

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #9-I: COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM - COASTAL RESILIENCY FINAL REPORT

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC Regional Planning staff has completed the Coastal Resiliency Final Report for a project funded by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCZMP).

BACKGROUND:

The final report, titled *Coastal Resiliency: Adapting to Climate Change in Hampton Roads*, summarizes the findings and activities funded in part by a PDC competitive grant from the VCZMP. The report describes the current state of the science on sea level rise and how it will affect Hampton Roads. Secondly, it covers how local governments can incorporate planning for sea level rise into their local plans and policies and how new practices can help local governments cope with uncertainty in planning. Thirdly, it documents the HRPDC's coordination and public outreach efforts related to climate change, sea level rise, and flooding. Finally, the report features updated sea level rise inundation maps, which utilize the best elevation data currently available.

The report and mapbook were distributed to local governments for comment and review in early June. Comments received by June 30, 2013 have been addressed and incorporated into the final report as necessary.

Enclosure

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the report, *Coastal Resiliency: Adapting to Climate Change in Hampton Roads*, for publication and distribution.