

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM 11#: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

A. Joint Environmental Committees

The Joint Environmental Committee met on June 3, 2010. The meeting included: The Committee received briefings from:

- HRPDC Staff – Stormwater Management Issues, including discussion of participation in state level Technical Advisory Committees. U.S. EPA has stated that the Chesapeake Bay TMDL will be issued by December 31, 2010. Due to legislation from the last General Assembly session, new stormwater regulations (based in part on the Chesapeake Bay TMDL) will go into effect between October and December 2011. Virginia's Watershed Implementation Plan, a requirement for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, is currently being developed.
- URS Corporation – EPA model used for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and some issues with the model's implementation.
- James City County – Potential changes to Perennial Flow Guidance by DCR-CBLA, including the results of testing conducted in several localities on the Peninsula and further west and how those results may affect Hampton Roads localities. The potential changes will be applicable in all Hampton Roads localities where field testing has occurred. These changes are being considered by the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board at its meeting on June 21, 2010.
- HRPDC Staff – Update on the status of the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has yet to release the Notice of Funding Availability. The Committee requested that the HRPDC form a working group or subcommittee from area local government staff to coordinate and work with HRPDC staff on the application.
- HRPDC Staff – HRPDC Committee structure. Committee members – status of local, state and federal projects and programs.

The EECBG Work Group also met on June 3, 2010 to hear presentations from Hampton City Councilman Gilliland on the various Green Jobs Alliance projects and from Mr. Andy Seth of Climate Communities on pending federal climate and energy legislation. The Work Group also continued discussion of local activities under the EECBG Program and the regional greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory.

The Regional Stormwater Management Committee is continuing to work on a number of initiatives. They include:

- MS4 Permits for the Phase I localities. Work with DCR on these permits has been delayed by the state priority on finalizing the stormwater management regulations. Federal program inspections/audits have been held in Hampton and Norfolk and have been scheduled for Chesapeake and Newport News.

- MS4 Permits for the Phase II localities. Implementation of these permits is continuing. HRPDC staff and the Phase II localities are working closely to develop a training program that must be completed to satisfy permit requirements.

B. Joint Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors:

The Directors of Utilities Committee and the Health Directors met on June 2, 2010. The following items were addressed at the meeting:

- Mr. Dan Horne, VDH, briefed the group with a state and federal legislative update on items pertaining to drinking water and water utilities.
- The HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on efforts being taken by localities and businesses in the region to work with, or be aware of, special needs populations that are critically dependent on their home water supply.

Following the joint meeting, the Directors of Utilities Committee reconvened to discuss continuing matters. The following was addressed at the meeting:

- The Committee discussed various options for Committee structure.
- The HRPDC staff reviewed the known wastewater funding levels from local budgets as approved budgets may impact the anticipated expansion of the HR FOG Program. The Committee had earlier recommended expansion of this program to develop and support the online training and certification program for Grease Haulers and Food Service Establishment personnel required by local ordinances and additional programs required by the SSO Consent Order.
- The HRPDC staff, on behalf of the Directors of Utilities Committee, drafted a letter to the State Water Control Board to express the Committee's appreciation for the opportunity to have a representative on the Groundwater Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP); and also to express its concern regarding the RAP's inability to reach consensus on several key issues, and the lack of opportunity to review the final draft of the regulations while the RAP was still in session. The Committee consensus was that the letter, which indicates that based on these concerns, the Committee can not currently endorse the draft regulations and will provide detailed comments during the public review process should be submitted.
- The HRPDC staff briefed the committee on the DEQ Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to develop a new general VPDES permit for pesticide discharges applied directly to surface waters. This may require utilities to get permits for reservoir management practices that control algae which can cause odor and taste problems in drinking water. The HRPDC staff will draft a letter on behalf of the Committee in response to the NOIRA. The Committee will also nominate a

representative for the Technical Advisory Committee that is being formed to assist DEQ in developing the proposed VPDES general permit.

C. Emergency Management Project Update

Debris Management

A date for the annual debris management meeting has been coordinated with SPSA, VPPSA, and VDEM. The date is July 19, 2010 and will be at the HRPDC.

Hampton Roads Regional Jail and Inmate Evacuation Committee

There is nothing to report during this period. This committee is scheduled to meet again on July 8. June's meeting was rescheduled due to non-availability of membership to attend.

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

The EM Administrator continues to work with the Hampton Roads Interoperability Communications Advisory Committee (HRICAC) Oversight Group in an effort to find a funding solution for sustainment of the system for follow-on service and maintenance procurement. The FY10 Port Security Grant Application that was submitted to VDEM in March 2010 as a potential temporary solution for sustainment was not selected for funding.

Peninsula Local Emergency Planning Commission (PLEPC)

A grant application was submitted to VDEM, by the City of Hampton on behalf of the PLEPC, for funds to update the current Peninsula Local Emergency Response Plan. On March 1, the Emergency Management staff were informed that the City of Hampton was granted this the award in the requested amount. All funds must be exhausted by September 2010. The HRPDC is willing to support the work for this grant and assist with the management of the project with the City of Hampton and PLEPC; however, no progress has been made.

FY10 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

The Emergency Management staff led and completed the seminar with public health partners and multiple health care organizations on May 6 and 7. Participant feedback is being compiled and will be provided soon. Also, the HOEPS planning committee will be meeting in July to begin planning next year's event.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

The grant applications for updating the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Southampton Hazard Mitigation Plan are in the process of review with a notification of an announcement of an award expected in the summer of 2010 and funding made available in early fall 2010.

The Emergency Management staff continues to work with the City of Hampton's Emergency Manager by providing support to update the Peninsula Hazard Mitigation plan. An RFP was released through the City of Hampton and a pre-proposal meeting

with potential proposers was held on May 26. Selection of a consultant for this project is expected to occur by the end of June with work beginning in July 2010.

The City of Portsmouth has contacted the EM staff at the HRPDC regarding participation in updating their flood plain management plan. Staff will attend the kick-off meeting on June 9 and continue participation in this planning process until complete.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP) Support

The Emergency Management staff continues to support the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team and the three workgroups to ensure existing projects and data is integrated. The three workgroups are (1) Evacuation and Transportation, (2) Commodities, Resources, and Volunteers, and (3) Mass Care and Sheltering.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). During the May UAWG meeting, the consultant performing the Capabilities Assessment work briefed the UAWG on the strategy to be employed for updating the Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy. A small subcommittee, consisting of specific disciplines, will work with the consultants to draft the revised strategy for submission to the UAWG

Discussions and planning for future grant years continues with the refinement of a tool to track all projects under the UASI grant that have been requested, supported, and requires sustainment in the future. The UAWG has indicated that they want to ensure a portion of future grant funds are made available for sustainment with the rest dedicated towards new projects that will only be supported by the soon to be revised Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs and WebEOC Implementation Update (FY07 & FY08 UASI Project)

On June 8, ESI provided a workshop and training with the region's emergency managers to develop a regional process and procedures for utilizing WebEOC with all localities in Hampton Roads and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

The Special Needs website (www.hrspecialneeds.org) is currently undergoing reconstruction in order to support the registry that was developed. The previous provider was not able to accomplish the requirements needed and resulted in a termination of services. A local company with a proven track record was contracted and has devoted a team of database website developers to reconstruct and finish the task. It is expected to be back up and running by late June 2010 and be fully functional as initially envisioned by the Emergency Management community.

Maritime Security and Response (FY08 UASI Project)

Staff continues to solicit input from the Area Maritime Security Committee for the FY 08 UASI project that is a follow-on project from FY07. At this time, it is also unclear

whether the AMSC will utilize the funds available for this project. If not, further direction will be sought from DHS via VDEM.

Multi-Region Target Capabilities Assessment (FY08 UASI Project)

The Emergency Management staff, on behalf of and in cooperation with the HR and Central Virginia (Richmond area) UASI regions, provide program management and implementation support for the Target Capabilities Assessment (TCA), through the UASI Grant program. Interviews with localities in Hampton Roads for assessing the selected target capabilities began in late January and are in progress. All sixteen have been completed as of June 9. The consultant will now take all the data and begin analyzing it to determine what the strengths and gaps are for the region against the DHS Target Capabilities List. Also, now that all the data has been compiled, it allows the region to begin setting metrics in order to determine if a capability has been met and to what degree. The final component to be developed is the revision to the Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy as indicated above in the UASI section. A plan for revising this plan has been developed and has been structured to ensure all homeland security partners (local, regional, state, and federal) have the opportunity to participate.

Pet Sheltering Support (FY09 UASI Project)

The Committee supporting this effort met and finalized what equipment and supplies need to be procured for the trailers to support pet management in shelters. Some of the equipment and supplies are not allowable under the grant guidelines and staff drafted a letter to DHS via VDEM requesting a waiver for those items not allowed. VDEM has reviewed this request and has provided a waiver for the unallowable supplies with DHS concurrence.

First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC)

The Emergency Management (EM) staff continues to advance the First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC) pilot program in Hampton Roads initiated and lead by the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (OCP) through State Homeland Security Grant funds. OCP continues to work with Verizon to establish the issuing stations. The Hampton Roads Fire Chiefs Association has been working with OCP's project manager in order to have the FRACs first issued to the fire service throughout Hampton Roads. FRACs are expected to begin issuance in early summer.

Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (HR CIPP)

Strategic planning by the Emergency Management staff for the development of a regional Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) program is on-going in coordination with the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness Critical Infrastructure Protection Coordinator. The HR CIPP steering committee met in May with local stakeholders, OCP and the contractors. The first draft to the regional strategic plan and regional criteria for identifying regional CIKR was reviewed and vetted.

Also, the development of a regional workshop with private and public stakeholders has been completed. Invitations for the July 14 workshop were sent on May 28. This workshop invites business/industry and infrastructure owners and operators, government, and

academic leaders in risk analysis and business security strategy development to explore the benefits, costs, and risks of developing a regional critical infrastructure protection plan for improving regional resilience. The results of the workshop will improve the capability of organizations to improve continuity of operations and community resilience, and to decrease the overall level of risk to critical infrastructure and the public and private sectors. Moreover, the results will implement key objectives of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and the Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resiliency Strategic Plan (VCIPRSP).

2010 Department of Education's Emergency Management for Higher Education (EMHE) Grant

As part of the grant application process, colleges and universities in the region have the opportunity to apply for grant funds "to develop, or review and improve, and fully integrate campus based all-hazards emergency management planning efforts for institutions of higher education." As part of the grant application process, these institutions of higher education require a letter of support with a local representative emergency management body in reviewing and improving the campus-based plan and supporting the EMHE grant project. The HRPDC will provide this support utilizing the existing advisory committee's and ensure all planning is coordinated with the respective city/county the institution of higher education is located in. The College of William and Mary and the Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education (which represented Old Dominion University, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Virginia Wesleyan College, and Christopher Newport University) requested and received a letter of support for the grant application.

D. Regional Housing Program

Housing and Human Service Technical Support

Staff members continue to assist the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium in developing regional housing priorities. A strategic planning session was held with regional housing professionals in January to begin the process of developing the framework of this initiative. Housing and Human Services Staff is assisting in the planning of the release of an Affordability Index for the Hampton Roads Region. A June 15 event is being planned to debut the tool while addressing affordability for the region.

E. Regional Economics Program

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Information from both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provides easy access to a great deal of regional information. Over the past month, staff has provided information to individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media. A presentation was made to the Newport News Rotary Club and staff served on a panel for the Cox Business Executive Discussion Series on growth at the Port of Virginia.

Census 2010

HRPDC staff continue to act as a Regional Census Partner to the U.S. Census Bureau. Census information has been added to the organization publications and the Commission's website. HRPDC staff serve on complete count committees at both the regional and jurisdictional levels, and have offered a variety of services to the Census Bureau.

Regional Competitiveness

Staff have begun work on a regional competitiveness study. The purpose of the study is to review the components of growth in competitive economies and evaluate the regional capacity for growth. This analysis will include an in-depth analysis of the region's occupational and industrial composition, with a particular focus on the region's labor supply.

Hampton Roads Data Book

Staff has completed work on the Hampton Roads Data Book. The 2010 Data Book contains a variety of current and historical time series data on the region's population, income and earnings, employment, labor force, retail sales, building permits, real estate, lodging, ports, vehicle registrations, and local tax collections. The Data Book represents part of our efforts to fulfill § 15.2-4208 of the Code of Virginia, which requires planning district commissions to collect and maintain demographic, economic and other data concerning the region and member localities.

F. Advisory Committee Structure

At the HRPDC Commission Retreat in February, it was determined that Advisory Committees to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission should be formally recognized as advisory to the Commission. Based on staff analysis and evaluation and discussions with staff from the local governments and various state and federal agencies, it has been determined that three HRPDC advisory committees function in an advisory capacity to the Commission. Therefore, effective July 1, 2010, the following HRPDC Advisory Committees will begin functioning as public bodies: Directors of Utilities Committee and Joint Environmental Committee. HRPDC staff will continue to work with the local government staff in evaluating the functions of other committees and work groups to determine their future structure and function. A Regional Planning Committee, which will be established in the coming months, will also be designated formally as an HRPDC Advisory Committee.