

AGENDA
HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 16, 2010

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

9:30 CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

9:40 APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of May 19, 2010
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Regional Reviews – Monthly Status Report
 - A. PNRS Reviews
 - B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review
4. 2010 Hampton Roads Data Book
5. EECBG Funding
6. Virginia Retirement System Resolution

9:45 7. FY 2011 HRPDC Operating Budget

10:00 8. FY 2011 HRPDC Unified Planning Work Program

10:10 9. TMDL Implementation Plans for the Upper Nansemond River and Mill and Powhatan Creeks

10:15 10. Regional Fats Oils and Grease Program

10:25 11. Project Status Reports

12. For Your Information

13. Correspondence of Interest

14. Old/New Business

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #1: MINUTES OF May 19, 2010

Minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting are attached.

Attachment 1

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of May 19, 2010

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:32 a.m. at the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bruce C. Goodson, Chairman (JC)
James O. McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)
Alan P. Krasnoff (CH)*
Brenda Garton (GL)
Mary Bunting (HA)
W. Douglas Caskey (IW)
Sharon Scott (NN)*

Anthony Burfoot (NO)
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
Douglas L. Smith (PO)
Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)
John M. Seward (SY)
William D. Sessoms (VB)
Jeanne Zeidler (WM)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (ABSENT)

June Fleming (FR)
Molly Joseph Ward (HA)
Stan D. Clark (IW)
Joe S. Frank (NN)

Paul Fraim (NO)
Michael W. Johnson (SH)
Tyrone Franklin (SY)

OTHER COMMISSIONERS:

Amar Dwarkanath (CH)
William E. Harrell (CH)
Clifton Hayes (CH)
Ella P. Ward (CH)
Gregory Woodard (GL)*
Neil A. Morgan (NN)*

Regina V.K. Williams (NO)
Gordon C. Helsel (PQ)
Kenneth L. Chandler (PO)
Linda Johnson (SU)*
Harry E. Diezel (VB)
James K. Spore (VB)*
Jackson C. Tuttle II (WM)
Thomas Shepperd (YK)

*Late arrival or early departure.

OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:

John Gergely, Henry Ryto, Terri Boothe, Ellis James (Citizens); Earl Sorey (CH); Doug Powell (JC) Keith Cannady, Dianne Randall Foster (HA); Jeff Raliski, Rod Woolard, Bryan Pennington, Stanley Stein (NO); Sherri Neil (PO); Bob Matthias, Courtney Woodward, Mark Schnaufer (VB); Jerri Wilson, Michael King, Herbert H. Bateman, Jr. (NN); George D. Gabriel – WBB Consulting; Aneil Kumar – ASIS/SECICON; Terri Suit – Office of Commonwealth Preparedness; Randy Gilliland - Green Jobs Alliance; Philip Shucet - HRT; Ray Taylor – FHR; John Cosgrove – House of Delegates; Chris Bonney -CNU/HRCCE; Betsy McBride – HRCCE; Peter Huber – Willcox & Savage; Cathy Aiello – Biggs & Fleet; Staff: Dwight Farmer, John Carlock, Rick Case, Nancy Collins, Jennifer Coleman, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Richard Flannery, Lisa Hardy, Jim Hummer, Rob Jacobs, Whitney Katchmark, Brett Kerns, Sara Kidd, Benjamin McFarlane, Brian Miller, Kelli Peterson, Camelia Ravanbakht, Jenny Redick, John Sadler, Joe Turner, Jenny Tribo and Chris Vaigneur.

Chairman Goodson called the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Executive Committee meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One person requested to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Ellis W. James

Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, my name is Ellis James. I'm a resident of Norfolk, Virginia, and have been all my life. The tragedy that I called to your attention previously in the Gulf is now well documented. As some of you know, Ellis James doesn't usually get up to speak, but when he does, he tries to pull up the information that tells you what's really going on. BP refineries account for most of the violations. BP was told safety issues existed on another rig and it goes on and on and on. For those of you who don't receive the Virginian-Pilot, you'd be in our way. That's the front page. A report from the Pentagon talking about lease sale 220 and what the complications could be for the United States Navy. Some of us are fighting hard to keep a carrier from being carried to Florida and certainly this kind of situation won't help. I hope that each of you has had the opportunity over these last weeks since the 20th of April when the tragedy struck and the blowout occurred, have had an opportunity to look at the excellent investigative reporting that's being done by the Wall Street Journal, the Daily Press, sometimes the Virginian-Pilot with their wire services stories compiled so that you have a feel for the fact that this is not an idle tragedy and problem of the moment that will disappear and go away. Let me finish with just this one point. For those of you who do not know what the loop current is, it is the Gulf Stream. As of yesterday and the evening before, huge globs of oil have now showed up at Key West, and that is simply because once the oil gets, whether on top of the water or below the surface, once it gets into the loop current, it goes down around Florida, the Gulf Stream pulls it up; next stop the East Coast. This is one of the reasons that some of us who oppose offshore drilling for the eastern seaboard are trying to get your attention. And I know from talking with some of you that you have been paying close attention, and I hope that you will continue to do so. This is a huge issue, and if you have read the reports from the gulf, you know that the tourist industry and the fishermen and many other groups have now begun to realize how devastating this environmental incident is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

Minutes of April 21, 2010

Treasurer's Reports

Regional Reviews

A. PNRS Items Review

Forest Heights Road Neighborhood Improvement

King William – Scotland Landing Acquisitions

Lynnhaven Oyster Restoration and Estuary Protection

FY 11-12 VADEQ Technical Review and Services for Defense Environmental Restoration Program Activities at Active DoD Facilities and Environmental

B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Reviews

Proposed Student Center Building – Tidewater Community College; Virginia Beach Campus

Briton Trace, Hampton, USHUD

On Site Housing Construction Project, SE VA Training Center

FY 2010 Operating Budget Amendment

Commissioner Zeidler Moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Smith. The Motion Carried.

Assistant to the Governor for the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness

Chairman Goodson introduced Ms. Terrie Suit, Assistant to the Governor, from the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness.

(Commissioner Morgan arrives)

Ms. Suit gave the Commission a quick overview of the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (OCP), and stated that she is the Governor's Direct Liaison to the local First Responders, and they are working very hard to strengthen relationships in the area of emergency management and planning and preparedness. Ms. Suit indicated the office is broken down into two components, statutorily and there are fourteen duties that the office carries out. Some of those duties include being the state's liaison to the Department of Homeland Security and managing all of the grants. Ms. Suit stated the Governor also asked her to review how they were prioritizing where that money goes so they can ensure it is going where there is the highest risk and the highest threat. There is also a grant working group that is evaluating and looking at how grant monies are distributed.

Ms. Suit indicated work is being done on critical infrastructure. A data call was recently completed and it will be given to the Department of Homeland Security, identifying the most critical assets in Virginia. Ms. Suit stated her deputy assistant, Mr. Mike McAllister, specifically concentrates on homeland security areas and he has a national reputation in critical infrastructure. Mr. McAllister is working on a pilot program in Hampton Roads with the Planning District Commission & Richard Flannery on credentialing. Work continues with first responders according to the homeland security guidelines. The OCP is also working with the buffer zone protection grants. These are zones around the areas that have been identified as critical infrastructure.

(Commissioner Scott arrives)

On the non-statutory side, the Governor has asked Ms. Suit to concentrate on military relations as it is very important in Hampton Roads. Twenty percent of the jobs in Virginia are direct DOD hires. The Governor's vision for Virginia is to increase jobs, the economy, safety and security as well as the quality of life for citizens. Ms. Suit indicated that she has been tasked with working with the Military and is looking for opportunities to help expand the military, DOD and the federal facilities presence here in Virginia.

Chairman Goodson thanked Ms. Suit for briefing the Commission.

Regional Bacteria Source Tacking Study

Chairman Goodson introduced Ms. Jenny Tribo to present the Regional Bacteria Source Tracking Study. Ms. Tribo stated that bacteria is the most common impairment for water quality in the area and almost every locality has a water body that is not meeting water quality standards due to too much bacteria in the water. DEQ is developing total maximum daily load (TMDL) studies for these water bodies to quantify the load reductions necessary to meet the water quality standards. These studies will provide an idea of where the major sources are coming from; whether they are coming from human sources such as leaking sewer systems or failing septic tanks or stormwater runoff, pet waste or wildlife run off from the buffers or from agriculture. The implementation planning phase of the TMDL program is to figure out how to make the reductions that were identified in the TMDL plan. Since the sources are not known, common sense management actions are being applied. Ms. Tribo explained it would be helpful to have more definitive techniques to identify where these sources are coming from, and it would be useful to the stormwater programs in identifying their roles and responsibilities in cleaning up their watershed.

Ms. Tribo indicated three study areas in Virginia Beach, Suffolk and York County were selected in the region by a subcommittee of local government and HRPDC staff. The case study overview will include Mill Dam Creek; Shingle Creek, an older portion of Suffolk; and Moore's Creek, mostly low density residential, newer redevelopment. Mill Dam Creek and Shingle Creek are a mixture of sewer and parcels that are septic and agricultural. Moore's Creek is primarily horse farms.

Ms. Tribo stated that hopefully by next summer the final report will be complete and that the techniques used were helpful in this area. It is hoped other localities and DEQ will use the techniques in the future.

Mr. Sheppard inquired as to how locations were selected and if a base line was being established.

Ms. Tribo indicated the initial locations were selected for access to collect the samples. Then branches of the creeks were then identified as well as the land use data. It was then determined from where to collect the data – such as downstream from a horse farm or downstream of a pump station - and see if there are any potential sources. Regular indicator bacteria, E-coli and Enterococcus, do not indicate the source, they indicate concentration. Those locations will be examined to determine if there are high counts of regular bacteria or general bacteria where those concentrations are located.

(Commissioner Woodard arrives)

Federal Clean Water Legislation – Reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Program

Chairman Goodson introduced Mr. John Carlock to present the Federal Clean Water Reauthorization and the possible effects on Hampton Roads.

Mr. Carlock reminded the Board that staff had already addressed the issues previously at the January meeting. The results of that discussion were for the HRPDC staff to work in conjunction with members of the Stormwater Committee to determine the appropriate comments on the Federal legislation. Those comments and the revisions to the letter were being presented to the Commission for approval. Mr. Carlock noted some primary events that are happening currently:

- Reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Program
- A consent agreement between the EPA, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and other environmental organizations
- The Obama administration's Chesapeake Bay strategy

The events have an overall impact on Hampton Roads and the future outlook on Stormwater permits in each of the localities.

The Reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay legislation was spearheaded by Senator Cardin and Representative Cummings from Maryland. The proposed legislation would require the TMDL to be instituted into statutes instead of continuing as a TMDL implementation plan. A change would make it more difficult to modify if staff felt it was needed. The Federal government would also have the authority to have individual states enact an implementation plan and complete the required reductions by the year 2025.

In late April, a revised letter was submitted to the HRPDC Stormwater Ad Hoc Subcommittee for review. Comments received from that committee, along with changes in regards to the current legislation, have been drafted into the letter the HRPDC is asking the Commission to approve.

Currently, the revised letter addresses three major concerns:

- Front loaded implementation requirement by 2017/2025
- If there is adequate state funding available
- Appropriations of \$1.5 billion for Stormwater Management activities

Staff was concerned that the front loaded implementation requirement achievement rate of sixty percent was too extreme for the beginning part of the process. Economic hardships on localities would make the adequate state funding requirement unobtainable. New legislation along with new EPA rules for establishing TMDLs will affect what the state of Virginia does.

HRPDC staff recommends the Commission approve the letter and grant permission to the Chairman to send it to the Congressional Delegation. Staff will continue keeping the Commission updated on the progress of this throughout the following months.

Commissioner Harrell Moved to approve the letter; seconded by Commissioner Jones. The Motion Carried.

Green Jobs Alliance Grant Proposals To Department of Energy

Chairman Goodson introduced Councilman Randall Gilliland to present Green Jobs Alliance (GJA) Grant Proposals to the Department of Energy.

Councilman Gilliland thanked the Commission and localities that supported the Green Jobs Alliance over the past couple of years. Councilman Gilliland stated the Department of Energy's Ramp-Up Through Retrofit Grant Application the Commission endorsed several months ago was approved. Million dollar weatherization and energy efficiency grant was submitted on behalf of STOP, which is the local community action agency that works on foundations for energy efficiency and GJA is currently working at the federal level to support funding for VCERC and Virginia Tech for offshore wind and coastal energy research.

Councilman Gilliland stated there are two resolutions in support of two Department of Energy Grant Applications. One is The State Energy Program which is part of the regular Department of Energy competitive grant process. This would award \$2 million at a minimum, \$5 million at a maximum, and would serve to accelerate the regional energy alliance and home performance with Energy Star Program. The GJA is teaming with the National Association of State Energy Officials and the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance for this grant application and it includes localities and regions in Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Washington, Oregon and Massachusetts. There is a need to demonstrate regional support for this application. The GJA is requesting the Commission's approval of the resolution, and a letter will be emailed to your staff that needs to be signed by the Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor or Board Chair.

Commissioner Smith Moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Zeidler. The Motion Carried.

Chairman Goodson stated that we would move on to the next resolution.

Councilman Gilliland stated that this Resolution is for Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program, Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program with awards up to \$3 million. The Green Jobs Alliance, along with the local Energy Alliance Program in Charlottesville would lead this program at the request of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. The partners in this program will include our local weatherization providers, Williamsburg and James City County, Community Action Agencies, STOP, and the Office for Human Affairs. The goal of this grant is to develop and test innovative technologies, materials and processes to weatherize more homes at lower costs. Approval of the resolution is being requested, and a letter will be emailed to each locality.

Commissioner Jones Moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Caskey. The Motion Carried.

(Commissioners Spore and Johnson arrive)

U.S. HUD Sustainability Grants Program

Chairman Goodson stated that Mr. Carlock would present the U.S. HUD Sustainability Grants Program.

Mr. Carlock indicated the sustainable community planning grant program is a new initiative. It is a combination of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Transportation; the funding is through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The federal government supports regional planning and integrated issues dealing with housing, environmental, transportation and land use. Funding for this project is \$150 million nationwide; there is a maximum of \$5 million dollars of grant money for large regions and there is a reduced level for smaller regions. Hampton Roads is considered a large region.

Mr. Carlock stated that HUD released its advance notice and requested comments back in February. The HRPDC staff commented on the advance notice, particularly looking at the timing because proposals were due in early June. Comments focused on the match requirement, which was set at twenty percent of the funding, and the eligibility encouraging a regional comprehensive agency like the HRPDC would remain eligible for funding. Mr. Carlock indicated the HRPDC had completed the process and is officially registered as a potential applicant.

This program has potential regional opportunities for increased regional cooperation, to integrate the planning process across the region, and to build on previous planning efforts from the long range transportation planning work of the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to the Regional Green Infrastructure Plan and the Vision Hampton Roads that was just completed by the Hampton Roads Partnership.

Mr. Carlock stated that both HRPDC and HRTPO staffs have talked to the Joint Environmental Committee, public works and planning, Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, southside regional planners to discuss inter-jurisdictional planning issues. Comments from those groups were needed to work on integrating planning to analyze options and scenarios for future growth in the region and identifying common goals and principles that could be worked toward. Staff is in the process of developing a proactive and progressive public involvement strategy which is required by the grant program.

Mr. Shepperd asked how this would empower the region and is the HRPDC just going after a grant or is the region actually going to be able to do something with it.

Mr. Carlock stated one of the best examples of projects that have worked in the region is the SWAMP program, the southern watershed area management program with Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, where the two cities helped HRPDC identify a number of issues they had in the southern watershed that drains south into North Carolina. HRPDC staff, along with consultant technical studies in agriculture and conservation corridors, urban design, rural design and in agreement with the two cities, continues working together in that watershed. Both cities were able to incorporate this into their comprehensive plans and enabled them to do a better job of what the public and the city councils felt were appropriate for that watershed.

Chairman Goodson indicated he could understand this funding could help the individual localities complete their comprehensive plans. For example, in the historic triangle, the three localities have made a decision to produce them at the same time. What if the HRPDC made the offer that any locality that was willing to do their comprehensive plan collaboratively would get the benefit of the regional work? Otherwise we still get separate comprehensive plans for separate localities, and this would provide incentive for the other localities to do their comprehensive plans on a simultaneous basis. It would promote regional awareness for the comprehensive plan update process and possibly some joint public input sessions and work that could be off-loaded from the localities to this type of grant opportunities. It could be very beneficial.

Commissioner Zeidler Moved to authorize the HRPDC to develop the application, apply for the grant, and convene a working group of local planning directors or their designated staff to work on developing a final scope of work and to accept a grant award if offered; second by McReynolds. The Motion Carried.

Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory

Chairman Goodson stated that Mr. Carlock would also present the Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory.

Mr. Carlock stated this is another regional opportunity, and thanked the Cities of Chesapeake, Virginia Beach and Norfolk for making this regional greenhouse gas emission inventory possible. As part of their energy efficiency and conservation block grant program last year the Cities included funding to do a greenhouse gas emissions inventory. They decided that it did not make sense to draw walls around the three communities so

they have suggested we do it regionally, and set up a program that HRPDC could use to get ahead of the curve on a number of regulatory requirements.

Mr. Carlock indicated that it will be an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from all Hampton Roads localities. HRPDC will use the methodology which has been accepted and used in other metro areas, Washington, Philadelphia, and Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. HRPDC staff will manage it, and contract with Old Dominion University for the technical work, and then the HRPDC, the ODU and the localities together will work on developing our goals and future reduction strategies.

Mr. Carlock stated that HRPDC is not going to do any new sampling data. We will use available data, and establish a baseline based on what year the data is available, look at a future trends, business as usual look at what following that, what will emissions look like in 2020 and then look at the various sectors and ranges from power plants to agriculture to existing industrial processes, forest land, land conversion and find out what the emissions are and work towards setting up a reduction target. Final report will be presented to the Commission about a year from now, which will include the methodology, the base data, the inventory, future projections, the goals and recommendations.

Commissioner Jones Moved to authorize HRPDC to develop a contract with ODU, develop a Memorandum of Agreement between HRPDC and the three localities that are funding the program and a Memorandum of Understanding with the other localities seconded by Commissioner Sessoms. The Motion Carried.

Project Status Reports

No questions or comments were noted

Correspondence of Interest

No questions or comments were noted

For Your Information

No questions or comments were noted

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

Bruce C. Goodson
Chairman

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #2: TREASURER'S REPORT

**FISCAL YEAR 2010
MAY 31, 2010
BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	418,709	Current Liabilities	574,344
Accounts Receivables	1,453,868	Net Assets	5,443,878
Investments	2,635,464		
Other Current Assets	664		
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,509,518</u>		
Total Assets	<u><u>6,018,222</u></u>	Total Liabilities & Equity	<u><u>6,018,222</u></u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Current Month	YTD
Grant and Contract Revenue	12,751,264	627,993	7,596,055
VDHCD State Allocation	228,491	19,041	209,451
Interest Income	25,000	245	29,319
Local Jurisdiction Contributions	1,346,171	-	1,346,170
Other Local Assessment	1,281,943	-	1,538,013
Sales and Contract Revenue	1,078,120	5,248	46,287
Total Revenue	<u><u>16,710,989</u></u>	<u><u>652,527</u></u>	<u><u>10,765,296</u></u>
EXPENDITURES			
Personnel	4,269,377	313,598	3,530,625
Standard Contracts	188,985	13,035	179,464
Special Contracts / Pass-Through	11,045,564	1,127,845	5,972,712
Office Services	866,972	41,265	503,020
Capital Assets	149,950	-	-
Total Expenses	<u><u>16,520,848</u></u>	<u><u>1,495,744</u></u>	<u><u>10,185,821</u></u>
Agency Balance	<u><u>190,141</u></u>	<u><u>(843,216)</u></u>	<u><u>579,475</u></u>

HRPDC Executive Committee Meeting - June 16, 2010

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #3: 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. Attached is a listing and summary of projects that are presently under review. As of June 9, 2010, there were no outstanding comments on these projects.

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. Attached is a listing and summary of projects that are presently under review.

Attachment

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None required.

Project Notification and Reviews

Date 5/18/2010 **CH #** VA100514-2223760

Title 25th Year VA CZM Implementation Application

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program NOAA - Coastal Program Grants

Project Staff Claire Jones **Type of Impact** Coastal Zone

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 the third year of Sustainable Communities: Blue-Green Infrastructure Protection and Climate Change Adpatation.

FUNDING

\$2,566,000.00	\$908,064.00	\$502,610.00	\$619,326.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			\$4,596,000.00		

Date 6/3/2010 CH # VA100527-2423760

Title Chesapeake Bay Program Point Source and Toxics Information Management/Data Analysis Support

Applicant Virginia Tech College of Engineering, Occoquan Laboratory

State/Federal Program EPA - Chesapeake Bay Program

Project Staff Claire Jones Type of Impact Chesapeake Bay watershed

Project Description

This project will support continued work on point source and toxics data management in support of the USEPA Chesapeake Bay Program for the period 06/01/2010 - 05/31/2011.

FUNDING

\$158,693.00	\$8,326.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			\$167,019.00		

Date 6/3/2010 CH # VA100528-2623760

Title VADEQ FY10 Chesapeake Bay Monitoring

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program EPA - Chesapeake Bay Program

Project Staff Claire Jones Type of Impact Chesapeake Bay watershed

Project Description

This proposal will provide continued funding for long-term Chesapeake Bay water quality monitoring projects to measure the effectiveness of point and non-point source nutrient input reduction, determine attainment of water quality standards, and determine progress toward attaining living resource water quality habitat goals.

FUNDING

\$688,194.00	\$688,194.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			\$1,376,388.00		

Date 6/3/2010 **CH #** VA100528-2523760

Title VADEQ Tracking Wetlands in Virginia

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Dept of Commerce - Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards

Project Staff Claire Jones **Type of Impact** Coastal Zone

Project Description

DEQ will subaward to VIMS to create a database to compile data regarding tidal wetland permitted impacts and compensation, and tidal and non-tidal non-regulatory wetlands restoration data.

FUNDING

\$83,831.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	Applicant	State	Local	Other	Program
TOTAL			\$83,831.00		

Environmental Impact Reviews

Date Received

Number

Name

Sponsor

Description

The U.S. Navy (Navy) intends to demolish the Mason Creek Bridge (Structure LP-69) at Naval Station Norfolk in the City of Norfolk. The Mason Creek Bridge was built in 1940 as a vehicle bridge and has reached the end of its useful life. The bridge is located on the east side of the base at Willoughby Bay. The demolition will involve the removal of approximately 32,000 square feet of steel framed bridge decking (10-inch thick concrete slab); 24 steel and concrete piles and concrete pile caps; utility piping and high pressure steam line and accessories; concrete steam poles; 15,500 square feet of a three-inch layer of gravel; plastic weed barrier; and 1,500 linear feet of 6X6 timber landscaping border. An existing bulkhead and concrete cap will remain at the west end of the project site. The Navy has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (previously called the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program).

Affected Localities

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received

Date Received

Number

Name

Sponsor

Description

The Federal Highway Administration submitted a federal consistency determination (FCD) for proposed improvements to the northern entrance of the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge in the City of Virginia Beach. The improvements include resurfacing and widening a portion of the entrance road (which would add a new bike path), resurfacing parking areas, relocating and replacing the entrance booth, and reconfiguring a portion of the North Entrance Road (Route 10). The FCD states that the project will be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #4: 2010 HAMPTON ROADS DATA BOOK

SUBJECT:

The Hampton Roads Data Book is an annual publication from HRPDC Economics staff.

BACKGROUND:

Each year HRPDC staff publish the Hampton Roads Data Book. This annual publication contains a variety of current and historical time series data on the region's population, income and earnings, employment, labor force, retail sales, building permits, real estate, lodging, ports, vehicle registrations, and local tax collections. In keeping with the Commission's green initiatives and to reduce paper and printing costs, the Commission approved moving to an electronic review of the Data Book. A print edition for 2010 including only the more recent information will be made available by request. Complete data tables will be available online via the Commission's website at www.hrpdcva.gov.

A draft version is available for review via the Commission's website at <http://www.hrpdcva.gov/HRDatabook.asp>.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the 2010 Hampton Roads Data Book for distribution.

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #5: EECBG FUNDING

SUBJECT:

Funding from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program is being used by many of the Hampton Roads localities and various private non-profit organizations to enhance energy conservation in public activities and structures and in residential and commercial buildings.

BACKGROUND:

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program was initially established in 2007, although federal funding to support the program was not appropriated until 2009. During 2009 and 2010, the Cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach received entitlement funding through this program. James City County received funding through the small community competitive portion of the program. The Green Jobs Alliance has also received significant funding through elements of this program.

Funding for the program remains authorized, although no funds have been included in the Obama Administration's budget for FY 2011. A number of vehicles are available to Congress to use in appropriating funds for the continuation of the program. Most are actively being considered by Congress.

Following discussion by the localities participating in the EECBG work group on June 3, 2010, the HRPDC staff has drafted the attached letter to the Congressional Delegation urging its support of renewed funding for the EECBG Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Chairman to send the attached letter to the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation requesting the members to actively work to include continuing funding for the EECBG Program during FY 2011.

Attachment



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DWIGHT L. FARMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

June 16, 2010

FORM Letter

VA Senators and Congressional Reps

Dear

At its June 16, 2010 meeting, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) discussed the current state and potential extension of funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. Based on this discussion, the HRPDC would like to express its support for continued funding for both direct and competitive grants. Funding from this program has allowed Hampton Roads localities to implement programs and projects that will decrease costs and increase operational efficiency. Projects such as building retrofits and revolving loan funds benefit citizens indirectly through more cost-effective services and directly through greater opportunities for home or business owner participation. The EECBG program provides an important source of revenue for governments to implement long-lasting and cost-effective programs and capital improvements. The HRPDC urges you to consider including funding for the EECBG program in pending legislation before Congress.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Goodson
Chairman

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #6: VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM RESOLUTION

SUBJECT:

Resolution to pay the member contribution to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) for employees hired on or after July 1, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

The Virginia General Assembly, during its 2010 session, passed legislation implementing new provisions for employees hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2010. The new plan is called the VRS Plan 2. The legislation stipulates that Plan 2 employees will pay the five percent member contribution through salary reduction on a pre-tax basis. However, local governments and political subdivisions have the option of either: 1) having employees hired on or after July 1, 2010 pay the required five percent member contribution to the Virginia Retirement System, or 2) electing for the employer to pay any whole portion of the required five percent member contribution for employees hired after July 1, 2010.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Chairman to sign the attached resolution enabling the HRPDC to pay the required five percent member contribution for employees hired on or after July 1, 2010.

Attachment



**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 2010-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP THE EMPLOYEE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (VRS) UNDER § 414(H) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR PLAN 2 EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly, in its 2010 session, passed legislation creating a separate retirement plan for employees hired on or after July 1, 2010 (hereafter referred to as "Plan 2 Employees"). The legislation stipulates that Plan 2 Employees will pay their five percent member contribution and that, absent other action by the employer, such contribution will be paid through salary reduction according to Internal Revenue Code § 414 (h) on a pre-tax basis; and

WHEREAS, the legislation allows certain employers, including the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, to pick-up and pay all or a portion of the member contributions on behalf of its Plan 2 Employees as an additional benefit not paid as salary; and

WHEREAS, the election to pick-up and pay all or a portion of the member contributions on behalf of its Plan 2 Employees as an additional benefit not paid as salary shall, once made, remain in effect for the applicable fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) and shall continue in effect beyond the end of such fiscal year absent a subsequent resolution changing the way the five percent member contribution is paid; and

WHEREAS, employee contributions that are picked-up as an additional benefit not paid as salary are not considered wages for purposes of VA Code § 51.1-700 et seq. nor shall they be considered salary for purposes of VA Code § 51.1-100 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Planning District desires to pick-up and pay its Plan 2 Employees' member contributions to VRS as an additional benefit not paid as salary in an amount equal to five percent of creditable compensation; and

WHEREAS, VRS tracks such picked-up member contributions and is prepared to treat such contributions as employee contributions for all purposes of VRS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective the first day of July, 2010, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission shall pick-up member contributions of its Plan 2 Employees to VRS as an additional benefit not paid as salary in an amount equal to five percent of creditable compensation subject to the terms and conditions described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such contributions, although designated as member contributions, are to be made by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission in lieu of member contributions and nothing herein shall be construed so as to permit or extend an option to VRS members to receive the picked-up contributions made by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission directly instead of having them paid to VRS.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission at its meeting on the sixteenth day of June 2010.

Bruce C. Goodson
Chairman
Hampton Roads
Planning District Commission

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary
Hampton Roads
Planning District Commission

AGENDA NOTE: - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #7: FY 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

SUBJECT:

The majority of the Hampton Roads localities have finalized their FY 2011 Operating Budgets. The HRPDC is submitting its proposed FY 2011 Budget for Board review and approval.

BACKGROUND:

Because of the tight economic and fiscal environment, the HRPDC delayed its Proposed FY 2011 Operating Budget for approval until the majority of its localities knew what funding would be available. Attachment B to this Agenda Note is the Proposed Operating Budget for FY 2011 for the HRPDC.

Member Contribution Dues from jurisdictions within the membership of the HRPDC remain unchanged at \$.82 per capita. Population estimates are the Final 2007 Weldon Cooper Center figures. This resulted in the total amounts requested from the jurisdictions remaining unchanged as well.

Please review Attachment A to this Agenda Note for a summarized narrative of the major components of the FY 2011 Operating Budget that may be of interest.

In discussion with the HRPDC audit firm, Goodman & Co., reserve accounts have been established (see Attachment C) to fund anticipated future expenditures in certain areas. These reserves will be funded from the reserve for contingencies as well as any cost savings in expenditures.

Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director and Mrs. Nancy Collins, Chief Financial Officer, will be present to summarize the FY 2011 Budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve Proposed FY 2011 Operating Budget.

Attachments

ATTACHMENT 7A

FY 2011 HRPDC OPERATING BUDGET NARRATIVE

Total FY 2011 Proposed Operating Budget for the HRPDC is \$3 million less than the Operating Budget for FY 2010. Reductions in Pass-Through activity account for \$2.6 million of this figure, mainly in the Department of Homeland Security Grants. In addition, Personnel costs were reduced by \$300,000 and General Operations by over \$100,000.

Revenue reductions occurred in the following areas:

- State DHCD funding to PDCs was reduced by nearly 50% from FY 2010, from \$253,879 to \$132,124, a reduction of \$121,755.
- Local jurisdiction contributions remained constant at \$.82 per capita.
- Department of Homeland Security grants (UASI, FRAC, MMRS, etc.) fluctuate annually depending on the Statements of Work involved. Anticipated reductions in FY2011 from FY2010 total approximately \$2M.
- Environmental grants are down \$530,000, an aggregate of new and carry forward funding.

The HRPDC anticipates ending FY2011 in a break-even status. Because of the reductions in revenue however, the following changes to expenditures need to be made:

- Reduce Personnel costs by:
 - Not funding three full-time positions,
 - Not funding one part-time position,
 - Reclassifying a full-time position to a lower level,
 - Reclassifying a full-time position to a part-time position.

These actions reduced the Personnel budget by over \$300,000. No general salary increases were budgeted.

- General Operations were reduced by over \$160,000, with the bulk of that in:
 - Travel, Education and Training \$100,000,
 - Equipment and Data Purchases \$45,000,
 - Printing \$25,000
 - Recruitment \$17,000
- General Operations were increased in the following areas:
 - Network upgrades \$15,000
 - Photocopies \$18,000

- Other Areas of Interest:
 - Pass Through funding decreased by almost \$2.6 million due to the timing of project activity in the Homeland Security projects,
 - Special Contracts increased for High Speed Rail activities.

**HRPDC/HRTPO OPERATIONS BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2011 PROPOSED**

			2011 MATCH	2011 TOTAL BUDGET	2011 TRSF TO PASS-THRU	TOTAL 2011 TPO OPER BUDGET	TOTAL 2011 PDC OPER BUDGET
1 NEW REVENUE							
2 State Grant (DHCD)	NOTE 1			\$ 132,124			\$ 132,124
3 LJ Assess: Member Contribution (\$.82)	NOTE 2			\$ 1,342,835		\$ 304,556	\$ 1,038,279
4 LJ Assess: Regional Water Programs				\$ 563,605	\$ 271,120		\$ 292,485
5 LJ Assess: Regional Stormwater Programs				\$ 203,109	\$ 74,170		\$ 128,939
6 LJ Assess: Stormwater Phase II				\$ 102,500			\$ 102,500
7 LJ Assess: Regional Waste Water Programs				\$ 159,000	\$ 74,670		\$ 84,330
8 LJ Assess: HR Clean Community System				\$ 69,080	\$ 42,470		\$ 26,610
9 LJ Assess: MMRS				\$ 328,334	\$ 295,501		\$ 32,833
10 LJ Assess: MCSC				\$ 59,541	\$ 59,541		\$ -
11 SPSA Contributions (Bd Room/Maint)				\$ 28,530			\$ 28,530
12 Interest Earnings				\$ 20,000			\$ 20,000
13 DEQ TMDL				\$ 26,000			\$ 26,000
14 DCR Roundtable				\$ 4,000			\$ 4,000
15 VCZMP			\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
16 Stormwater Legal				\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		\$ -
17 Gloucester Comp Plan				\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000
18 VB Lynnhaven				\$ 7,500			\$ 7,500
19 VDHCD HR Loan Fund Partnership				\$ 180,000	\$ 160,000		\$ 20,000
20 MMRS Grants				\$ 1,384,884	\$ 1,346,000		\$ 38,884
21 UASI Grants				\$ 1,884,555	\$ 1,578,155		\$ 306,400
22 FRAC Grants				\$ 765,634	\$ 682,885		\$ 82,749
23 VICIPRSP Grant				\$ 235,050	\$ 222,000		\$ 13,050
24 ACAMS Grant				\$ 155,000	\$ 148,214		\$ 6,786
25 Local Printing Revenues				\$ 63,000			\$ 63,000
26 Board Room Services Reimbursements				\$ 15,000			\$ 15,000
27 Sales Revenues				\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000
28 FTA 5303 Grant			\$ 16,577	\$ 149,191		\$ 149,191	\$ -
29 FHWA PL Grant			\$ 273,479	\$ 2,461,309		\$ 2,461,309	\$ -
30 VDOT Rural Grant			\$ 14,500	\$ 58,000		\$ 58,000	\$ -
31 MCSC Sales				\$ 8,000			\$ 8,000
32 TOTAL NEW REVENUE			\$ 404,556	\$ 10,578,781	\$ 5,014,726	\$ 2,973,056	\$ 2,590,999
33							

**HRPDC/HRTPO OPERATIONS BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2011 PROPOSED**

		2011 MATCH	2011 TOTAL BUDGET	2011 TRSF TO PASS-THRU	TOTAL 2011 TPO OPER BUDGET	TOTAL 2011 PDC OPER BUDGET
34	DEFERRED REVENUE					
35	LJ Assess: Regional Water Programs		\$ 333,435	\$ 333,435		\$ -
36	LJ Assess: Regional Stormwater Programs		\$ 208,148	\$ 208,148		\$ -
37	LJ Assess: Stormwater Phase II		\$ 131,625	\$ 131,625		\$ -
38	LJ Assess: Regional Waste Water Programs		\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000		\$ -
39	LJ Assess: HR Clean Community System		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000		\$ -
40	LJ Assess: Grease		\$ 439	\$ 439		\$ -
41	LJ Assess: Regional Bacteria Study		\$ 350,000	\$ 300,000		\$ 50,000
42	LJ Assess: Debris Management		\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000
43	TOTAL DEFERRED REVENUE		\$ 1,158,647	\$ 1,098,647	\$ -	\$ 60,000
44						
45	TRANSPORTATION PASS-THROUGH FUNDING					
46	Virginia DRPT		\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000		\$ -
47	TOTAL TRANS PASS-THROUGH FUNDING		\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ -
48						
49	TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 12,187,428	\$ 6,563,373	\$ 2,973,056	\$ 2,650,999

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51 **NOTE 1: FY2004 \$325,472; FY05-07 \$293,995; FY08 \$279,295; FY09 \$275,106; FY10 \$253,879**

52 **NOTE 2: Member Contributions of \$.82 per capita unchanged since 2006**

**HRPDC/HRTPO OPERATIONS BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2011 PROPOSED**

	2011 MATCH	2011 TOTAL BUDGET	2011 TRSF TO PASS-THRU	TOTAL 2011 TPO OPER BUDGET	TOTAL 2011 PDC OPER BUDGET
EXPENDITURES					
53 Personnel		\$ 3,983,281		\$ 2,056,885	\$ 1,926,396
54 Space Costs		\$ 83,170		\$ 42,051	\$ 41,119
55 Insurance		\$ 26,000		\$ 13,146	\$ 12,854
56 Equipment Rental		\$ 1,400		\$ 708	\$ 692
57 Equipment Maintenance		\$ 9,655		\$ 4,123	\$ 5,532
58 Legal Services		\$ 67,500		\$ 30,000	\$ 37,500
59 Audit Services		\$ 35,000		\$ 17,696	\$ 17,304
60 Legislative Services		\$ 800		\$ 404	\$ 396
61 Outside Contracts		\$ 324,590		\$ 247,590	\$ 77,000
62 Pass Through Projects:					
63 Environmental		\$ 1,621,077	\$ 1,621,077		\$ -
64 HRLFP Disbursements		\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000		\$ -
65 MMRS		\$ 1,641,501	\$ 1,641,501		\$ -
66 UASI		\$ 1,578,155	\$ 1,578,155		\$ -
67 FRAC		\$ 682,885	\$ 682,885		\$ -
68 VICIPRSP		\$ 222,000	\$ 222,000		\$ -
69 ACAMS		\$ 148,214	\$ 148,214		\$ -
70 MCSC		\$ 59,541	\$ 59,541		\$ -
71 Transportation DRPT		\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000		\$ -
72 Office Services:					
73 Hardware/Furniture		\$ 41,375		\$ 21,639	\$ 19,736
74 Public Notices/Advertising		\$ 45,300		\$ 32,862	\$ 12,438
75 Software & Network Upgrades		\$ 152,792		\$ 78,783	\$ 74,009
76 Memberships		\$ 33,000		\$ 12,206	\$ 20,794
77 Recruitment/Relocation		\$ 5,000		\$ 2,506	\$ 2,494
78 Publications		\$ 4,975		\$ 2,916	\$ 2,059
79 Data Purchases		\$ 17,975		\$ 8,000	\$ 9,975
80 Training & Seminars		\$ 20,900		\$ 11,396	\$ 9,504
81 Professional Education		\$ 12,478		\$ 5,719	\$ 6,759
82 Travel & Conferences		\$ 56,000		\$ 28,101	\$ 27,899
83 ED Travel Allowance		\$ 7,200		\$ 3,640	\$ 3,560
84 Board Room Services		\$ 15,450		\$ 7,303	\$ 8,147
85 Printing		\$ 81,300		\$ 49,887	\$ 31,413
86 Telephone Services		\$ 57,600		\$ 27,449	\$ 30,151
87 Cosumable Supplies		\$ 34,200		\$ 16,532	\$ 17,668
88 Postage		\$ 17,900		\$ 7,867	\$ 10,033
89 Photo Copies		\$ 95,050		\$ 63,848	\$ 31,202
90 Storage		\$ 6,820		\$ 2,275	\$ 4,545
91 Vehicle O&M		\$ 7,000		\$ 3,539	\$ 3,461
92 Reserves for Contingencies		\$ 340,344		\$ 168,929	\$ 171,415
93 Miscellaneous		\$ 10,000		\$ 5,056	\$ 4,944
94 Capital Assets & Real Property		\$ 30,000		\$ -	\$ 30,000
95 TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 12,187,428	\$ 6,563,373	\$ 2,973,056	\$ 2,650,999

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #8: FY 2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

SUBJECT:

Annually, the HRPDC staff prepares the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the coming Fiscal Year. The UPWP describes the work activities the HRPDC staff will undertake in support of the Commission and member localities.

BACKGROUND:

Enclosed separately is the proposed HRPDC Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2011, starting July 1, 2010. It is the result of input from the sixteen local governments served by the HRPDC and various state and federal planning requirements. The vast majority of the work elements evolved from local advisory and technical committees. It also includes ideas, comments and suggestions generated at the HRPDC Retreat on February 10, 2010.

The Budget to support the Work Program was also discussed at the February 2010 HRPDC Retreat and is included as Item #7 on the Agenda for the June 2010 Executive Committee Meeting.

HRPDC Deputy Executive Director, John Carlock will briefly summarize the FY 2011 UPWP.

Enclosure – Separate – Commissioners

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the FY 2011 HRPDC Unified Planning Work Program.

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #9: TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR THE UPPER NANSEMOND RIVER AND MILL AND POWHATAN CREEKS

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC staff has completed draft Implementation Plans for bacterial TMDLs in the Upper Nansemond River in Suffolk and Mill and Powhatan Creeks in James City County.

BACKGROUND:

The HRPDC has continued its partnership, formalized in 2007, with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to coordinate the development of TMDLs and Implementation Plans in Hampton Roads. The HRPDC recently completed Implementation Plans for Bacteria TMDLs in the Upper Nansemond River watershed in Suffolk and Isle of Wight County and the Mill Creek and Powhatan Creek watersheds in James City County. Public meetings for both plans were held in May to solicit public comments, and final reports will be submitted to DEQ at the end of June.

Both plans lay out the management actions necessary to reduce bacteria concentrations to the level necessary for primary contact recreation or shellfishing. James City County will continue to collect bacteria monitoring data to identify focus areas and encourage residents to pick up after their pets through County sponsored ads and education programs. The City of Suffolk plans to begin a water quality monitoring program to track progress in areas of the watershed no longer monitored by DEQ, continue to grow their stormwater management program in accordance with their Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, and require citizens to pump out their septic tanks. Both plans also reference actions underway by the James City County Service Authority and the Suffolk Department of Utilities to eliminate the occurrence of sanitary sewer overflows in accordance with a regional consent order with DEQ.

Ms. Jennifer Tribo, Physical and Environmental Planner, will brief the Commission on the draft reports.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This briefing is being provided for information and discussion purposes.

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM 10#: REGIONAL FATS OILS AND GREASE PROGRAM

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC staff is coordinating the development and implementation of the regional fats, oils and grease program as one element in complying with the Regional Sanitary Sewer Overflow Consent Order.

BACKGROUND:

This is an update regarding activities under the regional fats, oils and grease abatement program approved by the Commission in November 2008. As recommended by the HRPDC, a number of the localities have executed Memoranda of Agreement with HRSD to implement this program. As localities begin to update their Sewer Use Ordinances or adopt new FOG ordinances, there are a few requirements for certification training. Both area grease hauler and food service establishment staff must successfully complete regional certification trainings. These trainings are currently being scheduled periodically as needed, with the long-term goal of online certifications. Similarly, the HR FOG Education Committee has worked to develop publications for area restaurants, promotional items for the home cook and a regional website: fatfreedrain.com. Staff is also available to help localities conduct stakeholder meetings or for City Council/Board of Supervisors briefings.

Ms. Julia Hillegass, Senior Physical and Environmental Planner, will brief the Commission on this regional program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This briefing is being provided for information and discussion purposes.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM 11#: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

A. Joint Environmental Committees

The Joint Environmental Committee met on June 3, 2010. The meeting included: The Committee received briefings from:

- HRPDC Staff – Stormwater Management Issues, including discussion of participation in state level Technical Advisory Committees. U.S. EPA has stated that the Chesapeake Bay TMDL will be issued by December 31, 2010. Due to legislation from the last General Assembly session, new stormwater regulations (based in part on the Chesapeake Bay TMDL) will go into effect between October and December 2011. Virginia's Watershed Implementation Plan, a requirement for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, is currently being developed.
- URS Corporation – EPA model used for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and some issues with the model's implementation.
- James City County – Potential changes to Perennial Flow Guidance by DCR-CBLA, including the results of testing conducted in several localities on the Peninsula and further west and how those results may affect Hampton Roads localities. The potential changes will be applicable in all Hampton Roads localities where field testing has occurred. These changes are being considered by the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board at its meeting on June 21, 2010.
- HRPDC Staff – Update on the status of the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has yet to release the Notice of Funding Availability. The Committee requested that the HRPDC form a working group or subcommittee from area local government staff to coordinate and work with HRPDC staff on the application.
- HRPDC Staff – HRPDC Committee structure. Committee members – status of local, state and federal projects and programs.

The EECBG Work Group also met on June 3, 2010 to hear presentations from Hampton City Councilman Gilliland on the various Green Jobs Alliance projects and from Mr. Andy Seth of Climate Communities on pending federal climate and energy legislation. The Work Group also continued discussion of local activities under the EECBG Program and the regional greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory.

The Regional Stormwater Management Committee is continuing to work on a number of initiatives. They include:

- MS4 Permits for the Phase I localities. Work with DCR on these permits has been delayed by the state priority on finalizing the stormwater management regulations. Federal program inspections/audits have been held in Hampton and Norfolk and have been scheduled for Chesapeake and Newport News.

- MS4 Permits for the Phase II localities. Implementation of these permits is continuing. HRPDC staff and the Phase II localities are working closely to develop a training program that must be completed to satisfy permit requirements.

B. Joint Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors:

The Directors of Utilities Committee and the Health Directors met on June 2, 2010. The following items were addressed at the meeting:

- Mr. Dan Horne, VDH, briefed the group with a state and federal legislative update on items pertaining to drinking water and water utilities.
- The HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on efforts being taken by localities and businesses in the region to work with, or be aware of, special needs populations that are critically dependent on their home water supply.

Following the joint meeting, the Directors of Utilities Committee reconvened to discuss continuing matters. The following was addressed at the meeting:

- The Committee discussed various options for Committee structure.
- The HRPDC staff reviewed the known wastewater funding levels from local budgets as approved budgets may impact the anticipated expansion of the HR FOG Program. The Committee had earlier recommended expansion of this program to develop and support the online training and certification program for Grease Haulers and Food Service Establishment personnel required by local ordinances and additional programs required by the SSO Consent Order.
- The HRPDC staff, on behalf of the Directors of Utilities Committee, drafted a letter to the State Water Control Board to express the Committee's appreciation for the opportunity to have a representative on the Groundwater Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP); and also to express its concern regarding the RAP's inability to reach consensus on several key issues, and the lack of opportunity to review the final draft of the regulations while the RAP was still in session. The Committee consensus was that the letter, which indicates that based on these concerns, the Committee can not currently endorse the draft regulations and will provide detailed comments during the public review process should be submitted.
- The HRPDC staff briefed the committee on the DEQ Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to develop a new general VPDES permit for pesticide discharges applied directly to surface waters. This may require utilities to get permits for reservoir management practices that control algae which can cause odor and taste problems in drinking water. The HRPDC staff will draft a letter on behalf of the Committee in response to the NOIRA. The Committee will also nominate a

representative for the Technical Advisory Committee that is being formed to assist DEQ in developing the proposed VPDES general permit.

C. Emergency Management Project Update

Debris Management

A date for the annual debris management meeting has been coordinated with SPSA, VPPSA, and VDEM. The date is July 19, 2010 and will be at the HRPDC.

Hampton Roads Regional Jail and Inmate Evacuation Committee

There is nothing to report during this period. This committee is scheduled to meet again on July 8. June's meeting was rescheduled due to non-availability of membership to attend.

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

The EM Administrator continues to work with the Hampton Roads Interoperability Communications Advisory Committee (HRICAC) Oversight Group in an effort to find a funding solution for sustainment of the system for follow-on service and maintenance procurement. The FY10 Port Security Grant Application that was submitted to VDEM in March 2010 as a potential temporary solution for sustainment was not selected for funding.

Peninsula Local Emergency Planning Commission (PLEPC)

A grant application was submitted to VDEM, by the City of Hampton on behalf of the PLEPC, for funds to update the current Peninsula Local Emergency Response Plan. On March 1, the Emergency Management staff were informed that the City of Hampton was granted this the award in the requested amount. All funds must be exhausted by September 2010. The HRPDC is willing to support the work for this grant and assist with the management of the project with the City of Hampton and PLEPC; however, no progress has been made.

FY10 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

The Emergency Management staff led and completed the seminar with public health partners and multiple health care organizations on May 6 and 7. Participant feedback is being compiled and will be provided soon. Also, the HOEPS planning committee will be meeting in July to begin planning next year's event.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

The grant applications for updating the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Southampton Hazard Mitigation Plan are in the process of review with a notification of an announcement of an award expected in the summer of 2010 and funding made available in early fall 2010.

The Emergency Management staff continues to work with the City of Hampton's Emergency Manager by providing support to update the Peninsula Hazard Mitigation plan. An RFP was released through the City of Hampton and a pre-proposal meeting

with potential proposers was held on May 26. Selection of a consultant for this project is expected to occur by the end of June with work beginning in July 2010.

The City of Portsmouth has contacted the EM staff at the HRPDC regarding participation in updating their flood plain management plan. Staff will attend the kick-off meeting on June 9 and continue participation in this planning process until complete.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP) Support

The Emergency Management staff continues to support the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team and the three workgroups to ensure existing projects and data is integrated. The three workgroups are (1) Evacuation and Transportation, (2) Commodities, Resources, and Volunteers, and (3) Mass Care and Sheltering.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). During the May UAWG meeting, the consultant performing the Capabilities Assessment work briefed the UAWG on the strategy to be employed for updating the Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy. A small subcommittee, consisting of specific disciplines, will work with the consultants to draft the revised strategy for submission to the UAWG

Discussions and planning for future grant years continues with the refinement of a tool to track all projects under the UASI grant that have been requested, supported, and requires sustainment in the future. The UAWG has indicated that they want to ensure a portion of future grant funds are made available for sustainment with the rest dedicated towards new projects that will only be supported by the soon to be revised Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs and WebEOC Implementation Update (FY07 & FY08 UASI Project)

On June 8, ESI provided a workshop and training with the region's emergency managers to develop a regional process and procedures for utilizing WebEOC with all localities in Hampton Roads and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

The Special Needs website (www.hrspecialneeds.org) is currently undergoing reconstruction in order to support the registry that was developed. The previous provider was not able to accomplish the requirements needed and resulted in a termination of services. A local company with a proven track record was contracted and has devoted a team of database website developers to reconstruct and finish the task. It is expected to be back up and running by late June 2010 and be fully functional as initially envisioned by the Emergency Management community.

Maritime Security and Response (FY08 UASI Project)

Staff continues to solicit input from the Area Maritime Security Committee for the FY 08 UASI project that is a follow-on project from FY07. At this time, it is also unclear

whether the AMSC will utilize the funds available for this project. If not, further direction will be sought from DHS via VDEM.

Multi-Region Target Capabilities Assessment (FY08 UASI Project)

The Emergency Management staff, on behalf of and in cooperation with the HR and Central Virginia (Richmond area) UASI regions, provide program management and implementation support for the Target Capabilities Assessment (TCA), through the UASI Grant program. Interviews with localities in Hampton Roads for assessing the selected target capabilities began in late January and are in progress. All sixteen have been completed as of June 9. The consultant will now take all the data and begin analyzing it to determine what the strengths and gaps are for the region against the DHS Target Capabilities List. Also, now that all the data has been compiled, it allows the region to begin setting metrics in order to determine if a capability has been met and to what degree. The final component to be developed is the revision to the Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy as indicated above in the UASI section. A plan for revising this plan has been developed and has been structured to ensure all homeland security partners (local, regional, state, and federal) have the opportunity to participate.

Pet Sheltering Support (FY09 UASI Project)

The Committee supporting this effort met and finalized what equipment and supplies need to be procured for the trailers to support pet management in shelters. Some of the equipment and supplies are not allowable under the grant guidelines and staff drafted a letter to DHS via VDEM requesting a waiver for those items not allowed. VDEM has reviewed this request and has provided a waiver for the unallowable supplies with DHS concurrence.

First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC)

The Emergency Management (EM) staff continues to advance the First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC) pilot program in Hampton Roads initiated and lead by the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (OCP) through State Homeland Security Grant funds. OCP continues to work with Verizon to establish the issuing stations. The Hampton Roads Fire Chiefs Association has been working with OCP's project manager in order to have the FRACs first issued to the fire service throughout Hampton Roads. FRACs are expected to begin issuance in early summer.

Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (HR CIPP)

Strategic planning by the Emergency Management staff for the development of a regional Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) program is on-going in coordination with the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness Critical Infrastructure Protection Coordinator. The HR CIPP steering committee met in May with local stakeholders, OCP and the contractors. The first draft to the regional strategic plan and regional criteria for identifying regional CIKR was reviewed and vetted.

Also, the development of a regional workshop with private and public stakeholders has been completed. Invitations for the July 14 workshop were sent on May 28. This workshop invites business/industry and infrastructure owners and operators, government, and

academic leaders in risk analysis and business security strategy development to explore the benefits, costs, and risks of developing a regional critical infrastructure protection plan for improving regional resilience. The results of the workshop will improve the capability of organizations to improve continuity of operations and community resilience, and to decrease the overall level of risk to critical infrastructure and the public and private sectors. Moreover, the results will implement key objectives of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and the Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resiliency Strategic Plan (VCIPRSP).

2010 Department of Education's Emergency Management for Higher Education (EMHE) Grant

As part of the grant application process, colleges and universities in the region have the opportunity to apply for grant funds "to develop, or review and improve, and fully integrate campus based all-hazards emergency management planning efforts for institutions of higher education." As part of the grant application process, these institutions of higher education require a letter of support with a local representative emergency management body in reviewing and improving the campus-based plan and supporting the EMHE grant project. The HRPDC will provide this support utilizing the existing advisory committee's and ensure all planning is coordinated with the respective city/county the institution of higher education is located in. The College of William and Mary and the Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education (which represented Old Dominion University, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Virginia Wesleyan College, and Christopher Newport University) requested and received a letter of support for the grant application.

D. Regional Housing Program

Housing and Human Service Technical Support

Staff members continue to assist the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium in developing regional housing priorities. A strategic planning session was held with regional housing professionals in January to begin the process of developing the framework of this initiative. Housing and Human Services Staff is assisting in the planning of the release of an Affordability Index for the Hampton Roads Region. A June 15 event is being planned to debut the tool while addressing affordability for the region.

E. Regional Economics Program

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Information from both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provides easy access to a great deal of regional information. Over the past month, staff has provided information to individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media. A presentation was made to the Newport News Rotary Club and staff served on a panel for the Cox Business Executive Discussion Series on growth at the Port of Virginia.

Census 2010

HRPDC staff continue to act as a Regional Census Partner to the U.S. Census Bureau. Census information has been added to the organization publications and the Commission's website. HRPDC staff serve on complete count committees at both the regional and jurisdictional levels, and have offered a variety of services to the Census Bureau.

Regional Competitiveness

Staff have begun work on a regional competitiveness study. The purpose of the study is to review the components of growth in competitive economies and evaluate the regional capacity for growth. This analysis will include an in-depth analysis of the region's occupational and industrial composition, with a particular focus on the region's labor supply.

Hampton Roads Data Book

Staff has completed work on the Hampton Roads Data Book. The 2010 Data Book contains a variety of current and historical time series data on the region's population, income and earnings, employment, labor force, retail sales, building permits, real estate, lodging, ports, vehicle registrations, and local tax collections. The Data Book represents part of our efforts to fulfill § 15.2-4208 of the Code of Virginia, which requires planning district commissions to collect and maintain demographic, economic and other data concerning the region and member localities.

F. Advisory Committee Structure

At the HRPDC Commission Retreat in February, it was determined that Advisory Committees to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission should be formally recognized as advisory to the Commission. Based on staff analysis and evaluation and discussions with staff from the local governments and various state and federal agencies, it has been determined that three HRPDC advisory committees function in an advisory capacity to the Commission. Therefore, effective July 1, 2010, the following HRPDC Advisory Committees will begin functioning as public bodies: Directors of Utilities Committee and Joint Environmental Committee. HRPDC staff will continue to work with the local government staff in evaluating the functions of other committees and work groups to determine their future structure and function. A Regional Planning Committee, which will be established in the coming months, will also be designated formally as an HRPDC Advisory Committee.

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ITEM #12: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. VAPDC ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

The Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions will be holding its Summer Conference at the Cavalier at the Beach from July 29 – 31, 2010. Registration is now open for this event at: www.vapdc.org. Invited speakers include Gov. McDonnell; Sean Connaughton, Secretary of Transportation; James Cheng, Secretary of Commerce & Trade; The Honorable Mary Rae Carter, Deputy Secretary of Commerce & Trade for Rural Development; and Senator Frank Ruff and Delegate Glen Oder of the Virginia General Assembly. Mr. Bruce Goodson has been nominated to a position on the VAPDC's Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 term.

B. CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION EFFORTS

Attached for information is a June 3, 2010 Press Release from Governor McDonnell describing highlights and goals for Virginia's work on the Chesapeake Bay Restoration efforts.

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C. OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS) LEASE SALE

Attached for information is a May 27, 2010 Press Release from Governor McDonnell including his statement in response to the White House cancellation of Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sale 220 off the coast of Virginia

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D. GREEN JOBS ALLIANCE WEATHERIZATION GRANT

Attached for information is June 4, 2010 release from the U.S. Department of Energy announcing that the Green Jobs Alliance has been awarded \$981,260 to establish a weatherization training center in Hampton Roads.

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From: Governors Update Mailing List <govupdate@governor.virginia.gov>
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Governor McDonnell Highlights Milestones in Chesapeake Bay Restoration Efforts

Attends 2010 Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting in Baltimore

BALTIMORE – Governor Bob McDonnell joined the leaders of Chesapeake Bay watershed jurisdictions today for the 2010 Chesapeake Executive Council meeting in Baltimore and outlined the significant milestones Virginia has achieved in its efforts to restore the Bay.

Speaking about the Bay and Virginia's commitment to its restoration, Governor McDonnell noted, "The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and an ecological wonder. As Virginians we have an obligation to preserve and conserve this incredible resource, the largest estuary in the United States. That obligation is shared by all who live in the Chesapeake Bay watershed."

He continued, "The Bay belongs to all of us, but it means many different things to many

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different people. For some, it's their office; for others, their getaway. We fish there, play there, and work there. But our impact on the Bay is not limited to the time we spend on it and near it. What we do in our cities and counties, in many cases hours away, has a significant impact on the health of the Bay. That is one of the reasons I am committed to conserving an additional 400,000 acres of open space in the Commonwealth over the next four years. And it is why I'm looking forward to working closely with my fellow members of the Chesapeake Executive Council in the years ahead. We are all committed to ensuring a clean and vibrant Chesapeake Bay for future generations to enjoy and cherish. While we have taken numerous important steps, we recognize that the job is not complete and we continue to face the challenge of doing more in the future."

Governor McDonnell highlighted eight major areas of improvements that demonstrate some of the recent progress made in improving the health of the Bay. With the change in administrations, the outgoing administration announced it had exceeded its goal of preserving 400,000 acres in the state. Governor McDonnell is committed to preserving another 400,000 acres.

The past year also has brought successes beyond land conservation. By the end of the year nearly \$627 million had been committed to wastewater treatment upgrades, crab populations had increased to a 13 year high and new nutrient management regulations were in place. The 2010 Virginia General Assembly passed and Governor McDonnell approved a dedicated funding source for Chesapeake Bay cleanup efforts. An additional \$10 charge per land transaction to the state's recordation tax will go to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund for installation of agricultural conservation best management practices. For this coming biennium that translates to \$9 million per year. Details on these successes and others are listed below.

Details on Virginia's Recent Chesapeake Bay Successes

Continued Progress with New Nutrient Removal Facilities - Twelve new Water Quality Improvement Fund grant agreements were signed this year to bring the total number of projects to 53, committing a total of almost \$627 million in state cost-share. Three plants brought their nutrient reduction systems on-line this year, bringing the total number of Bay dischargers operating with nutrient removal to 29. Based on the annual compliance plan (February 2010) for dischargers covered by the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Watershed Nutrient Discharge General Permit, projections show the total delivered nutrient loads will meet, or even be lower than, the waste load allocations in all basins for calendar year 2011.

Crab Population Boom - Crab numbers this past winter increased 60 percent from the previous year, marking the second straight year of growth. The increase is due to a landmark stock rebuilding program, including closure of the winter dredge fishery by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and partner agencies. A winter survey conducted by Virginia and Maryland scientists estimates that the population has increased to 658 million crabs, the highest number in 13 years.

New Land Conservation Goal - Virginia met its self-imposed statewide land conservation goal of 400,000 acres over the past four years, preserving 424,103 acres as of winter 2010. Specific land conservation accomplishments include the creation of two new state parks, six new state forests and 13 natural area preserves, and parts of 13 Civil War battlefields were protected. Governor McDonnell has established a new goal to preserve an additional 400,000 acres over the next four years.

Nutrient Credit Exchange Program Established - Virginia has implemented an innovative Nutrient Credit Exchange Program previously adopted by the General Assembly to establish market-based incentives that streamline the nutrient reduction process.

Erosion and Sediment Control Local Program Reviews – Virginia has completed a five-year statewide review of all locally administered erosion and sediment control programs. Where local programs were found inconsistent with state law, corrective action agreements were completed and shortcomings corrected. As of March 2010, 155 or 94.5 percent of the programs have been found consistent with state law. Well run locally administered programs reduce the loss of sediments and other pollutants from active construction sites.

Advances in addressing NPS from agricultural sources – Use of targeted incentive funds through Virginia Agricultural BMP Cost-Share Program (VACS) continues to result in roughly 85 percent of available funds being used for implementation of the suite of five “priority practices” across the state. VACS funding for the year beginning July 1, 2010, will not be at levels appropriated for the two prior years. But for the first time ever, thanks to an action taken by the 2010 Virginia General Assembly, there is now a revenue source dedicated to VACS funding. The funding source originates from an increase in the fee for recording land transactions at the local level. Further enhancements in the collection of data for agricultural conservation include the ongoing improvements in a web-based BMP tracking program.

New Turf and Landscape Category of Nutrient Management Certification – Virginia has initiated a new category of Nutrient Management Planner Certification to better meet the needs of professionals developing nutrient management plans for urban/suburban developed lands, such as golf courses, office parks, public lands that receive nutrients, and areas treated by lawn service companies. The agriculture certification category has been offered since 1996 and has 329 certified planners. So far, 65 persons have become certified in the new turf and landscape category. Individuals must meet educational and experience requirements and pass a two-part examination to become certified.

Poultry Litter End User Regulation – New requirements on Virginia end-users of poultry litter became effective on January 1, 2010. The new regulations require enhanced tracking and accounting of poultry litter that is transferred from the farm where the litter is generated. End users are required to store and land apply poultry litter in accordance with the requirements outlined in the amended regulation, which address the proper rate and timing of applications as well as setbacks to environmentally sensitive features for land application and storage of poultry litter.

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Statement of Governor Bob McDonnell on President's Offshore Energy Decision

RICHMOND- Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell issued the following statement today, following the President's announcement that the White House is cancelling Lease Sale 220 off the coast of Virginia. The lease sale was scheduled for 2012.

"The environmental disaster still unfolding in the Gulf of Mexico is unprecedented and devastating. The full attention of the federal government, as well as state and local governments and the private sector companies involved should appropriately be focused on permanently capping this leak and cleaning up the oil that has been spilled. The images from Louisiana and around the Gulf are stunning, and it will take significant time and resources to fully recover from this tragedy. The Commonwealth of Virginia is prepared to assist in those efforts, should our services be required or useful. I have previously called Governor Bobby Jindal to inform him of our willingness to help. He is doing excellent work in leading his state's response.

Similarly, it will take significant time to fully investigate and evaluate what took place at the Deepwater Horizon rig on April 20th and in the ensuing weeks. This accident must lead to necessary improvements in offshore exploration and drilling technology and safety, and the implementation of new safeguards and regulations moving forward. This process will make it difficult to move forward with the lease sale currently scheduled off the coast of Virginia in 2012. Thus, I understand the decision the

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President has made today. While I respect his decision, and the need for delay and investigation, I do not believe outright cancellation was the only alternative given the fact that this sale was not due to occur until two years from now, and actual drilling would likely take place years after that. The two-year environmental impact statement already underway would provide ample information about the wisdom of proceeding on to an actual lease sale.

It is my hope that the President's action does not signal the end of offshore energy exploration and production off Virginia in the years ahead. Once we have learned the lessons from this tragic accident, and made the necessary changes and improvements in the offshore industry and government oversight, we should move forward with environmentally responsible domestic offshore energy production for oil and natural gas. This nation needs more domestic energy production. If we decrease the amount of energy produced here in the United States, we will only increase the amount of energy we must import from overseas. We must have the foresight and objectivity to not let this tragic accident cripple our ability to increase energy production in the United States. That would be a tragedy in its own right.

Just as Americans did not quit or retreat from innovation after tragedies in space exploration, so must we learn, change and persevere in advancing energy independence by using all our natural resources. The spirit of American progress is to overcome adversity and conquer obstacles, not quit and accept failure. Our nation needs domestic energy production and the jobs and security that come with it. I am a strong proponent of a comprehensive energy policy for Virginia and America. We should greatly increase our domestic production and utilization of all energy sources. That includes offshore and onshore wind, coal, solar, nuclear, biofuels, waste to energy, natural gas and, with the appropriate improvements in the industry incorporated moving forward, offshore oil and gas. I have great confidence in American ingenuity, intelligence and innovation, and our ability to properly and reasonably move forward following this major setback.”

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DOE Announces \$29 Million in Recovery Act Awards for Weatherization Training Centers

June 04, 2010

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced today that 34 projects in 27 states have been selected to receive \$29 million under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to develop and expand weatherization training centers across the country. These projects will provide green job training for local workers in energy efficiency retrofitting and weatherization services. With this training, skilled workers can help expand the use of energy efficient practices in America's homes and businesses.

"A well-trained workforce will be a crucial part of America's clean energy economy in the years ahead," said Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman. "These investments in efficiency training programs will help build a foundation for long-term growth in America. Energy efficiency improves the competitiveness of our economy, benefits the environment, and puts Americans back to work."

Using innovative approaches to weatherization training and standardized training curricula, these projects will help prepare weatherization workers, supervisors, and inspectors to maintain a high degree of quality in weatherization projects and to work in the growing field of energy efficiency retrofits. The centers and programs will offer training using a combination of classroom, online, and hands-on learning tools.

This funding will support the expansion of 8 existing weatherization training centers and the establishment of 26 new training centers, more than tripling the number of DOE-funded weatherization training centers nationally. The 34 programs announced today will significantly expand access to weatherization training, while improving the quality and consistency of training nationwide. These investments will continue to build on the Administration's efforts to expand the green workforce and build a self-sustaining energy retrofit industry that creates high-quality jobs, while improving the environment and saving energy.

Under the Recovery Act, the Obama Administration is making unprecedented investments that are helping to build America's clean energy future, including \$5 billion to significantly ramp up the pace of weatherization in the United States. The training programs announced today will support a range of public and private energy efficiency efforts, including the Department's Weatherization Assistance Program, which has already funded the weatherization of nearly 200,000 homes since last February, using both Recovery Act and annual program funds.

These weatherization training centers are part of the Department's broader Training and Technical Assistance program for weatherization, including a variety of online tools, a national training platform, certification and accreditation standards, program evaluations, quality assurance reviews, and peer mentoring.

The following organizations have been selected for funding:

Applicant	Recovery Act Funding	Total Project Value*	City	State
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	\$961,692	\$1,159,212	Juneau	Alaska
Pulaski Technical College	\$1,000,000	\$1,244,507	North Little Rock	Arkansas
FSL Home Improvements	\$525,692	\$657,137	Phoenix	Arizona
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College	\$725,976	\$907,470	Los Angeles	California
Century Center for Economic Opportunity, Inc.	\$1,000,000	\$1,310,000	Gardena	California
Colorado Governor's Energy Office	\$963,130	\$1,219,149	Denver	Colorado
The WorkPlace, Inc.	\$442,951	\$562,951	Bridgeport	Connecticut
University of Central Florida	\$486,000	\$607,500	Cocoa	Florida
University of Florida	\$979,421	\$1,224,674	Gainesville	Florida

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Southface Energy Institute	\$949,078	\$1,422,903	Atlanta	Georgia
The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	\$959,635	\$1,199,544	Champaign	Illinois
Wilbur Wright College	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000	Chicago	Illinois
Indiana Community Action Association, Inc.	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000	Indianapolis	Indiana
Kentucky Housing Corporation	\$995,756	\$1,259,051	Frankfort	Kentucky
Louisiana Association of Community Action Partnerships, Inc.	\$797,250	\$956,700	Baton Rouge	Louisiana
South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc.	\$705,225	\$1,049,515	Framingham	Massachusetts
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	\$964,215	\$1,268,644	Dartmouth	Massachusetts
Baltimore City Community College	\$1,000,000	\$1,254,664	Baltimore	Maryland
Maine State Housing Authority (MaineHousing)	\$880,010	\$1,086,720	Augusta	Maine
Focus: HOPE	\$848,172	\$1,061,565	Detroit	Michigan
State of Montana	\$970,099	\$1,215,426	Helena	Montana
Bergen County Community Action Partnership, Inc.	\$999,567	\$1,275,103	Hackensack	New Jersey
New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority	\$919,579	\$919,579	Santa Fe	New Mexico
Association for Energy Affordability, Inc.	\$873,617	\$1,102,398	New York	New York
Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development Inc.	\$999,846	\$1,249,846	Athens	Ohio
Oregon Energy Coordinators Association	\$1,000,000	\$2,923,000	Salem	Oregon
Pennsylvania College of Technology	\$916,981	\$1,163,972	Williamsport	Pennsylvania
Bucks County Community College	\$631,260	\$757,512	Newtown	Pennsylvania
Governor's Office of Economic Development	\$323,700	\$438,700	Clearfield	Utah
Green Jobs Alliance	\$981,260	\$1,511,260	Hampton	Virginia
Community Housing Partners Corporation	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000	Christiansburg	Virginia
Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation	\$255,198	\$318,998	Madison	Wisconsin
West Virginia Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000	Charleston	West Virginia

*Includes applicant cost share

For project descriptions, please see the WAP Training Descriptions document ([PDF 45.5 KB](#)). For more information on the Weatherization Assistance Program, visit the [Weatherization Assistance Program](#) Web site.

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ITEM #13: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

A. LETTER, DWIGHT L. FARMER TO JOHN FISHER

Attached is a letter from Dwight Farmer to John Fisher, DEQ, providing HRPDC staff comments on the proposed 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017. As noted in the FYI Agenda Note 12C this lease sale has been canceled.

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B. LETTER, MAUREEN MIZELLE TO JOHN CARLOCK

Attached is a letter from Ms. Maureen Mizelle, Executive Director of the Portsmouth Schools Foundation to John Carlock acknowledging the mini-grant award from HR WET and HR STORM to Parkview Elementary School in Portsmouth for an environmental education project.

Attachment 13-B

C. LETTER, WESLEY SMITH DODD TO JULIA HILLEGASS

Attached is a letter from Wesley Smith Dodd thanking the HRPDC for the HR GREEN reusable bags that were donated to HR ACRE for use in an early May bus tour. These bags were produced through the HRPDC Environmental Education Committees – HR CLEAN, HR FOG, HR STORM and HR WET.

Attachment 13-C

D. LETTER, R.D. TOMLINSON TO RICHARD FLANNERY

Attached is a letter from R. D. Tomlinson, Port Security Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads, to Richard Flannery, requesting his participation in the U.S. Coast Guard portion of the Frontier Sentinel 2010 exercise of a portion of the Virginia Area Maritime Security Plan, which was held on June 7 – 8, 2010. Mr. Flannery participated in the exercise.

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May 20, 2010

Mr. John E. Fisher
Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Impact Review
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Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: DEQ #10-060F, Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017
(ENV:GEN)

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Pursuant to your request, the staff of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) has reviewed the proposed 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017. We previously provided scoping comments for this lease program in September 2008 and February 2009.

Based on this review, we would like to reiterate the comments made in response to the scoping notices we have received over the last two years. In the absence of proper planning, energy exploration and development in Virginia's coastal waters have the potential to exacerbate existing use conflicts and to create new ones. To address these potential use conflicts, it is essential that state and local governments be involved in the planning process associated with the development of leasing programs.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Dwight Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

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John M. Carlock, Deputy Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Carlock:

On behalf of Richard Neefe and the students of Parkview Elementary School I would like to thank you for selecting their project for funding. We are in receipt of your check for \$493.95 and the project is underway. Upon completion of the project we will submit the required Project Summary Form and all receipts and statements.

Programs such as HR WET and HR STORM encourage our students to grow up to be good custodians of our environment. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Maureen Mizelle
Executive Director, PSF

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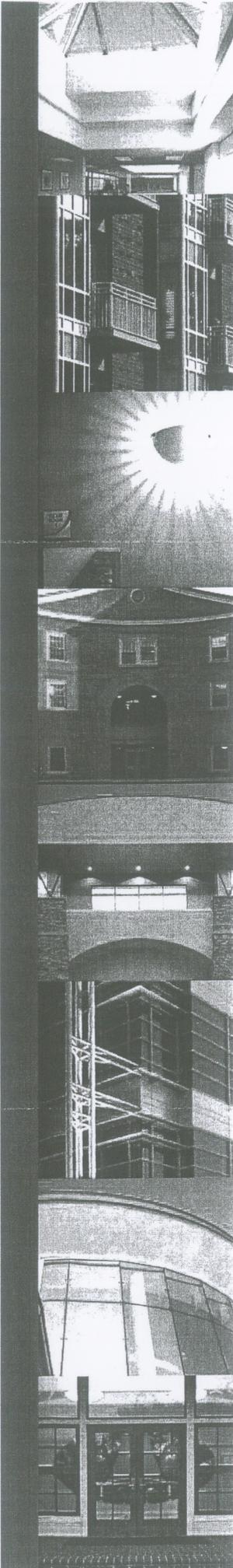
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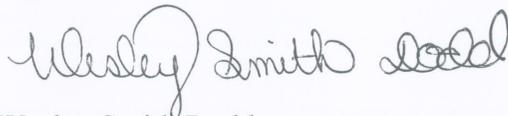
May 10, 2010

Julia B. Hillegass, Senior Planner
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Dear Ms. Hillegass:

On behalf of HRACRE's Bus Tour Committee, I would like to thank you for donating the bags for our Bus Tour last week. It helped us immensely and at the same time gave HRPDC good exposure to our attendees.

Sincerely,



Wesley Smith Dodd
Co-Chair, HRACRE Bus Tour Committee



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Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Attn: Mr. Rich Flannery
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Dear Mr. Flannery,

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Hampton Roads would like to request your participation in the USCG portion of the Frontier Sentinel 2010 Full-Scale Exercise to be held on 7-8 June 2010. The purpose of the USCG portion of Frontier Sentinel 2010 is to exercise selected aspects of the Virginia Area Maritime Security Plan (VA AMSP).

To make this a productive exercise, your participation is very important. We ask that only the invited agency personnel or a single delegate attend the exercise. During the exercise, you will participate as a player in a Full-Scale Exercise (FSE) focusing on Information and Intelligence sharing, Suspicious Activity Reporting, Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level changes and Maritime Transportation System (MTS) Recovery. The strengths and areas for improvement identified during this exercise will be incorporated into an After Action Report (AAR) and Improvement Plan (IP), which will serve as a foundation for reviewing, updating and continuing to improve the Virginia Area Maritime Security Plan and continue to enhance readiness in the Sector Hampton Roads area of responsibility.

To register for the Frontier Sentinel 2010 Exercise, please visit the exercise registration portal (<http://amstepexercises.com/registration.php>) and enter your information. On the entry page of the registration portal use the pull-down menu for "Sector/Port" to select the Sector Hampton Roads AMSTEP FSE. On the event menu, select Full-Scale Exercise. Then fill in the remainder of the registration information and hit the submit button. You will be asked to verify the information one more time and hit the submit button. You will then get an e-mail confirming your registration. If you have any problems registering for the exercise please contact Roger Tomlinson at the number listed above or via e-mail at Roger.D.Tomlinson@uscg.mil. Please try to complete your registration prior to close of business on May 31, 2010 so we can get an accurate count of those attending the exercise.

The exercise planning team thanks you for your attention to this invitation. Your participation will help us make this exercise a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.D. Tomlinson".

R.D. TOMLINSON

Port Security Specialist

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads

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