

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ITEM #9F: COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM – HAMPTON ROADS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FINAL REPORT**

#### **SUBJECT:**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality manages the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. During FY 2013 the HRPDC received a grant to support the Coastal Zone Management technical assistance program.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In March 2012, the HRPDC applied for and received grant funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality through the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program to continue the HRPDC Technical Assistance (Regional Coastal Resources Management) Program. The HRPDC has received annual funding through this grant program since 1986. This program encompasses HRPDC staff efforts to review state and federal Environmental Impact Assessment/Statements, support the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee, the evolving Chesapeake Bay-wide TMDL process, and provide regular technical assistance on environmental issues. It also supports HRPDC staff participation in the Chesapeake Bay Program and a variety of state and federal environmental initiatives. In the past, this program has provided the seed money for the establishment of the regional water, stormwater and environmental education programs.

The HRPDC staff has completed the report, *Hampton Roads Technical Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Final Report*. The report documents HRPDC CZM Technical Assistance Program activities for the period from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

At its meeting on January 3, 2013, the HRPDC Joint Environmental Committee recommended the Commission approve the report.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The HRPDC staff and Joint Environmental Committee recommend, the Commission approve the report as meeting the requirements of the Grant and Work Program and approve for distribution.

**Note: This item was covered under Workshop Agenda Item 4.**