

November 25, 2015

Memorandum #2015-154

TO: Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee

BY: Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

**RE: Meeting of the HRPDC Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee
December 4, 2015
RSVP – December 2, 2015**

The next meeting of the **Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee** will be held on **December 4, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the HRPDC Board Room, the Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

Please RSVP by December 2, 2015 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:

Joseph Brogan, YK

Fred Brusso, PO

Phil Davenport, VB

Donald E. Goodwin, FR/SH

Brian Lewis, GL

Scott Mills, SU

Carolyn Murphy, WM

James Peterson, HA

Ellen Roberts P.E., PQ

Rhonda L. Russell AICP, SY

Mohammad Shar, NN

Peter Stephenson, SM

Beverly Walkup, IW

Ron Williams, NO

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

James Clark, NN

Anne Ducey-Ortiz, GL

Gayle E. Hicks, HA

C. Gregory Johnson, VB

Claire Jones, SU

Meg Pittenger, PO

Jim A. Redick, NO

William Saunders, SM

Ken Somerset, PQ

Matt Westheimer, WM

James D. White, CH

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Whitney Katchmark

Randy Keaton

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Joe Turner

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE HRPDC SEA LEVEL RISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 4, 2015
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the October 9, 2015 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise

The summary and attendance sheet of the October 9, 2015 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise are attached.

Attachments: 1A – October 2015 Meeting Summary
1B – October 2015 Meeting Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Alternative Administration of FEMA Grants

The City of Virginia Beach has developed an alternative way for administering FEMA grants for raising houses. Deputy City Manager Dave Hansen has had discussions with FEMA representatives about the proposal, and they have indicated some support for the idea. Mr. Hansen will brief the Committee on the proposed alternative.

ACTION: None required.

4. Portsmouth/VMASC Survey on Adaptation Responses to Recurrent Flooding

The City of Portsmouth recently requested that the Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center conduct a study on how Portsmouth citizens perceive and experience recurrent flooding. The study utilized a large, random sample of Portsmouth households combined with geographic information systems analysis to assess how different demographic groups have been affected by flooding and how they have adapted. Mr. Brian Swets, Portsmouth Planning Administrator, and Dr. Joshua Behr, Old Dominion University, will give a presentation to the Committee on the findings from the study. The reports are available online at:

http://portsmouthva.gov/planning/studies_reports.aspx.

ACTION: None required.

5. Planning and Sea Level Rise Discussion

In the 2015 legislative session the General Assembly passed legislation requiring localities in the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to incorporate sea level rise into their comprehensive plan. Concurrently, several working groups with the ODU Intergovernmental Pilot Project have been looking at how sea level rise could be addressed through land use plans and other planning strategies. Mr. George Homewood, Norfolk Planning Director, will be lead the Committee in a discussion of planning needs related to sea level rise and how cities and counties can meet the requirements of SB1443.

Attachments: 5A – SB1443 Text

ACTION: None required.

6. HRPDC Grant Proposal on Planning for Coastal Hazards

The Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program has invited the HRPDC to submit a grant proposal for Section 309 funding to identify and develop new policies for incorporating hazard mitigation and sea level rise adaptation into local plans and policies. Section 309 funding is intended to result in the development and potential adoption of new enforceable policies such as laws and ordinances. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the opportunity and present the draft scope of work for its consideration and comment.

Attachments: 6A – Draft Section 309 Grant Proposal

ACTION: None required.

7. Committee Work Program Update

The HRPDC staff briefed the Chief Administrative Officers at their October 7, 2015 meeting concerning the Committee's work program discussion in July. The CAOs identified two priorities for the HRPDC work program:

- 1) Mapping areas of recurrent flooding
- 2) Developing criteria for the identification and prioritization of regional sea level rise projects

The CAOs also recommended changing the structure of the Committee and renaming it. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on these recommendations and lead a discussion of how to complete the two priority tasks identified by the CAOs. The HRPDC staff will also brief the Committee on the HRPDC Sea Level Rise Planning and Technical Assistance Final Report.

Attachments: 7A – HRPDC Sea Level Rise Planning and Technical Assistance Report

ACTION: None required.

8. ODU Pilot Project Discussion

The Chief Administrative Officers discussed the ODU Intergovernmental Pilot Project at their October meeting. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on this discussion.

ACTION: None required.

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

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on the Joint Subcommittee to Formulate Recommendations to Address Recurrent Flooding.

Attachments: 9A – Joint Subcommittee Recommendations

ACTION: None required.

10. Updates on Local Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Representatives from localities will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required.

11. Updates on University Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Several academic institutions in Hampton Roads are working on projects related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise. Representatives will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required.

12. Other Matters