work program.

7. **Collaborating with U.S. Department of Transportation**

Volpe, the National Transportation Systems Center, a research agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation, has recently completed a draft report, "Hampton Roads Climate Impact Quantification Initiative: Scoping Paper and Preliminary Baseline Assessment of the Transportation Assets in Hampton Roads." This report was written in support of the ODU-led Intergovernmental Pilot Project, with the intention of completing additional products in the future. The HRPDC staff has been exploring other options for working with Volpe and USDOT and will brief the Committee on these discussions. More information on USDOT's Climate Adaptation efforts is available online: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/climate_change/adaptation/.

Attachments: 7A – "Hampton Roads Climate Impact Quantification Initiative: Scoping Paper and Preliminary Baseline Assessment of the Transportation Assets in Hampton Roads" Draft Report
7B – FHWA Summary – Gulf Coast Study Phase 2
7C – FHWA Summary – Maine Pilot
7D – FHWA Summary – Maryland Pilot
7E – FHWA Summary – South Florida Pilot

ACTION: None required

8. **Update on State Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding**

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on efforts by the General Assembly and state agencies related to resiliency, sea level rise, and recurrent flooding.

ACTION: None required

9. Updates on PDC and Local Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Members will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required

10. Other Matters