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MEMORANDUM

To: RMP Amendment Committee

From: Margaret Nordstrom, Executive Director

Subject: Record of RMP Amendment Committee Meeting of March 9, 2017

Date: March 30, 2017

The RMP Amendment Committee met on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Highlands Council office in Chester.

Committee Members present: Committee Chair Alstede, Committee Members Holtaway and Sebetich.

Committee Members present via phone: Council Chairman Rilee and Member Vohden

Highlands Council Staff Members present: Margaret Nordstrom, Kim Ball Kaiser, James Humphries, Corey Piasecki, Maryjude Haddock-Weiler, Chris Ross, Keri Green, Drew Siglin, Carole Ann Diction, and Annette Tagliareni.

Also present: Lisa LeBoeuf, Assistant Counsel, Governor's Authorities Unit

Committee Chair Alstede called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

Ms. Nordstrom explained that today's work session is the start of identifying potential amendments to the Regional Master Plan (RMP) that the committee feels are in accordance with the standards of the Act.

James Humphries explained that the Monitoring Program Recommendation Report (MPRR) initially drafted by Highlands Council technical staff allows the Highlands Council to identify significant successes and continuing issues related to RMP goals, policies, objectives, and programs, so that periodically the RMP may be improved through amendments, including the required six-year updates.

Monitoring Program Recommendation Report (MPRR)

Highlands staff is currently drafting sections of the MPRR for nine (9) topic areas, which reflect the program areas of the RMP. Today the committee reviewed three (3) topic area sections of the draft report with Highlands staff technical leads. Each topic area is organized into the following sections discussed at last month's committee meeting:

- Topic Area Introduction – explanation of foundation in Act and RMP
- Topic Area Indicator Reports - analysis of each indicator
- Recommendations – suggestions for possible amendments, ongoing monitoring, or referral to science and research agenda.

Each technical lead gave an overview of each program in their topic area touching on the following:

- Program Summary
- Implementation Activity
- Indicator Topic Area and Summary
- Program Issues
- Conclusions/Recommendations

Natural Resources

Highlands Staff Leads – Keri Green and Chris Ross

Highlands staff leads gave an overview for each program under the Natural Resources topic area:

- Forest Resource Management and Sustainability
- Restoration of Streams and Riparian Areas
- Critical Habitat Conservation and Management
- Carbonate Rock Areas
- Lake Management Areas
- Steep Slope Protection Areas

Proposed recommendations were discussed for programs under the Natural Resources topic area.

Ms. Nordstrom noted that Member Francis submitted a recommendation for Lake Management Areas topic area.

Transportation and Air Quality

Highlands Staff Lead – Drew Siglin

Highlands staff lead gave an overview for each program under the Transportation and Air Quality topic area:

- Evaluation of Transportation Project and Studies identified in the RMP
- Green Streets Planning and Walkable/Bicycle Friendly Site Design
- Freight Oriented Development

- Interagency Coordination (Transportation)
- Interagency Coordination (Air Quality)

Based on Highlands staff's reviews, proposed recommendations were discussed for programs under the Transportation and Air Quality topic area.

Landowner Equity

Highlands Staff Lead – James Humphries

Highlands staff lead gave an overview for each program under the Landowner Equity topic area:

- Expand Landowner Equity of the RMP to include Land Preservation
- Update Preservation Priority RMP Datasets
- Establish monitoring guidelines for Highlands Council preserved lands
- Reevaluate monetary value of the Highlands Development Credit
- Reevaluate non-residential HDC allocation methodology
- Expand incentives for TDR Receiving Zones
- TDR Receiving Zones Demand Analysis

Based on Highlands staff's reviews, proposed recommendations were discussed for programs under the Landowner Equity topic area.

Report Out to Council

At Council's March 16, 2017 meeting, Committee Chair Alstede will announce a future work session to be held at Council's May meeting when the Draft MPRR will be presented to the full Council to become familiar with the format prior to its release to the public for comment.

The committee scheduled their next meeting in April.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.