

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #7: REGIONAL REVIEWS – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

A. PNRS Items (Initial Review)

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of applications for grants to support projects involving federal or state funding. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included in the Agenda. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. Review and comment by more than one locality is requested when a project may affect the entire region or a sub-regional area. There were no outstanding comments as of June 7, 2012 on these projects.

Attachment 7A - PNRS

B. Environmental Impact Assessment / Statement Review

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of environmental impact assessments and statements for projects involving federal funding or permits as well as state development projects. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included in the Agenda. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. There were no outstanding comments as of June 7, 2012 on these projects.

Attachment 7B – Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None required.

Project Notification and Reviews

Date 5/11/2012 **CH #** VA120419-1723760

Title FY2013 Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Program (CWA 117d)

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Type of Impact Chesapeake Bay watershed

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

This program supports the Chesapeake Bay Monitoring program by funding technical and scientific support. The objectives are 1) Providing baseline status and trend analyses and 2) Providing analyses for CBP management decisions

Federal	\$557,788.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$247,917.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00

TOTAL \$805,705.00

Date 5/11/2012 **CH #** VA120419-1623760

Title FY2013 Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Program - CWA 117 (e)(1)(B)

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Type of Impact Chesapeake Bay watershed

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

The Virginia Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Program is a multi-investigator program which includes DEQ, ODU, and VIMS. The Program continuously monitors water quality and habitat conditions using 27 data collection stations in the Bay.

Federal	\$772,478.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$772,478.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00

TOTAL \$1,544,956.00

Date 5/15/2012 **CH #** VA120425-1823760

Title Safe Water Drinking Act - FY 2013 Public Water System Supervision Grant

Applicant Virginia Department of Health - Office of Drinking Water

State/Federal Program Environmental Protection Agency

Type of Impact Statewide

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

This program funds Virginia's Public Water Supply Program.

Federal	\$2,158,000.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$719,333.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$2,877,333.00	

Date 6/1/2012 **CH #** VA120507-1923760

Title FY12-14 VADEQ Technical Review and Services for Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) Activities at Active DOD Facilities and Environmental Restoration at Base Closure Sites

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program US Department of Defense

Type of Impact Statewide

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

These funds will support the continuation of the Defense States Memorandum of Agreement Program (DSMOA).

Federal	\$2,690,070.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$2,690,070.00	

Date 6/5/2012 **CH #** VA120510-2023760

Title 27th Year VA CZM Implementation Application

Applicant Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program NOAA - Coastal Management Programs

Type of Impact Coastal Zone

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

This grant will allow the Commonwealth to continue funding activities of Virginia state agencies and local governments to improve the management and protection of Virginia's coastal resources. It includes funding for technical assistance from planning district commissions to their local government members and for special projects such as sea level rise studies.

Federal	\$2,475,500.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$894,051.00	Other	\$558,034.00
State	\$539,915.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$4,467,500.00	

Date 6/5/2012 **CH #** VA120510-2123760

Title FY2012 State Revolving Loan Funds Capitalization Application

Applicant Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds

Type of Impact Statewide

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

The Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund's objective is to meet the yearly loan demands of Virginia's local governments as well as citizens and corporations, as appropriate, to facilitate needed wastewater collection and treatment facilities and non-point source improvements across the Commonwealth of Virginia. DEQ will manage the Board's financial assistance programs assuring compliance with all applicable federal and state rules and regulations and in a manner which provides for program accountability and which continues federal support for Virginia's water quality activities.

Federal	\$28,924,000.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$5,784,800.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$34,708,800.00	

Date 6/7/2012 **CH #** VA120529-2223760

Title Virginia DEQ DERA2 Project

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program EPA - State Clean Diesel Grant Program

Type of Impact Coastal Zone

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

Provides financial incentives (rebates) for participants in the Virginia Port Authority "Green Operator" Program to install diesel retrofit devices to reduce emissions from carriers registered with the Port Authority.

Federal	\$153,549.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL			\$153,549.00

Environmental Impact Reviews

Received 4/11/2012 **Number** 12-077F

Name Tactical Vehicle Training Course, Fort Story

Sponsor DOD/U.S. Navy

Description

The Department of the Navy submitted a federal consistency document for upgrades to a tactical vehicle training course at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek - Fort Story in Virginia Beach.

Affected Localities Virginia Beach

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 5/11/2012 **Final State Comments Received**

Received 4/23/2012

Number 12-080F

Name Downtown Tunnel/Midtown Tunnel/MLK Extension Project

Sponsor USDOT/Federal Highway Administration

Description

Elizabeth River Crossings Opco, LLC, proposes to construct the Downtown Tunnel/Midtown Tunnel/Martin Luther King (MLK) Extension Project (formerly known as the Midtown Tunnel Corridor Project) in the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth. The project consists of the construction of a new two-lane tunnel under the Elizabeth River adjacent to the existing Midtown Tunnel; maintenance and safety improvements to the existing Midtown Tunnel; minor modifications to the interchange at Brambleton Avenue/Hampton Boulevard in Norfolk; maintenance and safety improvements to the existing Downtown Tunnels; and the extension the MLK from London Boulevard to Interstate 264 (I-264), with an interchange at High Street. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead federal agency for the project and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is a cooperating agency. Elizabeth River Crossings Opco, LLC, has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities Norfolk Portsmouth

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies. The proposed development must submit to appropriate local planning requirements, including local stormwater management planning and site/development planning requirements. The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission encourages Elizabeth River Crossings, LLC to coordinate with the Cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth to insure compliance and conformity with all applicable local ordinances.

Comments Sent 5/18/2012 **Final State Comments Received**

Received 4/25/2012

Number 12-082F

Name Ironbound Square Redevelopment Project

Sponsor U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposes to provide funding under the Self-help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) to the Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg Habitat for Humanity for the Ironbound Square Redevelopment Project in James City County. SHOP grant funds are awarded to eligible national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to purchase home sites and develop or improve the infrastructure needed for volunteer-based homeownership programs for low-income persons and families. The project involves that redevelopment of two vacant lots (Lot 2 and Lot 37) totaling 0.32 acres. The southern portion of the project site (Lot 2), was formerly developed and utilized for residential purposes until 2011, when the dwelling was demolished. The northern portion of the project site (Lot 37) had been utilized as wooded land until 2011 when the site was cleared. The two lots will be developed with similar single-family residential structures, approximately 1,315 square feet in size. The structures will include three bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a living room, dining room, and kitchen areas. Wooden decks are proposed on the exterior of each house, and landscaped areas and asphalt-paved driveways are also proposed for both lots. HUD finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities James City Cou

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies. The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission supported the application from Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg for the funding of this project and certified the proposed project as consistent with the region's efforts to promote and implement sustainable development.

Comments Sent 5/18/2012

Final State Comments Received

Received 4/25/2012

Number 12-081S

Name New Education Building

Sponsor Old Dominion University

Description

Old Dominion University submitted an environmental impact report for the construction of the new education building complex on its campus in the City of Norfolk. The building complex is proposed to be approximately 110,000 square feet with one two-story tower and one six-story tower. The proposed project site is a asphalt-covered parking lot.

Affected Localities Norfolk

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 5/18/2012

Final State Comments Received

Received 5/7/2012

Number 12-095F

Name Reissuance of State Programmatic General Permit

Sponsor DOD/Army/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Description

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Norfolk District proposes to reissue the State Programmatic General Permit (12-SPGP-01) for Virginia. The 12-SPGP-01 authorizes the discharge of dredged or fill material in nontidal waters, of the United States, including wetlands, associated with certain residential, commercial, and institutional developments and linear transportation projects within the geographical limits of the Commonwealth of Virginia and under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Corps-Norfolk District. These projects must have no more than minimal individual and cumulative impacts and meet listed terms and conditions. The use of 12-SPGP-01 is restricted to those projects that have avoided and minimized impacts to waters of the U.S., including wetlands, to the maximum extent practicable. The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404(b)(1) guidelines state that no discharge of dredged or fill material shall be permitted if there is a practicable alternative to the proposed discharge that would have less adverse effect on the aquatic ecosystem, so long as the alternative does not have other significant adverse environmental consequences. The Corps authorizes the Commonwealth, through the Department of Environmental Quality, to administer the SPGC for work in nontidal waters and wetlands of the Commonwealth, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403) and Section 404 of the CWA (33 U.S.C. § 1344). The Corps finds the proposed reissuance consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities HRPDC

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 5/23/2012

Final State Comments Received

Received 5/8/2012

Number 12-094F

Name Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Upgrades to Naval Special Warfare Development Group

Sponsor DOD/Department of the Navy

Description

The Department of the Navy (Navy) has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination (FCD) for the construction of anti-terrorism/force protection upgrades at the Naval Special Warfare Development Group Compound at Naval Air Station Oceana, Dam Neck Annex in the City of Virginia Beach. The upgrades would include renovation of the main Entry Control Point (ECP), renovation of the “back gate” ECP, and relocation of the Visitor Control Center. Fencing would be constructed to address the current vulnerabilities and establish a complete perimeter fence around the entire compound. This action could potentially impact 0.034 acre of wetlands and 6.9 acres of Northern Dune and Swale habitat. The Navy finds that the proposed action is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities Virginia Beach

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 6/1/2012

Final State Comments Received

Received 5/8/2012

Number 12-093F

Name Shoreline Restoration and Protection Project at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Fort

Sponsor DOD/Department of the Navy

Description

The Department of the Navy (Navy) has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination (FCD) for a shoreline restoration and protection project at the Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB) at Little Creek/Fort Story in the City of Virginia Beach. The project involves the targeted beach renourishment at three locations, with the construction of stone breakwaters adjacent to the beach at two of these locations. Sand would be replenished along approximately 2,500 linear feet of shoreline at the Omaha Beach training area, along 1,300 linear feet of shoreline across from the Department of Public Works (DPW) building and along approximately 370 linear feet of shoreline to the north and east of Building 734 at the northern terminus of Leyte Road. Six stone breakwaters would be constructed parallel to the beach at the DPW building and three stone breakwaters would be constructed parallel to the beach at Building 734. Approximately 750,000 cubic yards of sand would be required for the beach replenishment. This includes authorization by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to access the Sandbridge Shoal borrow area, located in the Atlantic Ocean approximately 12 miles southeast of the project location. The Navy finds that the proposed action is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities Virginia Beach

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 6/1/2012

Final State Comments Received

Received 5/8/2012

Number 12-092F

Name Repairs to the Shoreline Protection System at Naval Air Station Oceana, Dam Neck Annex

Sponsor DOD/Department of the Navy

Description

The Department of the Navy submitted a federal consistency determination (FCD) for repairs to an existing shoreline protection system at Naval Air Station Oceana, Dam Neck, in the City of Virginia Beach. The proposed improvements will occur along the Atlantic Ocean. The Navy proposes to fully replenish the beach where erosion has occurred. In addition, a new dune may be constructed. According to the FCD, the project would be consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities Virginia Beach

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 6/1/2012

Final State Comments Received

Received 5/14/2012

Number 12-099F

Name Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing

Sponsor DOD/Department of the Navy

Description

The Department of the Navy (Navy), in cooperation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), has submitted a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) that evaluates the potential environmental effects associated with military readiness training and research, development, test and evaluation activities conducted within the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) Study Area. The Study Area is in the western Atlantic Ocean and encompasses the waters off the east coast of North America and the Gulf of Mexico. The Study Area covers approximately 2.6 million square nautical miles of ocean area, and includes designated Navy operating areas and special use airspace. Virginia offshore and inland coastal waters in the Study Area includes the Virginia Capes Range Complex and the lower Chesapeake Bay.

Affected Localities HRPDC

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received