

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #3: REGIONAL REVIEWS – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

A. PNRS Items (Initial Review)

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of applications for grants to support projects involving federal or state funding. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included in the Agenda. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. Review and comment by more than one locality is requested when a project may affect the entire region or a sub-regional area. Attached is a listing and summary of projects that are presently under review. As of April 14, 2010, there were no outstanding comments on these projects.

B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of environmental impact assessments and statements for projects involving federal funding or permits as well as state development projects. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included in the Agenda. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. Attached is a listing and summary of projects that are presently under review.

Attachment 3-A

Attachment 3-B

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None required.

Project Notification and Reviews

Date **CH #**

Title

Applicant

State/Federal Program

Project Staff **Type of Impact**

Project Description

This grant will direct strategic communications and support the communications needs of the partners of the Chesapeake Bay Program as well as sustain the functions of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

FUNDING

<input type="text" value="\$414,204.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			<input type="text" value="\$414,204.00"/>		

Date 3/24/2010 CH # VA100318-1623760

Title A Proposal to Implement Beach Monitoring and Risk Communications Plans for Coastal Beaches in Virginia

Applicant VDH - Waterborne Hazards Control Program

State/Federal Program EPA - Beach Monitoring in Virginia

Project Staff Claire Jones Type of Impact Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Yorktown, Gloucester

Project Description

This funding will be used to implement the existing beach monitoring programs at Virginia beaches. This program includes a component for public notification and risk communication, including a webpage where monitoring results are posted, a Quality Assurance Project Plan, and beach sampling.

FUNDING

Table with 6 columns: Federal (\$278,000.00), Applicant (\$0.00), State (\$0.00), Local (\$0.00), Other (\$0.00), Program (\$0.00). Total: \$278,000.00

Date 3/24/2010 CH # VA100312-1323710

Title Dredge Essex Main Engine Repower Project

Applicant Virginia Port Authority

State/Federal Program EPA - National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

Project Staff Claire Jones Type of Impact Chesapeake Bay region; City of Chesapeake

Project Description

This project will repower two main engines of one dredge vessel (Essex) that operates almost exclusively in the Chesapeake Bay area. The new engines will be EPA Tier-2 certified marine engines.

FUNDING

Table with 6 columns: Federal (\$775,000.00), Applicant (\$0.00), State (\$0.00), Local (\$0.00), Other (\$932,750.00), Program (\$0.00). Total: \$1,707,750.00

Date 3/24/2010 CH # VA100312-1423xxx

Title Mid-Atlantic Regional Marine Repower Project

Applicant MARAMA - Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association, Inc.

State/Federal Program EPA - National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

Project Staff Claire Jones Type of Impact Statewide

Project Description

This project will repower one tug serving major east coast ports in order to address key regional air quality issues and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This project is intended to repower the Bering Sea with new engines certified to current new emission standards.

FUNDING

\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$282,500.00	\$0.00
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			\$782,500.00		

Date 3/24/2010 CH # VA100308-1223xxx

Title Regional Approach to Increasing Recycling in the Mid-Atlantic States

Applicant Institute of Local Self-Reliance

State/Federal Program EPA - Solid Waste Management Assistance Grant Fund

Project Staff Claire Jones Type of Impact Statewide

Project Description

This funding would continue the current project, specifically focusing on the food composting technical support and consultation program for farmers, yard waste facilities, and college and university representatives.

FUNDING

\$14,989.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			\$14,989.00		

Date 4/9/2010 CH # VA100401-1723095

Title Forest Heights Road Neighborhood Improvement

Applicant James City County

State/Federal Program Department of Housing and Community Development - Community Development Block Grant

Project Staff Claire Jones Type of Impact James City County

Project Description

These funds would be used to improve housing and infrastructure conditions in the Forest Heights neighborhood through construction of public streets, storm sewers, a stormwater drainage basin, a paved multi-use trail, rehabilitation of owner homes, construction of replacement homes, demolition of dilapidated vacant structures, clean-up and removal of debris, and construction of new affordable homes for LMI purchasers.

FUNDING

\$1,472,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,094,552.00	\$270,000.00	\$0.00
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			\$2,837,052.00		

Date 4/9/2010 CH # VA100406-1923760

Title King William - Scotland Landing Acquisition

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Department of Commerce - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program

Project Staff Claire Jones Type of Impact King William County

Project Description

Purchase of the Scotland Landing site on the Mattaponi River includes permanent protection of 188 acres and 1,300 feet of river frontage. This site also includes a 1 1/4 acre fresh water pond.

FUNDING

\$414,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$414,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			\$829,800.00		

Date 4/9/2010 **CH #** VA100406-1823760

Title Lynnhaven Oyster Restoration and Estuary Protection

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Department of Commerce - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program

Project Staff Claire Jones **Type of Impact** Virginia Beach

Project Description

This proposal addresses the permanent protection of 84 acres of upland and wetlands, along with 30 acres of submerged lands in the Lynnhaven River watershed. The project will protect a critically important undeveloped waterfront parcel under imminent threat of conversion to high-density development.

FUNDING

\$3,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,096,000.00	\$69,000.00	\$0.00
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			\$7,165,000.00		

Environmental Impact Reviews

Date Received

Number

Name

Sponsor

Description

The U.S. Navy (Navy) proposes to make roadway improvements at the intersection of Route 165 (Mount Pleasant Road) and Fentress Airfield Road at the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress in the City of Chesapeake. The proposed action would grant approximately 0.847 acres of permanent and temporary easements of federal land to the Commonwealth. The easements would allow the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), to widen Mount Pleasant Road to allow for the addition of a dedicated left turn lane on to Fentress Airfield Road. The widening would include limited vegetation clearing to improve sightlines leading to the intersection. The Navy has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (previously called the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program).

Affected Localities

Finding

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Final State Comments Received

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Sponsor

Description

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted a federal consistency determination in order to provide mortgage insurance for the renovation of a building that will become a 90-unit multifamily apartment complex called the Rockefeller in the City of Norfolk. The building currently houses the Union Mission. Land-disturbance activities will include removal of an asphalt-paved parking lot and an underground storage tank. HUD has determined that the construction will be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities

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Sponsor

Description

Dominion Virginia Power submitted an application to the State Corporation Commission to rebuild the Landstown-Virginia Beach 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in the City of Virginia Beach. The project will be constructed within the existing 100-foot-wide to 120-foot-wide right-of-way, which is approximately 11 miles long, of towers that support two transmission lines. The existing conductors will be replaced with new conductors, and Dominion will install circuit breakers and associated equipment as well as conduct other work at the Virginia Beach, Landstown, London Bridge and Pendleton substations. The rebuild project will require limited additional clearing of the existing right-of-way for construction and operational purposes.

Affected Localities

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Sponsor

Description

The Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport (Airport) proposes to rehabilitate taxiway pavement at the airport in the City of Newport News and York County. The project includes taxiways A and D and the associated stub taxiway connectors to the runways. The pavement rehabilitation will be conducted in accordance with licensing requirements administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). A variety of pavement rehabilitation operations are anticipated, including concrete pavement repairs, concrete and/or asphalt overlays, pavement joint sealing and full or partial depth reconstruction. Minimal land disturbance is anticipated and will generally be limited to a 15-foot width adjacent to the edge of pavement for grassed shoulder grading and restoration. The Airport has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification (FCC) for the proposal that finds the proposed addition consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (previously called the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program).

Affected Localities

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Sponsor

Description

This draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge combines two documents required by Federal laws; a CCP required by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 6688dd, et seq.; Refuge Improvement Act), and an EA required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The CCP will serve as a guide for the Refuge's management over the next 15 years.

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Description

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Minerals Management Service (MMS) published a Federal Register notice requesting comments on the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), MMS is providing notice of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and requests comments for the purposes of determining the scope of the document. The notice starts the formal scoping process for the EIS under 40 CFR 1501.7, and solicits information regarding issues and alternatives that should be evaluated in the EIS. The EIS will analyze the potential impacts of the adoption of the proposed 5-year program. In January 2009, a Draft Proposed Program (DPP) and a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS was published that set out a schedule for scoping meetings in the areas of the DPP. In February 2009, the Secretary of the Interior extended the comment period on the DPP and postponed the scoping meetings to allow time to consider further public comment before determining which areas in the DPP should be scoped for the EIS and thus be analyzed for consideration in the subsequent program proposals under section 18 of the OCS Lands Act, 43 U.S.C 1344. DEQ is coordinating the current request for scoping comments on the EIS for the DPP with state agencies and, as with previous 5-year programs, will respond on behalf of the Commonwealth.

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Sponsor

Description

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Minerals Management Service (MMS) published a Federal Register notice requesting comments on the Geological and Geophysical Exploration on the Mid- and South Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf. The Commonwealth previously responded to the scoping request for the preparation of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) by MMS on March 18, 2009. The PEIS will evaluate potential environmental effects of multiple geological and geophysical activities on the Atlantic OCS. These activities are associated with Atlantic OCS siting for renewable energy projects, oil and gas exploration, and marine minerals extraction; these activities could take place over a period of several years. MMS did not move forward on the PEIS in 2009. Therefore, MMS has reopened the comment period to receive additional comments pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). DEQ is coordinating the current request for comments on the PEIS with state agencies and, as in 2009, will respond on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Affected Localities

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Sponsor

Description

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Minerals Management Service (MMS) published a Federal Register notice requesting comments on the Preliminary Revised 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2007-2012. The Preliminary Revised Program (PRP) has been submitted by MMS as required by the order of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Dept. of Interior. On April 17, 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit vacated and remanded DOI's OCS 2007-2012 leasing program. The Commonwealth previously responded to the 2007-2012 Leasing Program on November 20, 2006. DEQ is coordinating the current request for comments on the PRP with state agencies and, as in 2006, will respond on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Affected Localities

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