

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #12: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the June 14, 2012 Directors of Utilities Committee Meetings are attached. The summary of the July 11, 2012 Directors of Utilities meeting will be included in the September Executive Committee Meeting Agenda.

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B. HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The summary of the July 12, 2012 Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee and Regional Stormwater Management Committee Meeting will be included in the September Executive Committee Meeting Agenda.

C. PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Attached are status reports on other HRPDC programs.

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MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee held a work program planning meeting on June 14, 2012. The following items were addressed during the meeting:

- HRPDC staff reviewed the purpose of the meeting and provided handouts outlining discussion topics, the FY 2013 Water and Wastewater Program budgets, summary of year to date program funding and expenses, and a summary of program budgets from FY 1997 to FY2013.
- Mr. Mark Bennett, USGS, provided a summary of recent work under the HRPDC-USGS cooperative investigation of Coastal Plain groundwater resources and presented potential future projects to build on existing studies. During discussion, Committee comments generally considered budget constraints and the absence of state programmatic support and cost sharing for the research funded by the Committee. The Committee decided not to fund any new research projects. Also, the Committee agreed to cease funding the chloride and water level monitoring programs at the end of FY12, as “localities are unable to continue funding the programs.” The monitoring programs have been operating for over 15 years. Due to time constraints, the Committee did not reach consensus regarding the suggestions to contact the state to propose a partnership, cost sharing program, or request assistance in the future.
- HRPDC staff provided an overview of the water education programs and budget elements. The Committee discussed the HRWET program messaging and differences in locality priorities for outreach needs. The HRWET committee is holding a planning meeting in June; it was agreed that HRPDC staff will vet the recommendations from the June HRWET planning meeting with the Directors of Utilities Committee. Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to discuss other water-related HRPDC staff work program items at a future meeting.
- HRPDC staff provided an overview of the wastewater education programs and budget elements. The online FOG training program is currently under development; however, only about half of the localities have adopted FOG ordinances. The Committee noted push-back from restaurants that are deactivating grease traps, as well as vendor promotion of the use of a FOG-emulsifying liquid drain treatment in restaurants, which is prohibited in FOG ordinances. It was suggested that HRPDC staff examine how FOG messaging has helped reduce the number of stoppages. The Committee endorsed the HRFog committee’s idea of including messaging on what not to flush, as the intent of such a message is to prevent stoppages.
- The Committee discussed the timing of the HRPDC/Committee budget development, and the annual Committee retreat. In order to coordinate the retreat and budget discussion with locality budget development, it was agreed that the annual retreat should be held in late September/early October.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

1. Regional Housing Program

Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership

The staff is continuing to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to qualified first-time homebuyers in the region. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has issued an extension on FY12 HOME funding until August 31, 2012. HRPDC staff is still awaiting notification from DHCD on FY 13 HOME funding.

Housing & Human Services Technical Assistance

Staff members continue to assist the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC) and are currently assisting with the planning of a legislative event for July to focus on housing-related initiatives for the 2013 General Assembly. HRHC is also requesting input from local housing agencies on the utilization of the Housing Trust Fund.

2. 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. Staff also provides special reports on topics of timely significance, most recently on the economic impact of Navy ship movements. Over the past month, staff has delivered presentations to various community organizations and has responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

Analysis of Energy Development Strategies

Staff is continuing work on an analysis of energy development strategies in Hampton Roads. At present, very little is commonly understood as to the feasibility and ability for the region to capitalize on various forms of energy development. Staff is collecting and compiling information on the region's capacity to develop energy and researching the potential economic benefits associated with energy development.

HRPDC Socio - Economic Forecast

Every four years the Federal Highway Administration requires that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) complete a long-range transportation plan. One of the first steps in putting the plan together is to conduct a regional socio-economic forecast.

HRPDC economics staff is in the process of developing the 2040 forecast for the region that will include information on the region's population, households, employment, workers and passenger vehicles. Staff has met with the planning staffs from almost half of the localities, and is scheduled to meet with the rest before the end of the month. This work product will be conducted in concert with the HRTPO and member jurisdictions and will comply with the regulations of the FHWA. Staff will also work to include the needs of other local and regional organizations that rely on the socio-economic forecast for their planning efforts.

3. Emergency Management Project Update

Hazard Mitigation

HRPDC Emergency Management staff continues to support Hazard Mitigation Planning Committees for updates to the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, City of Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Southampton County Hazard Mitigation Plan. At this time staff is awaiting final approval letters from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Ready Hampton Roads

The HRPDC Emergency Management staff continues to support the ReadyHamptonRoads.org website upgrades. The modifications will improve the functionality and allow the website to serve as a comprehensive public outreach tool as well as a document repository for emergency management professionals. Staff recently hired a summer intern to support the website through the development of a marketing plan and supporting outreach materials. Television ads, purchased with Citizen Corps grant funds, will be advertising the site from July 1, 2012 through September, primarily aimed at recruiting volunteers.

Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee (REMTAC)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee and its associated tasks and committees. The REMTAC last met on June 26, 2012. Recent activities included:

- Continued support of regional debris management planning efforts, formation of a Debris Workgroup, and review of Automated Debris Management Systems scheduled for July 17, 2012 at HRPDC.
- Participated in a data source assessment survey for the Repetitive Flood Study being undertaken by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and others as part of a study required by a recent resolution by the General Assembly.
- Briefed by FEMA's Mr. Antwane Johnson, Division Director, Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), National Continuity Programs, to

continue to be aware of how best to effectively communicate with the public in emergencies.

- Accepted several recommendations made by the Special Needs Subcommittee on agreed upon baseline usage of the regional registry and further recommended to have the WebEOC Subcommittee develop standardized reports to better analyze registrants in a more effective and efficient manner.

FY 12 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

Planning has begun for HOEPS 2013 in June. Based on survey information received along with committee input, the focus for 2013 will be a no-notice event. Initial planning for dates/locations and presentation ideas is currently in progress.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs

The Special Needs Subcommittee met in June. Chair Andrea Clontz (Isle of Wight) presented a plaque and resolution to Sara Ruch (Hampton), outgoing Chair, for her outstanding contributions to the Committee over the past six years. The Subcommittee elected Scott Mahone (Norfolk), as Vice Chair. The Subcommittee heard recommendations from the volunteer workgroup regarding seven Registry/Committee issues which were accepted by the full Subcommittee. This information was presented at the June REMTAC meeting. The workgroup also presented messaging points that will be incorporated in current and future marketing materials and presentations in order to present information that is accurate and consistent for all localities. The Regional Special Needs Planner presented an outreach plan for review by the Committee. The Special Needs Subcommittee is continuing with its efforts to work more closely with HRT with a recent meeting between HRPDC and HRT staffs. Follow-up meetings are being planned.

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

HRPDC and VDEM staff has obtained an extension to the FY 2008 UASI grant from FEMA. The extension extends the FY08 performance period until February 28, 2013. Communications stakeholders have indicated that the new timeframe allows for sufficient time to complete the augmentation of the HRTacRAN system. Since the extension has been received, communications stakeholders have published a request for proposals to complete the associated work.

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). In February 2012, the HRPDC received official notice that Hampton Roads has been eliminated from the UASI program in fiscal year 2012. As such, the HRPDC and UAWG leadership have been primarily focusing on the

sustainment of UASI funded initiatives after September 2014 (end of fiscal year 2011 performance period). This involves:

- a) The collection and analysis of UASI sustainment data
HRPDC staff has worked with the Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center (VMASC) of Old Dominion University to create a UASI database. The database will serve as both an online program management tool and avenue to collect sustainment information from UASI project managers. A training session occurred on June 18, 2012.
- b) The creation of a sustainment plan
Once the necessary data has been collected and entered into the database, HRPDC and VMASC staff will conduct a prioritization analysis based on capability gaps as identified in the FY 2008 funding gap analysis and capabilities assessment.
- c) Presidential Policy Directive 8
The federal government has adopted Presidential Policy 8 (PPD-8) which is designed to facilitate an integrated, all-of-nation/whole community, capabilities-based approach to preparedness. Involving federal partners, state, local and tribal leaders, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, faith based and community organizations – and most importantly the general public – is vital to keeping people and communities safe and preventing the loss of life and property when disasters strike. The HRPDC will work with stakeholders to transition regional preparedness efforts into the PPD-8 framework. This involves working with the state to draft an all encompassing Virginia Preparedness Plan and Regional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA).
- d) UASI Effectiveness Study
Since the inception of the Hampton Roads region into the UASI program, over \$35 million has been invested to assist in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. Currently, the HRPDC is identifying funds to conduct an effectiveness study to identify the contributions of UASI funding to the region's preparedness and outline the need to sustain the program in Hampton Roads.