

September 23, 2014

Memorandum #2014-126

TO: Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise

BY: Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

**RE: Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise
September 26, 2014
RSVP – September 24, 2014**

The next meeting of the **HRPDC Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 2014**, in the **HRPDC Board Room, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

Please RSVP by September 24, 2014 so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise – Voting Members:

Connie Bennett, YK	Carolyn Murphy, WM
Fred Brusso, PO	James Peterson, HA
Garrey Curry, Jr., GL	Ellen Roberts, PQ
Phil Davenport, VB	Rhonda Russell, SY
Amar Dwarkanath, CH	Beverly Walkup, IW
Donald Goodwin, FR/SO	Ron Williams, NO
Scott Mills, SU	

Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise – Alternate Members:

Joe Brogan, YK	Meg Pittenger, PO
Shanda Davenport, SU	Jim Redick, NO
Anne Ducey-Ortiz, GL	Ken Somerset, PQ
Gayle Hicks, HA	Matt Westheimer, WM
Greg Johnson, VB	Jim White, CH

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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RECURRENT FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE
September 26, 2014

10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the June 20, 2014 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise

The summary and attendance sheet of the June 20, 2014 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise are attached.

Attachments: 1A – June Meeting Summary
1B – June Meeting Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Committee By-Laws

At its meeting in June the Committee discussed establishing by-laws to govern its membership, scheduling, voting processes, and other matters. Based on this discussion the HRPDC staff has drafted by-laws for the Committee's consideration. The Committee will vote on whether or not to adopt the by-laws as written or with amendments.

Attachments: 3A – Draft Committee By-Laws

ACTION: Adopt the by-laws.

4. Dutch Dialogues

The Dutch Dialogues are workshops that provide opportunities for Dutch experts in fields such as landscape architecture, hydrology, and engineering and local stakeholders to develop conceptual solutions to water management issues. HRPDC staff has been working with the City of Norfolk, Mr. Tom McNeilan, a local consultant, and the Dutch Embassy to organize a Dutch Dialogues workshop in Hampton Roads. Mr. McNeilan will brief the Committee on the proposal.

ACTION: None required

5. Legislative Priorities

The HRPDC adopts a regional legislative agenda to send to members of the Senate and House of Delegates from the Hampton Roads region. Proposals received by the HRPDC staff thus far include a measure proposed by the City of Portsmouth related to real estate disclosures for flood damage and a proposal to fund the collection of subsidence data by the U.S. Geological Survey. Portsmouth staff will brief the Committee on the City's proposal, and HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the subsidence proposal. Committee members will have an opportunity

to present proposals from their localities. Legislative recommendations from HRPDC advisory committees will be considered by the HRPDC Legislative Committee for inclusion in the regional legislative agenda.

Attachments: 5A – Portsmouth Legislative Proposal
5B – Subsidence Data Collection Proposal

ACTION: Vote to recommend items for consideration by the HRPDC Legislative Committee.

6. Regional Floodplain Management Standards

One of the responsibilities of the Committee is to develop recommendations for specific policies that local governments can adopt related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise. Many communities in Hampton Roads are at various stages of the process of receiving new Flood Insurance Rate Maps from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will require amendments to local floodplain management ordinances. In addition, the Hampton Roads Regional CRS Workgroup, a group of local floodplain professionals, has developed recommendations concerning development standards for coastal areas. The HRPDC staff will lead a discussion by the Committee on the potential of adopting regional recommendations for floodplain management.

Attachments: 6A – CRS Workgroup Letter of Support – LiMWA
6B – CRS Workgroup Letter of Support – Freeboard

ACTION: Based on discussion.

7. HRPDC Update

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on items related to sea level rise and recurrent flooding in Hampton Roads, including the recent Climate Adaptation for Coastal Communities training, new LIDAR data, and the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program-funded project, “Developing a Local Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan for Virginia Beach.”

ACTION: None required.

8. Committee Comments

ACTION: None required

9. Other Matters