

March 22, 2021

Memorandum #2020-48

TO: Coastal Resiliency Committee

BY: Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

**RE: Coastal Resiliency Committee Meeting – March 26, 2021
RSVP – March 24, 2021**

The next meeting of the **Coastal Resiliency Committee** will be held on **Friday, March 26, 2021** from **10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** The agenda and related materials are attached.

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the committee members, staff, and the general public, the Coastal Resiliency Committee meeting will be held electronically via Webex. Participants can join using the following information:

Join by computer: <https://hrpdc-418.my.webex.com/hrpdc-418.my/j.php?MTID=m3c5b377e952b140fcb396f948a5eb77f>

-or-

Join by phone: 415-655-0001

Meeting Number/Access Code: 182 499 6948

Password: U9SmUsdMA33 (89768736 from phones)

Please RSVP by March 24, 2021 so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Attachments

Coastal Resiliency Committee Voting Members:

Bob Baldwin, PO
Doug Beaver, NO
Mark Bellamy, YK
Crystal Bloom, CH
Steve Bond, HA
Tammie Clary, SM
Darryl Cook, JC
Lamont Curtis, NN

David Kuzma, IW
Beth Lewis, SH
Al Moor, SU
Carolyn Murphy, WM
Brent Payne, GL
Jack Reed, SM
Toni Utterback, VB
Randy Wheeler, PQ

HRPDC Staff:

Bob Crum
Keith Cannady
Whitney Katchmark

Ben McFarlane
Ashley Gordon
Joe Turner

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE HRPDC COASTAL RESILIENCY COMMITTEE
March 26, 2020
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the December 11, 2020 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Coastal Resiliency Committee.

The summary and attendance sheets of the above meeting are attached.

Attachments: 1A – December 2020 Coastal Resiliency Committee Meeting Summary
1B – December 2020 Coastal Resiliency Committee Meeting Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary and Attendance

2. Public Comments

3. Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan

Governor Northam announced the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan Framework on October 22, 2020. Development of the plan based on this framework has been delegated, in part, to a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comprised of representatives from state and federal agencies, coastal planning district commissions, researchers, environmental non-governmental organizations, and others. The TAC and its subcommittees have held several meetings recently. In addition, on March 18, 2021, the Northam administration announced that Dewberry had been selected as the consultant to support the master plan's development. Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, will update the Committee on recent developments and progress with the Coastal Resilience Master Plan.

Information on the TAC, including subcommittee rosters and meeting announcements, is available online at <https://www.naturalresources.virginia.gov/initiatives/technical-advisory-committee-for-coastal-resilience/>.

ACTION: Per discussion.

4. Regional Legislative Proposals - Update

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on developments related to the four resiliency legislative proposals discussed at the September Coastal Resiliency Committee meeting. The four proposals were: (1) creation of a Commonwealth Flooding Board; (2)

updating precipitation data products; (3) requiring flood disclosure on real estate transactions; and (4) adding resilience to SMART SCALE.

ACTION: None required.

5. State Regulatory Developments – CBPA and Tidal Wetlands

Proposed amendments to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations were released for public comment on February 1, 2021. These amendments address the two new considerations, coastal resiliency and the preservation of mature trees, that were added as a result of HB504 (2020). The proposed regulations would require local governments to assess the impacts of climate change on Resource Protection Areas during the permitting process. HRPDC staff is coordinating the development of regional comments on the proposed amendments through the Regional Environmental Committee and expects to present the comments to the HRPDC board on April 15, 2021.

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission released revised Wetlands Guidelines for public comment on March 1, 2021. The revised guidelines address the requirements of SB776 (2020) to establish minimum standards for the protection of conservation and wetlands, require the use of living shorelines if suitable, and protect shorelines and sensitive coastal habitats from sea level rise and coastal hazards. The deadline for public comments is April 16, 2021.

Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, will brief the Committee on the proposed regulatory changes and summarize the regional comments that have been developed to date.

Attachments: 5A – DRAFT Amendments to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations
5B – DRAFT Regional CBPA Comment Letter
5C – DRAFT Revised Wetlands Guidelines

ACTION: Per discussion.

6. Resilient Design Standards Update

The HRPDC staff continues development of regional resilient design guidelines. The development of tailwater values incorporating sea level rise for all coastal watersheds in Hampton Roads has been completed. Work on design flood elevations, floodplain mapping, and precipitation standards continues. Mr. McFarlane will brief the Committee on the analysis and products for the tailwater values and provide a status report on the overall effort.

ACTION: None required.

7. Roadway Flooding Sensors Update

Ms. Katchmark will update the Committee on the status of the roadway flooding sensors project.

ACTION: None required.

8. Get Flood Fluent Update

The HRPDC staff is currently coordinating with locality floodplain managers on the development of new material for the Get Flood Fluent website and education campaign. Ms. Katie Cullipher, HRPDC, will update the Committee on the new material and the outreach plan for 2021.

ACTION: None required.

9. Update on Federal and State Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on federal and state efforts related to resiliency, sea level rise, and recurrent flooding.

ACTION: None required

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

Members will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required

11. Other Matters