

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #8-R: CZM PROGRAM – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FINAL REPORT

SUBJECT:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality manages the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. During FY 2013, the HRPDC received a grant to support the Virginia CZM Program's technical assistance program. The HRPDC staff has completed the final report for this grant.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2012, the HRPDC applied for and received grant funding from the Virginia CZM Program to continue the HRPDC Coastal Resources Management Technical Assistance Program. The HRPDC has received annual funding through this grant program since 1986. This program encompasses the HRPDC staff to review state and federal Environmental Impact Assessment/Statements, support the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee, the evolving Chesapeake Bay-wide TMDL process, and provide regular technical assistance on environmental issues. It also supports HRPDC staff participation in the Chesapeake Bay Program and a variety of state and federal environmental initiatives. In the past, this program has provided the seed money for the establishment of the regional water, stormwater and environmental education programs.

The HRPDC staff has completed the report, *Hampton Roads Coastal Resources Technical Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2012-2013*. The report documents HRPDC CZM Technical Assistance Program activities for the period from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

The report has been reviewed by the Regional Environmental Committee at its November 7, 2013 meeting, which recommended approval of the report.

This item and related enclosure were presented in Workshop Agenda item #3

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The HRPDC staff and Regional Environmental Committee recommend the Commission approve the report as meeting the requirements of the Grant and Work Program and for public distribution.