

AGENDA
HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 19, 2015

1. Call to Order
2. Approval/Modification of Agenda

WORKSHOP AGENDA

3. Old Dominion University – President John Broderick
4. Vulnerable Populations - Suzanne Puryear, Planning Council
5. Retreat Summary

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Submitted Public Comments
7. Transcribed Public Comments from the November 20, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting and February 19, 2015 Annual Retreat
8. Public Comment Period
9. Approval of Consent Items
 - A. Minutes of January 15, 2015 Quarterly Commission Meeting and February 19, 2015 Annual Retreat.
 - B. Treasurer’s Report of January 2015
 - C. FY 2015 Budget Amendments
 - D. Coastal Zone Management Program – FY16 Grant
10. HRPDC Three-Month Tentative Schedule
11. Advisory Committee Summaries
12. Correspondence of Interest
13. For Your Information
14. Old/New Business

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order by the Chair at 9:30 a.m.

ITEM #2: APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Members are provided an opportunity to add or delete items from the agenda. Any item for which a member desires consideration from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under “Old/New Business.”

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #3: OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

SUBJECT:

An overview of the services provided by Old Dominion University that benefit the HRPDC and the localities in Hampton Roads.

BACKGROUND:

Planning for Sea Level Rise has been a major focus of the HRPDC and Localities over the last several years and the efforts have intensified during the past year with the creation of a Special Committee on Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding. Old Dominion University has been extensively engaged in these efforts as well through research, hosting of events such as Tech Surge, technical assistance on grant applications and the development of the Hampton Roads Sea Level Rise Preparedness and Resilience Intergovernmental Planning Pilot Project.

Mr. John Broderick, Old Dominion University President , will provide a brief presentation on services and programs offered by the University in the areas of Sea Level Rise, the Pilot Project, and the drafting of a grant application to HUD for the National Disaster Resilience Competition.

Note: This item is for informational purposes only.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #4: VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

SUBJECT:

Information on efforts to address issues affecting vulnerable populations in Hampton Roads.

BACKGROUND:

Several Commissioners have expressed interest in learning about the region's vulnerable populations and the local and regional efforts that are in place to assist those who are in need. Since 1941, The Planning Council has been dedicated to the planning, development, and management of those human services which improve the quality of community life in Hampton Roads. The Planning Council assists people in meeting human service needs, offering a variety of programs and confidential services, many of which are offered at no cost to the consumer

Ms. Suzanne Puryear, The Planning Council President, will present on regional efforts to address issues affecting vulnerable populations in Hampton Roads.

Note: This item is for information purposes only.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #5: RETREAT SUMMARY

SUBJECT:

Recap of the 2015 HRPDC Retreat.

BACKGROUND:

The HRPDC Commissioners and staff participated in a retreat on February 19, 2015. The Commissioners heard presentations from HRPDC staff on the programs and services offered by the PDC and a status update on the strategic planning process, Envision Hampton Roads. The HRPDC staff presented background information on seven topics that were identified at the 2014 retreat and each table discussed these topics in a timed format. Additionally, Commissioners were polled electronically on various ways that meetings and communication strategies can be improved.

Mr. Greg Grootendorst and Ms. Julia Hillegass, of the HRPDC staff, will provide an overview of the 2015 Retreat table discussions and the polling items.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #6: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written public comments are attached. Any new written public comments will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

ITEM #7: TRANSCRIBED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE JANUARY 15, 2015 QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING AND FEBRUARY 19, 2015 ANNUAL RETREAT

Each month, the public is invited to verbally comment on the HRPDC, its policies and programs, and items on the Commission agenda. Comments offered during this Public Comment Period, are transcribed and submitted with each month's HRPDC agenda packet.

Attachment 7-A

Attachment 7-B

ITEM #8: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are invited to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

ITEM #9: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Minutes

The Minutes of the January 15, 2015 Quarterly Commission Meeting and February 19, 2015 Annual Retreat are attached.

Attachment 9-A1

Attachment 9-A2

Recommended Action:

The HRPDC staff recommends approval of the minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for January 2015 activities are attached. This Statement reflects the financial status of the HRPDC as a whole.

Attachment 9-B

Recommended Action:

The HRPDC staff recommends the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Two people addressed the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission on January 15, 2015:

Donna Sayegh:

Good morning. My name is Donna Sayegh and I'm from Portsmouth. I'm really concerned about how our people in Portsmouth, our voices are not being heard, especially mine. I'm seeing a government taking over the citizen's rights, and I see this letter from the Albemarle Commission that they want to get involved in the work of the this commission. I think it's great to have conversation and work together as a team to make our community better. I see the PDC was a government entity created by I believe Governor Byrd, and from his creation to today, it's like all this bureaucracy without any ability for the people to have a voice. Y'all are making decisions for the people. So when I saw this letter that this commission wants to be a part of the team and then they show up, it's like they feel like that they can just come in and interject their voices to have absolute control, not only of this commission but of our citizen's voices. So that's one of the concerns I have. The PDC, the TPO, the HRTAC, and whatever other organizations that we have are just crowding out an individual's voice so that we can't be heard. So all I want to say is exercise some boundaries and some control. I don't want the city of Portsmouth to be crowded out and part of a system that we're not regarded. Thanks for listening.

Ellis James:

Good morning, members of the Commission. I have two concerns this morning, and I would like to start with Governor McAuliffe's presentation of the budget last night and his state of the Commonwealth remarks. Contrary to some popular opinion, the Governor is off to a good solid start on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the opinion of a lot of people, and for those of you who might have seen his presentation last night, he brings a lot of enthusiasm to the table, but never once did he attack the people that he needs to work with. That did not happen in the follow up by the opposition from the other side who couldn't get away from the attacks on Obamacare. In my opinion, the Governor gave an excellent overview of what's being done and what needs to be done on a bipartisan basis for the entire Commonwealth. That means we all need to be working on these issues, whether you agree with all of them or not is not point. The point is that there are problems that we're confronted with, not the least of which is the Medicaid expansion aspect of this battle. We have things on the horizon that are going to be extremely important and each member community here needs to be fully aware, not politically aware, fully aware of what it is that is being worked on in the General Assembly and whose working on it. Now, I'll give you a quick example. We just listened to the presentations, including subsidence. The fact of the matter is that in the General Assembly session there are going to be aspects of that situation which will come to the floor. Land subsidence is not only partly from what has happened in Hampton Roads in the past, whether you want to go all the way back to meteor striking and that kind of thing, that's fine, but the fact of the matter is that groundwater withdrawal is extremely important in the equation in the opinion of a lot of knowledgeable individuals. There is a big push, as you already know, underway to try to bring fracking east of I-95. Fracking requires billions of gallons of water. We have just successfully last year created a regional plan and assessment for our water resources for the future. We're in pretty good shape. I as one individual citizen who has lived here in

Hampton Roads and in Norfolk all his life am quite concerned that fracking could be an example of how you could wreck the assessment of what our water resources will be for the future. Why is it important? Try surviving for a month without proper water resources and then come back and we'll discuss it. That is a perfect example of how we can pay close attention to all of the things that are being proposed, all of the projects that are being brought down the pipe. I have already gone to the extent of talking with Kristin Lentz, our Utilities Director in the City of Norfolk, and I intend to talk with my friend in Virginia Beach and in Portsmouth because Norfolk processes water for Portsmouth in drought times. It is one of those situations where we with our voices can very effectively have input and be on board with what the plans for the future are and how we can help shape them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Two people addressed the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission on February 19, 2015:

Donna Saygeh:

Good morning, my name is Donna Sayegh and I am from Portsmouth. The first thing I learned I wasn't not included to sit at the table, I am trying to get involved in government, understand what is going on, not only in my community, but in the region as you all call it. One of my concerns is my mayor is not here today and there is no representative from Portsmouth, that really concerns me. This is why I am involved in government, because we are not communicating with each other. My Mayor had not talked to me since I got back from Pennsylvania getting my master's degree. But thank god the City Manager does talk to me a little bit when I do my research. But I am very concerned there is no one here from Portsmouth to represent Portsmouth and I have to sit back there in the gallery and I cannot be at a table with you all to hear the discussion. Thanks for listening.

Ellis James:

Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, my name is Ellis James, I reside at 2021 Kenlake Place in the City of Norfolk. One hundred and twenty one days until spring, I hope that you are counting. I wanted to call something to your attention because a lot of things happened over this last four days that all come together. Hopefully, not in an explosion or collision, but there is a new report out that now addresses the issues of loss, not only fisheries but the acidification of our oceans and even former Senator Olympia Snow has expressed great concern for the eastern seaboard and the fisheries, even though she is not a Senator anymore. How does that impact us? The fact of the matter is that the push for offshore drilling is going to add to our woes, not help us. And the last thing that we need is more fossil fuel usage as opposed to turning to clean energy which is the wave of the future. Hopefully when you have time, I know that you are not too busy, when you have time, please look at this new report. The Virginian Pilot yesterday did an excellent job, I believe it was yesterday, I was shoveling snow so I lost track. They did an excellent review of some of the issues that are being brought forward and especially because it is based on the scientific findings that some very knowledgeable people have taken the time to develop for us. In this situation we are going to be confronted with a collision between protecting our shorelines and especially the communities that rely so heavy on tourism, we need to be paying attention to that and not looking for more ways to put our shorelines and tourists at risk, and I haven't even gotten into the details of the other things that you are aware of. The United States Navy firefighter training range, NASA's Wallops Island all of those things that are so important to the economy of the Commonwealth of Virginia. I hope that you will take some time, look at these new findings, which are not really so new because a lot of people have been talking about them and trying to get the officials and leaders of our communities to take note of. But there is new important information that I hope you will focus upon, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Quarterly Commission Meeting
Summary Minutes of January 15, 2015

The Quarterly Commission Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Commissioners:

Kenneth Wright, Chairman (PO)
Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)*
James Baker (CH)
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)
Dr. Ella P. Ward (CH)
Barry Cheatham (FR)
Randy Martin (FR)
Mary Bunting (HA)
Chris Snead (HA)
George Wallace (HA)
Dee Dee Darden (IW)
Anne Seward (IW)
Mary Jones (JC)
Saundra Cherry (NN)
McKinley Price (NN)

Marcus Jones (NO)
Traci-Dale Crawford (PQ)
Barry Porter (SH)
Peter Stephenson (SM)
Tyrone Franklin (SY)
John Seward (SY)
Robert Dyer (VB)
Louis R. Jones (VB)
Amelia Ross-Hammond (VB)
Barbara Henley (VB)
James Spore (VB)
Jackson C. Tuttle (WM)
Mark Carter (YK)
Thomas Shepperd (YK)

Interim Executive Director:

Randy Keaton

Commissioners (Absent):

Clyde Haulman, Vice Chairman (WM)
Lonnie Craig (CH)
Debbie Ritter (CH)
Brenda Garton (GL)
John Meyer (GL)
Bryan Hill (JC)
Jim Bourey (NN)
Paul Fraim (NO)
Mamie B. Johnson (NO)
Thomas Smigiel (NO)

Angelia Williams (NO)
John L. Rowe (PO)
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
Michael Johnson (SH)
T. Carter Williams (SM)
Linda T. Johnson (SU)
John Moss (VB)
John Uhrin (VB)

*Late arrival or early departure.

Others Recorded Attending:

Earl Sorey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Paul Holt (JC); Jeff Raliski, Ron Williams (NO); Brita Ayers, Cynthia Rohlf, Bryan Stille, (NN); Nita Mensia-Joseph; (PO); Cathy Davison (Albemarle Commission COG); Angela Walsh (Albemarle Rural Planning Organization); Diane Kaufman (Senator Kaine's Office); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); W. Dewey Hurley (Branscome); Johnathon Nye (Eco Cycling – HRPTA); Kody Hetherington, Austin Taylor (Focus Center); Mark Geduldig-Yatrowsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org); Donna Sayegh (Pro PER); Joe S. Frank (Sea Level Rise/Land Subsidence); Kathy Adkins (Vicom); Emily Steinhilber (Virginia Coastal Coalition); Ellis James (Sierra Club Observer); Richard Brewer, Jeremy Young (Whitlock); Peter Huber (Willcox and Savage); Citizens: Bill Disney; Staff: Kelli Arledge, Shernita Bethea, Melton Boyer, Rob Case, James Clary, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Katie Cullipher, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Ben McFarlane, Camelia Ravanbakht, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Jill Sunderland, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Chairman Wright asked for any modifications or additions/deletions to the agenda.

Commissioner Barry Cheatham Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner McKinley Price. The Motion Carried.

2015 ECONOMIC FORECAST

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, stated since 1990 the HRPDC Economics Staff has delivered a regional economic forecast for the coming year. The forecast presentation includes a review of local and national trends and provides a forecast for gross regional product, employment, unemployment, retail sales, and residential construction.

He indicated the national economic conditions have recovered since the recession except unemployment. In regards to unemployment, Hampton Roads has experienced the recession longer. If job growth occurs at an average rate, the Region's jobs would be at pre-recession numbers in March 2018.

Mr. Grootendorst displayed graphs depicting a seven year change and one year change in employment in Hampton Roads. He further stated although federal expenditures, hospitality and leisure, and healthcare have increased, overall, 11 of 18 industries have declined.

Retail sales increased by 1.4%, home prices exhibited nominal growth and foreclosures in the Region were cut in half as compared to 2010. Additionally, the Commission was shown a graph depicting inflation-adjusted Department of Defense spending in the Region.

Mr. Grootendorst highlighted the following positive and negative factors for the economy in 2015:

- Growing national economy
- Consumer spending is strong
- Low fuel prices
- Interest rates remain low
- Corporate investment is up
- Some sustained employment growth in Hampton Roads
- Federal spending remains tight
- Loss of local navy personnel
- Region's housing market remains weak
- Dollar is high
- Slow growth outside of the U.S.

Commissioner Selena Cuffee-Glenn arrives.

RESOLUTION ON FREEBOARD REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, reviewed with the Commission the purpose of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise is to assist in the development of local policy recommendations for adoption.

He indicated most areas are classified as "A" zones, but, locations closer to the coast are considered "V" Zones. This is due to additional damage from storm-induced velocity wave action. The freeboard calculation is the difference between the bottom of the structure's lowest floor and the height of the water during the event.

The benefits of freeboard include:

- Protection of homes and other structures from damage caused by flooding and wave action
- Reduced costs for repairs and cleanups
- Continued protection against flooding caused or increased by sea level rise
- Reduction of flood insurance costs for individual property owners and for communities through the Community Rating System (CRS)

Mr. McFarlane displayed a chart detailing the insurance savings to increased freeboard ratio.

He additionally stated a majority of the Region's localities have a freeboard requirement between one and three feet.

LAND SUBSIDENCE

Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer, reminded the Commission this was a follow up from the original presentation to the Executive Committee in November 2014. She stated the Region is subsiding, but a small data pool

exists, due to the small number of monitoring stations and varying periods of time. For predicting future rates of land subsidence, a more complete data pool would be needed. The Regional Environmental Committee and Directors of Utilities Committee recommended the HRPDC engage USGS to assess the methods of monitoring land subsidence, at a cost of \$50,000, and develop cost estimates. She stated both committees indicated this would be more comprehensive, provide more data and the ability to actively pursue grants and other sources of funding.

PARTICIPATION IN THE HAMPTON ROADS INTERGOVERNMENTAL PLANNING PILOT PROJECT

Mr. Randy Keaton, HRPDC Interim Executive Director, noted Old Dominion University (ODU) Representatives requested the HRPDC to participate in a leadership capacity on the Pilot Project Steering Committee.

He reviewed two exercises were held at the University in June and December and the pilot project is a compliment to the efforts of the HRPDC Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Comment

Ms. Donna Sayegh, Portsmouth Resident, stated her concern in regards to citizens opinions being disregarded by the Commission and other government agencies in the Region.

Mr. Ellis James, Sierra Club Observer, reiterated his concerns with fracking east of I-95 and the damaging effects on the Hampton Roads water supply

Submitted Public Comments

Chairman Wright indicated there were no Submitted Public Comments.

Approval of Consent Items

- A. Minutes of November 20, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report of November 2014
- C. FY 2015 Budget Amendments
- D. CZM Program – Technical Assistance Final Report
- E. 2015 Economic Forecast
- F. Resolution on Freeboard Requirements
- G. Land Subsidence
- H. Participation in the Hampton Roads Intergovernmental Planning Project
- I. Consultant Services Contract Task Order – Fog Online Certification Website
- J. CZM Program – FY 2016 Grants

Commissioner Thomas Shepperd Moved to approve the consent items, seconded by Commissioner Amelia Ross-Hammond. The Motion Carried.

HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule

Chairman Wright reviewed the Three Month Schedule section of the agenda and highlighted the HRPDC Retreat in February

Advisory Committee Summaries

Chairman Wright discussed the Advisory Committee Summaries section of the agenda.

Old/New Business

Chairman Wright indicated there was no Old/New Business

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Kenneth I. Wright
Chairman

Randy Keaton
Interim Executive Director

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Annual Retreat Meeting
Summary Minutes of February 19, 2015

The Annual Retreat of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Commissioners:

Clyde Haulman, Vice Chairman (WM)
Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Treasurer (SU)
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Barry Cheatham (FR)
Randy Martin (FR)
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Anne Seward (IW)
Bryan Hill (JC)
Paul Fraim (NO)
Mamie B. Johnson (NO)

Thomas Smigiel (NO)
Angelia Williams (NO)
John L. Rowe (PO)
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Others Recorded Attending:

Brian DeProfio (HA); Paul Holt (JC); Brita Ayers, Bryan Stilley (NN); Todd Solomon (HRCCE); Ellis James (Sierra Club Observer); Citizens: Donna Sayegh Staff: Kelli Arledge, Shernita Bethea, Melton Boyer, James Clary, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Katie Cullipher, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Ben McFarlane, Brian Miller, Camelia Ravanbakht, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Chris Vaigneur.

Public Comment

Ms. Donna Sayegh voiced her concern in regards to the absence of the City of Portsmouth's representatives.

Mr. Ellis James referenced a new study detailing acidification of the eastern seaboard and indicated the negative impacts on the fisheries and the region's tourism industry.

Submitted Public Comment

Vice Chair Clyde Haulman stated a public comment in regards to sea level rise was submitted.

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Vice Chair Haulman asked for any modifications or additions/deletions to the agenda.

Commissioner McKinley Price Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Barry Cheatham. The Motion Carried.

2015 RETREAT WORKSHOP

HRPDC At A Glance

Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC Public Affairs Administrator, reviewed the environmental education department's umbrella brand of askHRgreen.org. Participants include the 17 localities and the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD). She stated FY 14 final products from the program include:

- 55,000 web visitors
- 19.4 million opportunities to hear or see askHRgreen.org in the media
- 10,000 students impacted through mini grants
- Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and Search Engine Media (SEM) allowed for a 45 week media campaign

She informed the Commission the HRPDC's website contains information of regional importance to keep the public informed.

Additionally, Ms. Hillegass stated the newly formed HRPDC Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee created the most comprehensive Legislative Agenda to date and HRPDC staff continues to monitor any new legislation and reports any potential effects to member localities.

Ms. Shernita Bethea, HRPDC Housing/Human Services Administrator, identified the HRPDC as the regional administrator for the Regional Loan Fund Program. This program provides funds for first time homebuyers, and since its inception in 1996, over 650 households and families have benefited.

She explained the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC), formed in 1996, is a program open to all member jurisdictions and other organizations with ties to affordable housing. Meetings are held quarterly to encourage information exchange among the members and strives to provide affordable housing in the Region.

Commissioner Thomas Shepperd arrives.

Ms. Bethea further explained the HRPDC partners with organizations such as the Hampton Roads Disability Board to ensure the disabled and elderly segments of the population have regional resources.

Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer, indicated the HRPDC staff participates on State Advisory Boards and acts as a liaison between the State and member localities in regards to key regional issues.

She stated the regional construction standards program allows for localities to adopt consistent building standards in the region. The HRPDC publishes the standards and makes updates after changes have been approved.

Ms. Katchmark noted sea level rise is a regional issue and stated the PDC strives to be a regional resource. Examples of on-going projects include:

- Increasing tide monitoring locations from 6 to 17
- Partnering with Virginia Tech and University of Virginia on rainfall patterns
- Dutch Dialogues

Mr. John Sadler, HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator, stated the emergency management department collaborates with the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee (REMTAC), Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to enhance preparedness in the Region.

The HRPDC staff manages homeland security grants. Examples of grant funded initiatives include:

- Interoperable communications
- Incident management team
- Maritime incident response team
- WebEOC

Additionally, he stated the Region V measure is a capabilities assessment required by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to receive any DHS grants. The HRPDC is compiling the results of the assessment into a database to further enhance security.

Ms. Jai McBride, HRPDC Principal Regional Planner, explained GIS services are a core function of the regional planning department and the HRPDC staff provide analysis and mapping support to both member localities and internal programs.

Additional department functions include:

- Local planning services
- Solid waste management planning
- Regional strategic planning

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, stated the economics department distributes information in a wide variety of ways, including reports, articles and economic briefs. In addition to collaborating with other departments at the HRPDC, an annual economic forecast is presented to the Commission.

The HRPDC collects and maintains demographic, economic and other information for locality member use and can be found on the HRPDC website.

Envision Hampton Roads

Ms. Jai McBride, HRPDC Principal Regional Planner, stated the HRPDC is currently working on the second phase of the Regional Strategic Plan, "Envision Hampton Roads". The objective of the phase is to establish a regional vision statement and regional guiding principles. This will include a series of Visioning Sessions currently taking place throughout the region. She outlined the subsequent steps are completing the visioning sessions, collaborating with the Steering Committee and Stakeholders to develop a vision statement and adopting the vision statement and guiding principles.

Commission Priorities

The HRPDC Staff facilitated a timed discussion with Commission members in regards to the topics below:

- Education
- Sea Level Rise
- Economic & Workforce Development
- Emergency Management
- Shared Services
- Housing & Vulnerable Populations
- Regional Branding/Regional Identity

Commission members were electronically polled concerning various aspects of the HRPDC.

Commissioners Jim Bourey and Robert Dyer leave.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Clyde Haulman
Vice Chair

Randy Keaton
Interim Executive Director

**FISCAL YEAR 2015
1/31/15
BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 297,142	Current Liabilities	\$ 1,685,622
Accounts Receivables	1,671,185	Net Assets	6,160,011
Investments	4,644,072		
Other Current Assets	664		
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,232,569</u>		
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,845,633</u>	Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 7,845,633</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Previous YTD	Current Month	YTD
Grant and Contract Revenue	\$ 5,475,927	\$ 2,211,411	\$ 612,856	\$ 2,824,267
VDHCD State Allocation	271,943	75,971	37,986	113,957
Interest Income	16,000	7,889	243	8,132
Local Jurisdiction Contributions	1,402,710	1,358,370	-	1,358,370
Other Local Assessment	1,124,190	1,208,295	-	1,208,295
Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue	11,000	13,303	4,945	18,248
Special Contracts/Pass thru	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 8,301,770</u>	<u>\$ 4,875,239</u>	<u>\$ 656,031</u>	<u>\$ 5,531,270</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Personnel	4,957,156	1,958,962	346,362	2,305,324
Standard Contracts	235,756	102,424	14,154	116,578
Special Contracts / Pass-Through	2,713,679	1,110,919	155,953	1,266,872
Office Services	395,179	197,078	28,537	225,616
Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8,301,770</u>	<u>\$ 3,369,384</u>	<u>\$ 545,006</u>	<u>\$ 3,914,389</u>
Agency Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,505,855</u>	<u>\$ 111,025</u>	<u>\$ 1,616,880</u>

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #9-C: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

SUBJECT: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - \$504,000

The HRPDC contracted with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to provide sampling and data analysis required by the new Regional Water Quality Monitoring Program.

BACKGROUND:

The objective of the Regional Water Quality Monitoring Program is to collect data at a regional scale that will accurately measure the amount of nutrient and sediments delivered to waterways by the local MS4 systems. The data would be submitted to DEQ and/or the Chesapeake Bay Program for updates to improve the accuracy of existing computer models, provide a basis upon which to administer local storm water programs with a greater degree of precision, and improve action plans to meet the Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load (TMDL) and other local TMDLs for impaired waters. The proposed budget is \$504,000 per year; the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach would each contribute \$84,000 per year. The Regional Water Quality Monitoring Program is based on a five-year work plan with acquisition of monitoring equipment and services amortized over the entire term of the initial program.

SUBJECT: USGS SUBSIDENCE STUDY - \$50,000

The HRPDC has contracted with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to develop a land subsidence monitoring plan.

BACKGROUND:

The HRPDC has entered into a joint funding agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to develop a land subsidence monitoring plan, with the HRPDC agreeing to fund up to \$50,000 for this initiative, payable to USGS for their performance of field and analytical work. Funding for this project will come out of the HRPDC's discretionary funds.

Attachment 9-C

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the budget amendments for these projects.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #9-D: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – FY16 GRANT

SUBJECT:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality manages the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. PDCs are eligible for formula grants to support technical assistance programs and competitive grants for projects addressing a high priority issue, as determined by the CZM Program.

BACKGROUND:

In October 1986, Virginia received its first grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the State's CZM Program. Since that time, the HRPDC and its predecessors have received over \$2.5 million through this program to provide technical assistance on environmental issues to the local governments and to complete a variety of technical studies.

The process for distributing funds for FY 2016 is now underway. Under the formula grants for PDCs, the HRPDC is eligible to receive \$60,000 in funding to support the ongoing Hampton Roads Coastal Resources Management Technical Assistance Program. The required match is \$60,000 and the grant proposal will be submitted to DEQ. Additionally, it will be included in the UPWP and FY 2016 budget.

Attachment 9-D

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Interim Executive Director to submit a grant proposal to the DEQ to support the Hampton Roads Coastal Resources Management Technical Assistance Program as well as to accept grant offers.

2015 VIRGINIA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Project Title: Hampton Roads Coastal Resources Management Technical Assistance Program

I. LEGAL APPLICANT

Name: Randy R. Keaton
Organization: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Street Address: 723 Woodlake Drive
City, State, Zip +4: Chesapeake, VA 23320-

Project Manager: Benjamin McFarlane Title: Senior Regional Planner
Phone: 757-420-8300
E-mail: bmcfarlane@hrpdcva.gov

Mail Contract To: Nancy Collins
Mailing Address: 723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

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II. PROJECT DETAILS

Geographic Area of Impact: Hampton Roads Planning District
Congressional District(s): VA-1, VA-2, VA-3, VA-4
Start Date: October 1, 2015 End Date: September 30, 2016

Project continuing from previous year? Yes

III. PROJECT SUMMARY *(4000 Character and Spaces Limit)*

The HRPDC staff will assist seventeen (17) member local governments, other public entities, and private organizations on coastal and other environmental issues. The HRPDC staff will perform the following:

1. Regional Coordination Process
The regional coordination process involves all seventeen (17) member local governments, associated towns, five (5) Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Hampton Roads Sanitation District, and several state and federal agencies. It addresses Core Elements of the VCZMP, Chesapeake Bay Program, and Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuarine Program. It specifically addresses Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (CBPA) implementation, Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) implementation, wetlands, public access, environmental regulations, conservation planning, and other coastal issues. This component includes participation by the HRPDC staff in the Coastal PDC Committee and the Coastal Policy Team.
2. Environmental Impact Review
This includes review and comment on EIA/EIS and Federal Consistency Determinations/Certifications affecting Hampton Roads, including coordination of local responses if needed.

3. Public Information & Education

Maintain VCZMP-related information on the HRPDC website. Presentations to governmental and non-governmental organizations will be made on request. This component also covers monthly status reports and/or briefings to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the Regional Environmental Committee, and the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise, all of whose meetings are open and advertised to the public.

4. Training

Conduct at least four training programs/activities for local government staff. Possible topics include environmental codes, low impact development, wetlands, CBPA implementation, the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, stormwater regulations, conservation planning, sea level rise, GIS, sustainability, planning law, and land use planning.

5. Regional Technical Studies

Policy and technical analysis of environmental and coastal issues. Specific studies to be determined in cooperation with local governments. Potential topics includes sea level rise, coastal resources uses and conflicts, green infrastructure, and working waterfronts.

6. Technical Assistance

Provide information, data, and technical assistance to help localities with comprehensive planning and ordinance updates related to coastal resources management.

This project is a continuation of activities undertaken by the HRPDC through the VCZMP over the last twenty years. The Regional Coordination Process is integral to all of the program components, linking them into a comprehensive environmental planning program. Through this process, the HRPDC staff manages local government advisory committees addressing the VCZMP, Chesapeake Bay Program, sea level rise, land use and wetlands issues and coordinates them with local and regional initiatives in water supply, stormwater and wastewater management that are supported directly by the localities. Each of these programs was initially supported by VCZMP seed money. In addition to the programs noted above, it is not known what requests may evolve through the process during the course of the project. They reflect developing local needs and new state and federal initiatives. Through this project, the HRPDC also participates in the Coastal PDC networking process and its involvement in VCZMP and other state and federal environmental initiatives.

To the degree feasible, the HRPDC will document program measures consistent with the NOAA Performance Measurement System. This will include numbers of individuals participating in the various educational components and discussion of local ordinances, plans, policies and acquisitions being considered.

IV. DELIVERABLES/PRODUCTS

Product #1

Title (80 character and spaces limit): EIA/EIS and Federal Consistency Review

Percent total project budget: 10%

Description (4000 character and spaces limit): The HRPDC will review all state and federal environmental and program documents, including permit packages, consistency determinations and certifications, master plans and program initiatives affecting Hampton Roads. This will be coordinated with review by affected localities. Project summaries will be provided to the Commission for consideration. Comment letters will be provided within the review period to DEQ, the affected locality, and, when appropriate, the sponsoring agency. The project review database and sample comment letters will be included in the Final Report. When appropriate, the HRPDC will participate in scoping and other meetings conducted by DEQ or the sponsor. When appropriate, the HRPDC will facilitate project meetings involving the sponsoring entities and reviewing agencies.

Product Format: One hard copy and one digital copy in Adobe Acrobat format

Timeframe: Start: October 1, 2015

End: September 30, 2016

Product #2

Title (80 character and spaces limit): Public Information, Education, and Training

Percent total project budget: 20%

Description (4000 character and spaces limit): The HRPDC will continue to cover environmental issues on the HRPDC website. Monthly status reports will be provided to the HRPDC through the Commission Meeting Agendas. Efforts to enhance the HRPDC web site as an informational medium will continue. The HRPDC staff will brief business, civic, environmental and other professional groups on environmental issues, as requested. Four training programs will be developed, sponsored, hosted and/or conducted. Topics will be determined in cooperation with the environmental committees. Potential training topics that have been identified include: environmental codes, LID, wetlands training, CBPA implementation, the Chesapeake Bay-wide TMDL, stormwater regulations, land conservation and funding opportunities, conservation planning, planning for sea level rise, geographic information systems, and integrating sustainability into local plans. Each training activity will be documented by HRPDC staff. Representative samples of education materials and training summaries will be included in the Final Report.

Product Format: Educational materials will be provided in hard copy and one digital copy in Adobe Acrobat format.

Timeframe: Start: October 1, 2015

End: September 30, 2016

Product #3

Title (80 character and spaces limit): Regional Coordination Process

Percent total project budget: 34%

Description (4000 character and spaces limit): The HRPDC will continue to maintain the regional coordination process among the 16 member cities and counties and associated towns, 5 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Hampton Roads Sanitation District and state and federal agencies. This includes the Hampton Roads Environmental Planning Committee and various project committees. Monthly meetings are arranged, staffed, facilitated and summarized. Policy papers and technical analyses are prepared by the HRPDC staff, based on Committee recommendations and/or Commission requests. Information is exchanged among the local, state and federal participants, program briefings are

provided by and local input is provided to the participating state and federal agencies. Committee members and/or the HRPDC staff represent the region on state and federal agency advisory committees. This linkage ensures that Hampton Roads localities have an opportunity to participate in the state and federal processes, while also being prepared for new initiatives that may develop. This process also generates the ideas for major technical studies, which may or may not be funded through the VCZMP. The monthly meetings may also contain a training component with regular briefings on new and emerging issues. Other regional committees address specific issues such as water supply, wastewater, stormwater and environmental education. Through shared membership, joint meetings and HRPDC staff facilitation, regional coordination and information exchange are enhanced. Representative agenda materials, meeting summaries, presentations and position statements will be included in the Final Report.

Product Format: One hard copy and one digital copy in Adobe Acrobat format.

Timeframe: *Start:* October 1, 2015

End: September 30, 2016

Product #4

Title (80 character and spaces limit): Regional Technical Studies and Special Projects

Percent total project budget: 35%

Description (4000 character and spaces limit): Through its Technical Assistance Program, the HRPDC staff is regularly requested by the Commission, Advisory Committees and others to analyze identified environmental issues and opportunities as well as new state and federal regulations, initiatives and legislation. These analyses are presented to these groups as the basis for formal policy positions. HRPDC staff has identified two specific projects for this grant period: conducting a review of the effect of HRPDC's environmental impact review process and developing a model local sea level rise adaptation plan or outline, based on HRPDC work with the City of Virginia Beach to develop a city-specific adaptation plan. These projects may change, depending on local and regional needs identified by the Commission or the environmental Advisory Committee. Copies of any technical analyses, associated presentations and recommendations will be included in the Final Report.

Product Format: One hard copy and one digital copy in Adobe Acrobat format.

Timeframe: *Start:* October 1, 2015

End: September 30, 2016

Product #5

Title (80 character and spaces limit): Benefits Accrued from Prior CZM Grants

Percent total project budget: 1%

Description (4000 character and spaces limit): Develop a brief report (~ 1 page) naming and describing HRPDC projects funded by CZM in previous years that have produced measureable benefits in subsequent years and/or have served as a foundation for additional projects.

Product Format: One hard copy and one digital copy in Adobe Acrobat format.

Timeframe: *Start:* October 1, 2015

End: September 30, 2016

V. PROJECT TIMELINE.

In the following project timeline, activities with specific dates that are established in the HRPDC process are shown. Certain activities, e.g. review of a new regulation or legislative proposal or response to a technical assistance request, evolve during the course of the project and are not shown on the timeline. Others, e.g. review of EIA/Federal Consistency documents, are undated, because they are ongoing.

Those activities are driven by the regional committees and/or the HRPDC Commission itself or respond to the state and federal process and are outside the control of the HRPDC staff.

Date		Benchmark	Product #
October 2015	1	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	15	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
November 2015	5	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	19	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
December 2015	3	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	17	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
January 2016	7	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	21	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
February 2016	4	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	18	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
March 2016	3	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	17	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
April 2016	7	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	21	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
May 2016	5	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	19	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
June 2016	2	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	16	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
July 2016	7	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	21	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
August 2016	4	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	18	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2
September 2016	1	Regional Environmental Committee Meeting	4
	15	Commission Agenda and Briefing	3
		Environmental Impact Review	2

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #10: HRPDC THREE-MONTH TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The HRPDC staff has developed a tentative schedule of issues that will come before the Commission for action over the next three months. These issues are the primary action items the Commission will be considering. Other items may be added depending on new priority requests from the Commission, state and federal legislative and regulatory activities and new funding opportunities.

April 2015

Unified Planning Work Program
Budget Approval
Water Supply Plan

May 2015

Meeting Cancelled

June 2015

Affordability of Wastewater Utilities
Envision Hampton Roads
Solid Waste Plan Update

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #11: ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting is attached.

Attachment 11-A

B. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

The summaries of the February 5, 2015 and March 5, 2015 meetings of the Regional Environmental Committee are attached.

Attachment 11-B1

Attachment 11-B2

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on February 4, 2015. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- The first portion of the meeting was a planning retreat for HRPDC FY2016 Water and Wastewater Program priority projects. The Committee discussed groundwater management and water supply planning and the proposed legislation to establish the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee. The Committee discussed customer affordability and directed staff to complete an analysis. Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) was also noted for future Committee discussion.
- The Committee reviewed recent HRSD Commission Adopted Policies for Regional Sewage Flow Projection Data and Hydraulic Grade Line System Operating Pressure.
- The HRPDC staff updated included the following:
 - Regional Source Water Protection Plan: Preliminary materials were reviewed by utility staff volunteers and staff is incorporating comments. Staff continues to coordinating with VDH to acquire appropriate GIS data.
 - HRPDC RFP for FY16 Professional Services. The first round review of the draft RFP was completed in January and the revised RFP will be circulated to the selection panel for comments in February.
 - State Water Resources Plan: DEQ has requested the opportunity to present the plan. The HRPDC staff is coordinating with DEQ to confirm the details.
 - The June 3, 2015 Joint Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors will be held at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Brock Environmental Center in Virginia Beach.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on February 5, 2015. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Russell Lotspeich, U.S. Geological Survey, gave a presentation to the Committee on planned expansions to Virginia's coastal tide gauge network.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on draft regional comments on proposed Nonpoint Source Nutrient Credit Regulations.
- Ms. Shannon Jarbeau and Ms. Mary-Carson Stiff, Wetlands Watch, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Community Rating System and how localities can get CRS credit for local planning strategies and ordinances.
- Ms. Katchmark updated the Committee on legislation of interest to the Committee.
- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program competitive grants for FY15-16. The Committee recommended pursuing two Section 306 projects and one Section 309 project.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on March 5, 2015. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Mark Bennett, U.S. Geological Survey, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay Program's Climate Change Workgroup.
- Mr. Chris Thompson, Department of Housing and Community Development, briefed the Committee on the Commonwealth's application for the National Disaster Resilience Competition.
- Ms. Shereen Hughes, Wetlands Watch, updated the Committee on efforts to train and certify landscape professionals on small scale stormwater best management practices.
- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the recently announced Federal Flood Risk Management Standard.
- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on matters related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.
- Ms. Jill Sunderland, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the region's draft comment letter on proposed state nutrient trading regulations. The Committee voted to approve the letter with minor changes.
- Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, updated the Committee on legislation of interest to the Committee.
- Ms. Tiffany Smith, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the status of the HRPDC's Request for Proposals for FY16 Professional Services.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #12: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

A. Reappointment Letter

Attached is a letter from Ms. Mary Ellen Simmons, Senior Legislative Assistant, stating York County Chairman Thomas Shepperd will represent the County on the Commission.

Attachment 12-A

B. Letter of Appreciation

Attached is a letter of appreciation to Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, from Mr. John Haldeman of the Kiwanis club of Colonial Capital, in regards to his March 4, 2015 presentation.

Attachment 12-B

C. Draft Nonpoint Source Nutrient Credit Regulation Comment Letter

Attached is a comment letter from the HRPDC Chair to Ms. Debra Harris, Department of Environmental Quality, outlining HRPDC concerns in regards to DEQ's Draft Nonpoint Source Nutrient Credit Regulations.

Attachment 12-C

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
J. Mark Carter, Interim



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District 3
George S. Hrichak
District 4
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
District 5

March 3, 2015

Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that at its organizational meeting held January 6, 2015, the York County Board of Supervisors elected Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., as its Chairman for 2015. Please forward any future Mayors & Chairs correspondence or information for Mr. Shepperd to his home address, 131 Chinquapin Orchard, Yorktown, Virginia 23693. For meeting and scheduling purposes, he can be contacted by telephone at 868-8591 (home); 890-3332 (cell); or by email at shepperd@yorkcounty.gov.

Mr. Shepperd will continue to serve as York County's appointed representative on the HRPDC and the Transportation Planning Organization, as well as the County's elected representative to the HRTAC through 2015.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 890-3325.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Simmons, MMC
Senior Legislative Assistant

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Attachment 12-A

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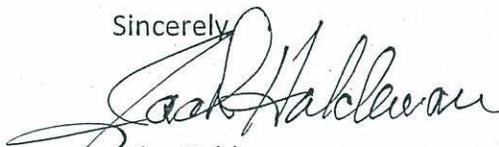
March 4, 2015

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Greg:

Thank you once again for addressing our membership this morning. You did an excellent job of conveying the economic condition of our region and the challenges that lay ahead. I've received many appreciative comments from those in attendance. We eagerly anticipate your next trip.

Sincerely,


John Haldeman

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March 11, 2015

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Department of Environmental Quality

Attention: Debra Harris

629 East Main Street

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P.O. Box 1105

Richmond, VA 23218

GLOUCESTER

RE: 9VAC25-900 Certification of Nonpoint Source Nutrient Credits

HAMPTON

Dear Ms. Harris:

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The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the draft Nonpoint Source Nutrient Credit regulations. The localities represented by the HRPDC support the concept of expanding nutrient credit trading. We applaud the state for creating a certification process that will allow localities more flexibility to meet stormwater quality objectives.

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NEWPORT NEWS

The HRPDC would appreciate the DEQ's consideration of the following comments.

NORFOLK

1. **The definition of "Management area" in the draft regulation is appropriate for the urban sector and should not be revised.** The definition of "management area" is important to establish a fair baseline that must be met before credits can be certified for trading. Requiring all contiguous parcels to the same landowner to meet the baseline is a good balance between the more extreme options of requiring baseline only on the parcel with the nutrient-generating activity and requiring baseline for all of the properties that the landowner or locality owns.

POQUOSON

PORTSMOUTH

SMITHFIELD

SOUTHAMPTON

2. **The certification process should include a public hearing, instead of public notification. A public hearing is particularly important to address concerns if proposed credits are based on a new technology.** Without a public hearing, objections to new technologies could be pursued by challenging MS4 or Construction General Permit compliance. Resolving concerns about new technologies before the credits are put on the registry provides more certainty for credit market participants.

SUFFOLK

SURRY

VIRGINIA BEACH

3. **The draft regulation should state that entities holding MS4 permits will not be required to make up for nutrient load reductions in the MS4 service area that are met by purchasing credits.** Credits purchased by developers to meet the immediate requirements of the Construction General Permit could be discounted or eliminated by future policy decisions. The draft regulation creates an opportunity for nutrient-generating activities to be approved that are not included in the MS4 Chesapeake Bay TMDL Special Condition guidance

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Ms. Debra Harris

March 11, 2015

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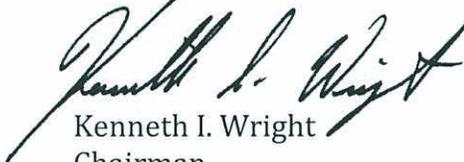
These activities are particularly vulnerable to future discounts tied to Chesapeake Bay Program decisions. Localities would like DEQ to ensure that localities will not be required to make up for those discounted or lost nutrient reductions in their future MS4 permits.

4. **The proposed regulations should be more protective of local water quality. Specifically, in Section 9VAC25-900-90C2c impaired waters with no approved local TMDL should limit the exchange of credits to the following hierarchy:**
 - a. **Upstream of where the discharge reaches impaired waters if credits are available;**
 - b. **Within the same 12-digit HUC, if credits are available**
 - c. **Within the same 10-digit HUC.**

The draft regulation allows exchange of credits within the same 8-digit HUC and adjacent 8-digit HUC. The 8-digit HUC scale is too large. Credits could be purchased hundreds of miles from impaired waters which would have no impact on improving local water quality. This proposed language still allows trading even when DEQ has determined that the local water body is impaired but limits trades to a more reasonable scale in order to promote improvements to water quality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kenneth I. Wright
Chairman

WSK/jc

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #13: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #14: OLD/NEW BUSINESS