

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #8G: GRANT: HAMPTON ROADS WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE

SUBJECT:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is now administering competitive grant opportunities for Planning District Commissions (PDCs) and localities to coordinate regional watershed roundtables to assist in implementation of TMDL Watershed Improvement Plans.

BACKGROUND:

DEQ has announced the availability of competitive grants for local governments and PDCs for CY 2014 for facilitating watershed roundtables and implementing pollution prevention best practices. The request for funding is up to \$15,000, with 50% going towards on the ground practices. No matching funds are required.

The Regional Environmental Committee recommended by consensus the Commission authorize the Executive Director to pursue these grant opportunities and to continue coordinating a regional watershed roundtable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorized the Executive Director to submit grant proposals to DEQ, accept grant offers if they are made and execute the contract with DEQ to continue the Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable efforts.