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## Increased Flooding Risk Due To Sea Level Rise in Hampton Roads Concerns, Best Practices and Plans for Adaptation

Friday, November 16, 2012

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The objective of this first Forum is to:

- **Launch a Community of Practitioners and Professional Network; and**
- **Set the Topical Agenda for Future Forum meetings.**

Hampton Roads has an opportunity to collectively share and prioritize its needs, best practices, potential adaptation strategies, and impediments to implementation. What are the top 3-4 topics facing our region, and how can we best mobilize and focus scientific, engineering and planning expertise to gather and share information in order to build implementation plans for adaptation actions.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012	
9:00 – 9:30	Continental Breakfast and Registration
9:30 – 9:50	<p><b>Welcome; Overview of VASG/HRPDC/ODU SLR Adaptation Forum Project, Goals and Logistics of this Forum, Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Thomas Reese, Director of Business Development, Virginia Modeling, Simulation and Analysis Center (Host)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Troy Hartley, Virginia Sea Grant (Funder)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Ben McFarlane, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (Forum co-leader)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Ariel Pinto, Old Dominion University, Engineering Mgmt and Systems Engineering (Forum co-leader for knowledge management)</i></li> </ul>
9:50 – 10:40	<p><b>State of the Science of Sea Level Rise in Hampton Roads</b></p> <p>Sea Level Rise Acceleration in Hampton Roads: A Scientific Perspective, <i>Tal Ezer, Professor, Old Dominion University Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography</i></p> <p>Climate Change SLR and Severe Storms: A Federal Perspective <i>Russell DeYoung, Senior Research Scientist and Climate Adaptation Science Investigator, NASA Langley Research Center</i></p> <p>Adaptation Practices and Lessons Learned: A State Perspective <i>Molly Mitchell, Center for Coastal Resources Management, VIMS</i></p>

	Sea Level Rise and Flooding in Hampton Roads: A Local Perspective <i>Ben McFarlane, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission</i>
10:45 – 11:30	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superstorm Sandy: Through the lens of the storms of the previous decade.</li> </ul> <p>Given the storms we've experienced in Hampton Roads in last 10 years, did you feel more prepared for Sandy as she approached? What specific activities, strategies, tools or other steps that you have taken over the past several years made you feel better prepared for Sandy? Do you feel like you are more in tune with your locality's problem areas? Have you made any changes to processes/policies for emergency response that would have enhanced your response to Sandy?</p> <p>Brief overview, from participants' registration, and identify what is missing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns/critical needs</li> <li>• Potential opportunities/best practices/strategies for dealing with the needs</li> <li>• Implementation issues</li> </ul>
11:30 – 12:15	LUNCH ( <b>Will be provided</b> )
12:15 – 1:15	<p><b>Breakout #1 -- Focus Groups by Sector (depending on attendance)</b> Each group will have a facilitator and a scribe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Management</li> <li>• Public Works/Utilities/Roads</li> <li>• Land Use/Environmental Planning</li> </ul> <p>Please address and prioritize:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concerns/critical needs/highest vulnerabilities</li> <li>2. Potential opportunities/best practices/strategies for dealing with the needs</li> <li>3. Implementation issues</li> </ol>
1:15 – 1:30	Break
1:30-2:15	<p>Breakout #2 – Participants will be rearranged into new groups that work across sectors to identify the priorities for the next in the series of Forum meetings. Discuss the format and topics for public Town Hall meetings.</p> <p>Discuss needs and priorities for a knowledge management capability.</p>
2:15 – 2:45	Next steps and prioritized themes, and date for Forum #2. Possible themes and timing for public Town Hall meeting.
3:00	<b>ADJOURN</b>