

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #12: CONTRACT AMENDMENT – LEGAL CONSULTANT – LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

SUBJECT:

Authorize optional task under contract with McGuire Woods LLP to provide legislative representation for Nutrient Credit Exchange and related matters.

BACKGROUND:

At the June 16, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting, the HRPDC authorized the Executive Director to contract with Mr. Dave Evans, McGuire Woods, for legal consultant services to the HRPDC. This was a continuation of work for the previous two years, which focused on advising the region and the Phase I MS4 localities on permit renewals and evaluating the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Virginia's Phase I Watershed Implementation Plan.

The contract included an optional task to work with Mr. Evans and Mr. Preston Bryant, McGuire Woods Consulting, on the matter of nutrient credit exchange legislation. This effort will ensure that the interests of Hampton Roads are "at the table" during consideration of and negotiations on the pending legislation. Pursuing this optional task will require Mr. Bryant to register as a lobbyist on behalf of the HRPDC.

Contract Amount: Up to \$14,000, within current contract limits.

Period of Performance: January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012

General Scope of Work: To provide legislative representation during consideration of Nutrient Credit Exchange legislation and related matters.

Source of Funds: Regional Stormwater Management Program

The HRPDC 2012 Legislative Agenda, approved in December 2011, includes support for Nutrient Credit Exchange legislation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to direct McGuireWoods to proceed with the optional task for legislative representation within the existing contract for legal counsel on stormwater, Chesapeake Bay and related matters.