

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #11: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – FY 2013 GRANTS

SUBJECT:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality manages the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. PDCs are eligible for formula grants to support technical assistance programs and for competitive grants for projects addressing a high priority issue, as determined by the CZM Program.

BACKGROUND:

In October 1986, Virginia received its first grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. Since that time, the HRPDC and its predecessors have received over \$2,500,000 through this program to provide technical assistance on environmental issues to the local governments and to complete a variety of technical studies.

The process for distributing funds for FY 2013 is now underway. Under the formula grants for PDCs, the HRPDC is eligible to receive \$60,000 in funding to support the ongoing Technical Assistance Program. The required match is \$60,000. This grant proposal will be submitted to DEQ by March 19, 2012. Additionally, it will be included in the UPWP and Budget for FY 2013.

The process is also underway for distributing funds for the FY 2013 CZM 309 Strategy. CZM 309 funds are match free and must propose creation of enforceable polices in any of nine identified areas: wetlands, coastal hazards, public access, marine debris, cumulative and secondary impacts, special area management plans, ocean resources, energy and government facility siting and aquaculture. The HRPDC 309 proposal focuses on Cumulative and Secondary Impacts and was included in the state's proposed Section 309 Strategy. The FY 2013 HRPDC proposal will build on work completed in FY 2012 and continue the analysis of pilot locality plans and regulations for compatibility with the goals of Virginia's stormwater regulations and Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan. The grant proposal will be submitted to DEQ by March 19, 2012 and will be included in the UPWP and Budget for FY 2013.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit grant proposals to the DEQ to support the CZM Technical Assistance Program & CZM 309 Strategy grant as well as to accept grant offers when they are made.