

September 30, 2015

Memorandum #2015-123

TO: Chief Administrative Officers

BY: James Bourey, Chair

RE: Chief Administrative Officers Meeting – October 7, 2015

The next meeting of the Chief Administrative Officers will be held on October 7, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. in the Newport News City Center Office, James Room, 700 Town Center Drive, Newport News.

The agenda and related materials are attached.

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Chief Administrative Officers:

James E. Baker, CH

Jim Bourey, NN

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Sanford Wanner, GL

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**Hampton Roads
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Meeting**

**October 7, 2015
11:45 am
(lunch served beginning at 11:30 am)**

**Newport News City Center Office
James Room
700 Town Center Drive**

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment Period (Limit 3 minutes per individual)

III. Sea Level Rise Program

Over the past several weeks, the CAOs have participated in a survey to identify potential areas of focus for a regional sea level rise planning effort that could be coordinated by the HRPDC. The results of this survey are provided in the attachment, and will serve as a starting point for discussion on the potential direction of HRPDC sea level rise planning efforts.

The CAOs will discuss the results of the survey and be asked for input to shape the future direction of the HRPDC sea level rise planning program. In addition, the relationship of HRPDC sea level rise efforts to the regional pilot being coordinated by Old Dominion University should be discussed.

IV. Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Initiative

George McLeod, Assistant Director for Geospatial & Visualization Systems at Old Dominion University, will brief the CAOs on the potential to develop a regional GIS system. The vision is to create a system that enables automated and seamless data sharing and integration across jurisdictional boundaries.

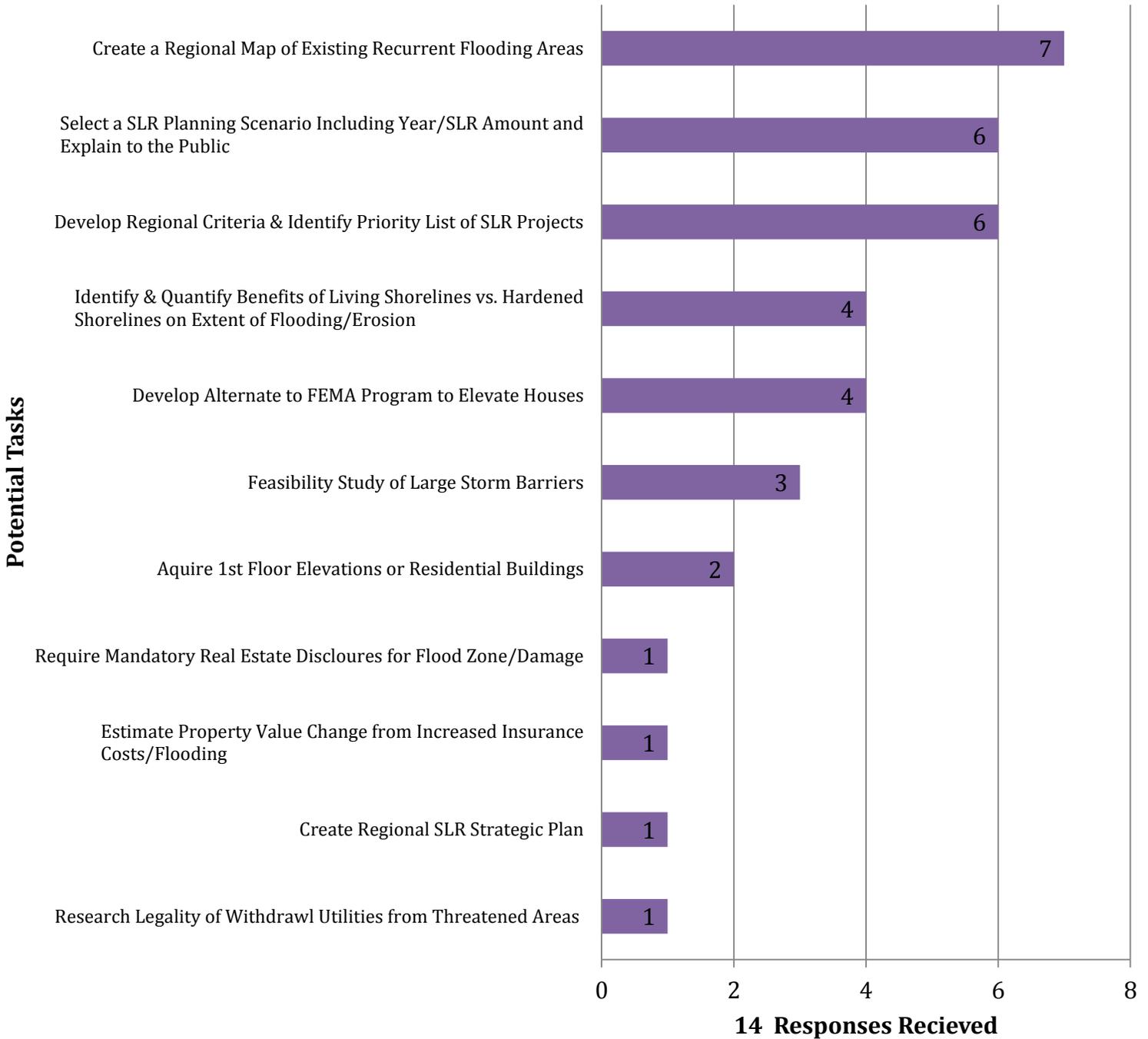
The CAOs will be asked to provide input on this proposal, and consider committing staff resources to this effort.

V. Topics and Structure of Future CAO Meetings

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjournment

HRPDC Sea Level Rise Program



Below are other suggestions received as potential tasks for the HRPDC Sea Level Rise Program:

- Research and document likely state and federal sources for planning and/or SLR project implementation.
- Associated activities would be to develop recommendations and program for effective lobbying for available funds.
- Create a Regional Resiliency Strategic Plan identifying specific objectives that support local planning and adaptation strategies.
- Collaborate with resiliency partners to develop new practices for adaptation.
- Develop a process for collaboration and intervention with Federal, State, University and NGO partners where other studies, policies and research are being developed.
- Establish local “fill banks” where extra fill from County and private development projects is made available to citizen’s who are impacted by SLR. Fill would be free and citizens would only pay for transportation. It would be available only after a training session and staff site visit to determine where the fill may be placed (checking for wetlands, RPA buffers etc.)
- Establish a program to buy development rights from those properties most impacted by SLR-both single lots and sub-dividable lots, to stop development in areas we know will flood. We could model the program based on City of Virginia Beach’s program buying development rights below the green line. We could buy wetlands, boat ramps, community piers and neighborhood parks.
- Working toward specific, actionable, regional or sub-regional projects.
- Pursue the development of design standards that should be used for new development to make sure we are constructing resilient infrastructure. Examples of this may include minimum road elevations, recommend freeboard heights, design parameters for stormwater management facilities. The last example is critical because an underestimated starting water elevation in stormwater calculations already results in flooding more frequently than intended.
- Suggest the first order of business be the CAOs discuss and organize to address Coastal Resiliency. As both Hampton and Norfolk have suggested we need a “coalition of willing” to establish a Coastal Resiliency Coalition of members willing to invest time and resources similar to the South Florida Compact.