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ITEM NO. 4.

DATE OF MEETING: February 21, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Kyle Breuer, Director, Department of Planning and Community Development

SHORT TITLE: Presentation on Draft State Sea Level Rise Policies

BACKGROUND: The North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (DCM) has been directed by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) to study and develop policies relating to sea level rise and how it may affect the twenty coastal counties within our state. The draft policies address measures to prepare for and mitigate anticipated effects of sea level rise at a benchmark of one meter of relative sea level rise by 2100. The benchmark will be used for land use planning, and to assist in designing development and conservation projects. The CRC is recommending that the planning benchmark be reviewed and adjusted as necessary at least every five years.

Tancred Miller, Coastal Policy Analyst with the NC Division of Coastal Management, will update the Board concerning the draft policies and the CRC's actions to date.