

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #10-H: PARTICIPATION IN THE HAMPTON ROADS INTERGOVERNMENTAL PLANNING PILOT PROJECT

SUBJECT:

The Hampton Roads Sea Level Rise Preparedness and Resilience Intergovernmental Planning Pilot Project (Intergovernmental Pilot Project)

BACKGROUND:

Recurrent flooding is a significant challenge for many localities in Hampton Roads, and sea level rise will increase the vulnerability of the region to coastal storms and tidal flooding. Because this important issue crosses city boundaries and all aspects of the regional economy, the HRPDC assumed a leadership role in coordinating the region's response to the issue of recurrent flooding and sea level rise with establishment of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise. The issue also affects the large Federal presence in Hampton Roads, especially the region's military installations, and critical Commonwealth facilities, such as the Virginia Port Authority terminals. The Intergovernmental Pilot Project was established to take a "whole of government" approach to coordinating the preparedness and resilience planning of the Federal, Commonwealth agencies and Local governments in Hampton Roads. The goal of the Intergovernmental Pilot Project is, upon completion of the Pilot Project in 2016, Hampton Roads will have in place intergovernmental planning organizational arrangements and procedures that can effectively coordinate the sea level rise preparedness and resilience planning of Federal, Commonwealth and local government agencies and the private sector, taking into account the perspectives and concerns of the citizens of the region.

The Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise voted at their meeting on December 19, 2014, to recommend the HRPDC participate in the Intergovernmental Pilot Project and use its Special Committee as the local government work group.

This item was presented under Workshop Agenda #6.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The HRPDC assume a leadership role in the Intergovernmental Pilot Project by having the Commission Chair, Vice Chair or other designated Commissioner, serve as voting members on the Pilot Project Steering Committee, and having HRPDC Staff serve on Working Groups and Advisory Committees as directed by the Interim Executive Director. The Interim Executive Director shall ensure close coordination between the Intergovernmental Pilot Project and the HRPDC Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise, and other HRPDC standing committees as appropriate.