

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #11-J: COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM – COASTAL RESILIENCY FINAL REPORT

SUBJECT:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

The Joint Environmental Committee has received a presentation on the Report. Local government staff will have until June 28, 2013 to submit comments to HRPDC staff on the report and maps, with the final Report being due to VCZMP by June 30, 2013.

The Joint Environmental Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to submit the report to fulfill grant requirements with VCZMP and bring the Report with incorporated local comments back for full consideration at the July Joint Environmental Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit the Coastal Resiliency to VCZMP to satisfy the grant application requirements.

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