

June 16, 2014

Memorandum #2014-82

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
June 20, 2014
RSVP - June 18, 2014**

The first meeting of the HRPDC **Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2014**, in the **HRPDC Board Room, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

Please RSVP by June 18, 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

Copy: Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers

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

Fred Brusso, PO
Garrey Curry, Jr., GL
Phil Davenport, VB
Amar Dwarkanath, CH
Donald Goodwin, FR/SO

Scott Mills, SU
Carolyn Murphy, WM
James Peterson, HA
Ellen Roberts, PQ
Beverly Walkup, IW

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

Tristian Barnes, IW
Shanda Davenport, SU
Anne Ducey-Ortiz, GL
Gayle Hicks, HA
Greg Johnson, VB

Meg Pittenger, PO
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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RECURRENT FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE
June 20, 2014
10:00 A.M.

1. Public Comments

2. Virginia Institute of Marine Science

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) Center for Coastal Resources Management (CCRM) submitted the Recurrent Flooding Study for Tidewater Virginia to the General Assembly in January 2013. This study summarized the current and future impacts of recurrent flooding and sea level rise on Tidewater communities and included a number of recommendations to address those impacts. Ms. Molly Mitchell, CCRM Marine Scientist, will brief the Committee on the Recurrent Flooding Study and current VIMS efforts addressing recurrent flooding and sea level rise.

ACTION: None required

3. Old Dominion University

Old Dominion University (ODU) is currently supporting several research efforts related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise. Many of these efforts fall under ODU's Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Initiative. Additionally, ODU recently announced the creation of a Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute, the goal of which is to produce research that can be applied to climate change adaptation efforts. Dr. Larry Atkinson, Professor of Oceanography, will provide an overview of ODU efforts related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise.

ACTION: None required

4. HRPDC

The HRPDC staff is currently working on several grant projects and efforts related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise. Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, will provide an overview of these projects to the Committee.

ACTION: None required

5. Committee Structure Discussion

The Committee is an official Advisory Committee to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and needs to establish bylaws. Committee members should review the attached examples of other HRPDC advisory committee bylaws and be prepared to provide input to create draft bylaws for the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding

and Sea Level Rise. The Committee will also discuss inviting new voting and non-voting members in addition to local government representatives. The HRPDC staff will lead a discussion by the Committee on topics related to Committee structure, including by-laws, membership, scheduling, and voting.

Attachments: 5A – Directors of Utilities Committee Guidelines
5B – Regional Environmental Committee Guidelines

ACTION: Direct HRPDC staff to draft Committee by-laws or guidelines based on discussion for consideration at the next Committee meeting.

6. Committee Focus Discussion

One of the missions of the Committee is to consider and develop recommendations for local governments to adopt that address recurrent flooding and sea level rise. Potential topics for discussion and consideration include land use planning, floodplain management, design standards and guidelines, and others. The HRPDC staff will lead a discussion by the Committee to develop a list of topics to address at future meetings.

ACTION: Develop list of focus areas and topics for Committee consideration and action.

7. Committee Comments

ACTION: None required

8. Other Matters