

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #9-D: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – FY16 GRANT

SUBJECT:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality manages the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. PDCs are eligible for formula grants to support technical assistance programs and competitive grants for projects addressing a high priority issue, as determined by the CZM Program.

BACKGROUND:

In October 1986, Virginia received its first grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the State's CZM Program. Since that time, the HRPDC and its predecessors have received over \$2.5 million through this program to provide technical assistance on environmental issues to the local governments and to complete a variety of technical studies.

The process for distributing funds for FY 2016 is now underway. Under the formula grants for PDCs, the HRPDC is eligible to receive \$60,000 in funding to support the ongoing Hampton Roads Coastal Resources Management Technical Assistance Program. The required match is \$60,000 and the grant proposal will be submitted to DEQ. Additionally, it will be included in the UPWP and FY 2016 budget.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Interim Executive Director to submit a grant proposal to the DEQ to support the Hampton Roads Coastal Resources Management Technical Assistance Program as well as to accept grant offers.