

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #7: 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. There are no outstanding comments as of September 7, 2011 on this project.

Attachment 7A - PNRS

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 7B – Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review

Project Notification and Reviews

Date 7/25/2011 **CH #** VA120713-0123760

Title FY 2011 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program - Safe Drinking Water Act

Applicant Virginia Department of Health

State/Federal Program Environmental Protection Agency

Type of Impact Statewide

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) 1452-Commonwealth of Virginia Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Federal	\$15,711,000.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$3,142,200.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$18,853,200.00	

Date 8/8/2011 **CH #** VA120729-0223760

Title FY2011 Water Quality Management Planning Program

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Environmental Protection Agency

Type of Impact Statewide

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

This programs supports water quality management planning for the state. This program supports the development of watershed-scale TMDLs and implementation plans.

Federal	\$305,000.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$305,000.00	

Date 8/8/2011 **CH #** VA120729-0323760

Title FY2012-2014 Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Strategy

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Environmental Protection Agency

Type of Impact Statewide

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

This program supports the state's continuing efforts to develop regulatory and non-regulatory components of its nontidal wetlands program.

Federal	\$634,627.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$33,746.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$177,779.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$846,152.00	

Date 8/31/2011 **CH #** VA120805-0423700

Title Community-Based Participatory Research Approach to Understanding and Reducing Risks from Toxic Pollutant Exposure in the SE Community of Newport News

Applicant The Greater Southeast Development Corporation

State/Federal Program EPA's Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE)

Type of Impact Newport News

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

The project will 1) fulfill an informational void regarding community specific impacts of toxic pollutant exposure on the environment and the health of the residents in the SE community of Newport News and 2) generate action that improves local environmental quality and reduced associated risks and impacts.

Federal	\$100,000.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$100,000.00	

Date 9/1/2011 **CH #** VA120830-0523760

Title Whale Migration Corridors for MSP

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program NOAA Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards

Type of Impact Coastal Virginia

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

This project will collect aerial survey data on the location of large whales off the coast of Virginia in an approximately 10,000 km² area, the center of which is the Virginia Wind Energy Area. The data is also critical to the development of the Virginia Marine Spatial Plan (MSP).

Federal	\$200,000.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL \$200,000.00			

Date 9/1/2011 **CH #** VA120830-0623760

Title Shoreline Management Planning and Inventory

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program NOAA Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards

Type of Impact Coastal Virginia

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

The Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program of DEQ will sub-award the funds to VIMS to develop Shoreline Management Plans for 3 coastal localities, including the City of Poquoson.

Federal	\$125,000.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL \$125,000.00			

Environmental Impact Reviews

Received 7/15/2011

Number 11-130F

Name Commercial Wind Lease Issuance & Site Characterization Activities on the Atlantic Outer C

Sponsor DOI/Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Description

Full Name: Commercial Wind Lease Issuance & Site Characterization Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore NJ, DE, MD, and VA

The Department of the Interior (DOI) Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) has submitted a draft environmental assessment (EA) considering the environmental impacts and socioeconomic effects of issuing renewable energy leases, which includes reasonably foreseeable site characterization activities (geophysical, geotechnical, archeological, and biological surveys) on those leases, in identified Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) offshore New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. In addition, the draft EA considers the reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts and socioeconomic effects associated with the approval of site assessment activities (including the installation and operation of meteorological towers and buoys) on the leases that may be issued. Furthermore, BOEMRE has submitted a separate 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.

Affected Localities HRPDC

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 8/9/2011

Final State Comments Received 8/10/2011

Received 7/18/2011

Number 11-122F

Name Tylers Beach Federal Navigation Project

Sponsor USACE

Description

The Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposes to conduct maintenance dredging of the Tylers Beach Federal Navigation Project from Burwell Bay to the James River in Isle of Wight County. The Tylers Beach Federal Navigation Project consists of a 150-foot wide and 300-foot long harbor of refuge and entrance channel with two 370-foot long stone revetment/jetties at the entrance. The entrance channel is 50 feet wide extending into the James River approximately 2,660 feet from the harbor entrance. The harbor and channel will be dredged to -9 feet mean lower low water (MLLW), including two feet of paid allowable overdepth and one-foot of nonpaid overdepth. The project depth will require the removal of approximately 25,000 cubic yards of dredged material. Dredging will be accomplished by hydraulic method. The dredged material is proposed for placement in an upland confined placement facility, approximately two miles from the planned dredging activities, which consists of a 35-acre tract of property in Lawnes Point near the Rushmere area in the county. The upland confined placement facility will be approximately 18 to 20 acres in size with dike elevations 10 to 15 feet above terrain elevations. Drainage of the effluent from the spillway will be tied into a nearby manmade tidal canal that flows into the James River. Future dredging cycles will maintain the entire channel and harbor of refuge removing an estimated 25,000 cubic yards of dredged material on an approximate 7 year interval. The Corps 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.

Affected Localities Isle of Wight

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received 8/19/2011

Received 7/20/2011

Number 11-133S

Name Major Unit Modification of the Southampton Power Station, PUE 2011-00075

Sponsor State Corporation Commission

Description

The Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion) submitted an application to the State Corporation Commission (SCC) for a major unit modification at the Southampton Power Station in Southampton County. Dominion plans to convert the Southampton Power Station from primarily a coal-fired generation facility to one that uses waste wood to generate energy. New land will be acquired for construction related to the modification.

Affected Localities Southampton C

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 8/16/2011

Final State Comments Received

Received 8/3/2011

Number 11-141F

Name Install Transformer at York River Pier, Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown

Sponsor DHS/U.S. Coast Guard

Description

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) intends to install a transformer on the York River Pier at U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown in York County. The project involves mounting a new transformer on the existing deck of the York River Pier immediately adjacent to the existing pier's main electrical components. The transformer will be tied to the pier's existing electrical infrastructure. The USCG 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.

Affected Localities York County

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 8/30/2011

Final State Comments Received

Received 8/3/2011

Number 11-140F

Name Expansion of Range Instruction Building, Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown

Sponsor DHS/U.S. Coast Guard

Description

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) intends to expand the range instruction building at U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown in York County. The project will provide a locker room addition to the existing building. The locker room addition will add approximately 900 square feet to the building footprint. A small stormwater retention and erosion control BMP will be constructed. The USCG 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.

Affected Localities York County

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 8/30/2011

Final State Comments Received

Received 8/8/2011

Number 11-144F

Name Naval Special Warfare Development Group 900-Yd Firing Platform, Naval Air Station Anne

Sponsor DOD/Department of the Navy

Description

The Department of the Navy submitted a federal consistency determination (FCD) for the proposed construction of a 900-yard firing platform at the Naval Air Station Annex, Dam Neck, in the City of Virginia Beach. The platform will be a pile-supported structure, elevated approximately 40-feet above the ground, and measuring approximately 35-feet by 15-feet. The FCD states that the project would be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities Virginia Beach

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 9/2/2011

Final State Comments Received

Received 8/8/2011

Number 11-143F

Name Cove Point Re-Export Project, Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP

Sponsor DOE/Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Description

Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (DCP) is proposing to complete a minor modification to its offshore pier and re-export foreign-sourced liquefied natural gas (LNG) after temporary storage at the Cove Point LNG Terminal in Calvert County, Maryland. All work would be completed on the DCP pier in the Maryland waters of the mainstem of the Chesapeake Bay, 1.1 miles offshore of the main terminal property. The proposed project requires authorization by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act. The only activities occurring within Virginia would be the transit of ships to and from the Cove Point LNG Terminal pier. However, the project would not result in changes to the current number of ships authorized for transit to the Cove Point LNG Terminal, as approved by FERC and the U.S. Coast Guard and approved in Virginia's coastal zone consistency determinations for the Cove Point Expansion and Cove Point Pier Reinforcement projects. DCP has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed action consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities HRPDC

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 9/2/2011

Final State Comments Received

Received 8/12/2011

Number 11-148S

Name New Fraternity Housing - Sites 3 and 8

Sponsor College of William and Mary

Description

The College of William and Mary submitted an environmental impact report (EIR) for the construction of new fraternity housing at two sites on its campus in the City of Williamsburg. The proposed Site 3 is located in the central portion of campus near Yates Hall and the existing fraternity buildings. It is approximately 2.5 acres. Site 8 includes approximately 3 acres and is located southeast of Ukrop Way, near existing soccer fields and fraternity and dormitory buildings.

Affected Localities Williamsburg

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received

Received 8/16/2011

Number 11-150F

Name Property Disposal for Marine Animal Care Center

Sponsor DOD/U.S. Navy

Description

The City of Virginia Beach proposes to purchase property from Department of the Navy (Navy) for the construction of the Marine Animal Care Center (MACC) in the City of Virginia Beach. The city is purchasing approximately 2.5 acres of land to facilitate construction of the MACC. The property fronts on Owls Creek, a tributary of Lake Rudee. The MACC will be located adjacent to Bells Road near its eastern terminus. The MACC will consist of two separate buildings, approximately 18,000 square feet (sf) in total area constructed on slab-on-grade for the ground floors. Parking, landscaping and ingress/egress are part of the overall planning for the site. The purpose of the facility is to house and rehabilitate marine animals recovered by the city's stranding team. The facility will operate as an extension of the Virginia Aquarium for marine animal care and research. The City of Virginia Beach has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed action consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities Virginia Beach

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received

Received 8/19/2011

Number 11-152F

Name Heritage Forest Phase II

Sponsor U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposes to provide mortgage insurance under HUD Section 221d(4) to AGM Financial Services, Inc., which will finance construction of the Proposed Heritage Forest Phase II in the City of Newport News. The HUD program provides mortgage insurance for multifamily rental housing for moderate-income families. The project site is 10.493 acres of a larger 26.12 acre parcel which was the former address of the Newport News General Hospital at 5100 Marshall Avenue. The property consists of undeveloped wooded land, and cleared and partially graded land under development as Phase I of the Heritage Forest development. The proposed Phase II includes the construction of a five-building, 120-unit multi-family apartment complex. HUD 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.

Affected Localities Newport News

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received

Received 8/29/2011

Number 11-155S

Name Hiden-Hussey Commons Expansion

Sponsor Christopher Newport University

Description

Christopher Newport University (CNU) submitted an environmental impact report for the construction of additions to an existing building on its campus in the City of Newport News. The proposed site consists of the existing one-story Hiden-Hussey Commons Building and landscaped areas. The expansion will consist of two one-story additions.

Affected Localities Newport News

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received

