

March 6, 2015

Memorandum #2015-29

TO: Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise

BY: Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

**RE: Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise
March 13, 2015
RSVP - March 11, 2015**

The next meeting of the **Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise** will be held on **March 13, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the HRPDC Board Room, the Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake.** The agenda and related materials are attached.

Please RSVP by March 11, 2015 so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

BJM/jc

Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise – Voting Members:

Joseph Brogan, YK

Fred Brusso, PO

Garrey W. Curry Jr., GL

Phil Davenport, VB

Amar Dwarkanath, CH

Donald E. Goodwin, FR/SH

Scott Mills, SU

Carolyn Murphy, WM

James Peterson, HA

Ellen Roberts P.E., PQ

Rhonda L. Russell AICP, SY

Peter Stephenson, SM

Beverly Walkup, IW

Ron Williams, NO

Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise – Alternate Members:

Shanda Davenport, SU

Anne Ducey-Ortiz, GL

Gayle E. Hicks, HA

C. Gregory Johnson, VB

Meg Pittenger, PO

Jim A. Redick, NO

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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON RECURRENT FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE
MARCH 13, 2015
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the December 19, 2014 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise

The summary and attendance sheet of the December 19, 2014 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise are attached.

Attachments: 1A – December Meeting Summary
1B – December Meeting Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Dutch Dialogues

In December the HRPDC contacted each locality to assess their interest in participating in the Dutch Dialogues workshop and to request certain information on proposed sites. The HRPDC staff has met with six localities to discuss these sites. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the results of these meetings and next steps for the overall process.

ACTION: None required.

4. National Disaster Resilience Competition

The National Disaster Resilience Competition is a grant program offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that will make \$1 billion available to communities that were significantly affected by natural disasters between 2011 and 2013. The goal of the program is to fund innovative resilience projects to help communities address current and future risks from storms and other extreme events. The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development has been tasked with developing the Commonwealth's application and has been working with several localities in Hampton Roads on the proposal. Mr. Chris Thompson, Deputy Director of the DHCD, will provide an overview of the program and the State's efforts so far.

Attachments: 4A – NDRC Fact Sheet
4B – Virginia NDRC Press Release
4C – Virginia Disaster Resiliency Plan Draft

ACTION: None required.

5. Regional Sea Level Rise Inundation Maps

The HRPDC was awarded a grant in fall 2013 for Sea Level Rise Planning and Technical Assistance. One of the deliverables of this grant is the production of updated sea level rise inundation maps incorporating new LIDAR elevation data obtained from the federal government. The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on the status of the new inundation maps.

ACTION: None required.

6. Federal Flood Risk Management Standard

On January 30, 2015, President Obama issued Executive Order 13690, establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) and amending Executive Order 11988, which requires federal agencies to minimize the impact of federal actions on flood plains. The new FFRMS establishes a new process for defining the floodplain for federal actions. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the new standard and its potential impact on the region.

Attachment: 6A – Federal Flood Risk Management Standard
6B – Draft Revised Guidelines for Implementing Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management

ACTION: None required.

7. Work Program Discussion

Sea level rise and recurrent flooding were included in the items up for discussion and input at the Commission's retreat in February. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the retreat outcomes and lead a discussion on what projects or programs related to sea level rise and recurrent flooding the HRPDC should include in its work program. The Committee will also discuss its preferred role in the regional sea level rise discussion and whether or not to meet more frequently.

ACTION: None required.

8. Updates on University Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Representatives from area academic institutions will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required.

9. Updates on Local Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Representatives from localities will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required.

10. Committee Comments

11. Other Matters