

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #9-F: BUDGET AMENDMENT – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC will contract with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (“HRSD”) and the United States Geological Survey (“USGS”) to provide sampling and data analysis required by the new Regional Water Quality Monitoring Program.

BACKGROUND:

The objective of the Regional Water Quality Monitoring Program is to collect data at a regional scale that will accurately measure the amount of nutrient and sediments delivered to waterways by the local MS4 systems. The data would be submitted to DEQ and/or the Chesapeake Bay Program for updates to improve the accuracy of existing computer models, provide a basis upon which to administer local stormwater programs with a greater degree of precision, and improve action plans to meet the Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load (“TMDL”) and other local TMDLs for impaired waters. The proposed budget is \$504,000 per year; the Cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach would each contribute \$84,000 per year. The Regional Water Quality Monitoring Program is based on a five-year work plan with acquisition of monitoring equipment and services amortized over the entire term of the initial program.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the budget amendment for this project.