

December 2, 2016

Memorandum #2016-146

TO: Coastal Resiliency Committee

BY: Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

**RE: Meeting of the HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Committee – December 9, 2016
RSVP – December 7, 2016**

The next meeting of the **Coastal Resiliency Committee** will be held on **December 9, 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 December 7, 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
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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE HRPDC COASTAL RESILIENCY COMMITTEE
December 9, 2016
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the September 23, 2016 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Coastal Resiliency Committee.

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

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

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Update on Discussions with FEMA Region III Regarding Requirements for Permitting Development in Special Flood Hazards Areas

In September staff from the City of Hampton briefed the Committee on an issue with FEMA Region III concerning the city's permitting processes for development within the Special Flood Hazard Area. On October 26, 2016, the HRPDC sent a letter signed by mayors and board chairmen from fifteen Hampton Roads localities to the region's Congressional delegation asking for assistance with the dispute. Since then, FEMA Region III staff has reached out to both Hampton and the HRPDC staff. The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on the discussions with FEMA and lead a discussion of potential next steps.

Attachments: 3A – Commission Letter to FEMA

ACTION: Per discussion.

4. Legislative Priorities

At the HRPDC's October Annual Commission meeting, Commissioner Andria McClellan, Norfolk, recommended that the Commission consider adopting as part of its legislative agenda for the upcoming 2017 General Assembly session positions related to resiliency. Potential legislative priorities to consider include:

- Supporting the appropriation of funds for the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund, which was created during the 2016 General Assembly Session
- Requesting the General Assembly provide matching funds for 3x3x3 studies with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on these legislative initiatives and lead a discussion of potential items to add to the regional legislative agenda.

Attachments: 4A –Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund Legislation

ACTION: Per discussion.

5. Sea Level Rise and Local Comprehensive Plans

In 2015 the General Assembly passed legislation requiring local governments in Hampton Roads to incorporate strategies to address sea level rise into their comprehensive plans as part of the next scheduled update and to coordinate in doing so with other Hampton Roads localities. The HRDPC is currently working on a project funded by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program that is assessing the current state of local planning and sea level rise in Virginia localities. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the initial findings of this assessment. In addition, several localities in Hampton Roads have already started to address sea level rise in their comprehensive plans. Locality staff representatives will be invited to brief the Committee on these efforts.

Attachments: 5A – Legislation Requiring Hampton Roads Localities to Incorporate Sea Level Rise

ACTION: None required

6. HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Work Group Updates

The HRPDC staff has held two work group meetings in recent months. A meeting was held in October that focused on first floor elevation data needs and opportunities. A second was held in November that focused on the expansion of water level gauges and monitoring equipment and the use of that data for modeling and predicting storm surge. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the outcomes of these discussions and present a recommendation for developing a baseline regional dataset of first floor elevations.

ACTION: Per discussion.

7. Update on Federal and State Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

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

ACTION: None required

8. 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

9. Other Matters