



**Gulf Consortium Agenda
June 28, 2016, 1:00 p.m. Eastern
Hyatt Regency Orlando
9801 International Drive
Orlando, Orange County, Florida
Florida A Ballroom, Convention Level**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Public Comment
4. Opening Remarks
5. Approval of April 21, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
6. Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission Update: NFWF
Kelly Samek
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Gulf Restoration Coordinator
7. U.S. Treasury Update
Laurie McGilvary
U.S. Treasury
8. Planning Grant Application Update
Mike Langton
Lisa King
Langton Associates
9. Approve ESA Work Order # 4A – Compile Preliminary Project List (Phase 1)
Doug Robison
Environmental Science Associates
10. Abolishment of the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15
11. Interim Manager Report



12. General Counsel Report
13. New Business
Chairman Robinson June 9, 2016 Letter to Executive Committee
14. Public Comment
15. Upcoming 2016 Meetings

Full Board of Directors
Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 3:00 pm, ET
Hutchinson Island, Martin County

Friday, December 2, 2016, 10:00 am, ET
Buena Vista Palace, Orange County
16. Adjourn

Notice of Meeting/Workshop Hearing

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Gulf Consortium

The Gulf Consortium announces a public meeting, to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: June 28, 2016, 1:00 pm, ET

PLACE: Hyatt Regency Orlando, 9801 International Drive, Orlando, Florida A Ballroom, Convention Level, Orange County, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board of Directors of the Gulf Consortium will meet to discuss the progress of the planning grant application; work orders under the development of the State Expenditure Plan; and conduct other business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ginger Delegal at 850-922-4300 or gdelegal@fl-counties.com; or, see www.FACRestore.com.

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**Gulf Consortium Directors, Alternates and Governor's Appointees
2016**

County	Director and Alternate
Bay	Comm Guy Tunnell, Director; Comm George Gainer, Alternate
Charlotte	Comm Christopher Constance, Director; Comm Tricia Duffy, Alternate
Citrus	Comm Scott Adams, Director; Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director
Collier	Comm Tom Henning, Director; Comm Donna Fiala, Alternate; Director Gary McAlpin, 2nd Alternate
Dixie	Tim Alexander, County Administrator/Director of Emergency Management
Escambia	Comm Grover Robinson, Director; Comm Doug Underhill, Alternate
Franklin	Comm Cheryl Sanders, Director; Restore Council Coordinator, Alan Pierce, Alternate
Gulf	Warren Yeager, Director; County Administrator Donald Butler, Alternate
Hernando	Comm Wayne Dukes, Director; Administrator Len Sossamon, Alternate
Hillsborough	Comm Les Miller, Director; Comm Ken Hagan, Alternate
Jefferson	Comm Betsy Barfield, Director; County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, Alternate
Lee	Comm John Manning, Director; Comm Larry Kiker, Alternate; Kurt Harclerode, 2nd Alternate
Levy	Comm John Meeks, Director; County Coordinator Tisha Whitehurst, Restore/Grants Coordinator, Alternate
Manatee	Comm Carol Whitmore, Director; Charlie Hunsicker, Natural Resources Dept., Alternate
Monroe	Commissioner George Neugent, Director; Comm David Rice, Alternate
Okaloosa	Comm Carolyn Ketchel, Director; Kelly Windes, Alternate
Pasco	Comm Jack Mariano, Director; Comm Mike Wells, Alternate
Pinellas	John Morroni, Director; Coastal Manager Andy Squires, Alternate
Santa Rosa	Comm Rob Williamson, Director; Comm Lane Lynchard, Alternate
Sarasota	Comm Charles Hines, Director; Laird Wreford, Natural Resources Manager, Alternate
Taylor	Comm Jim Moody, Director; Dustin Hinkel, County Administrator, Alternate

**Gulf Consortium Directors, Alternates and Governor's Appointees
2016**

Wakulla	David Edwards, County Administrator, Director; Comm Ralph Thomas, Alternate
Walton	Comm Sara Comander, Director; Comm Cindy Meadows, Alternate
Governor's Appointees	Pam Anderson, Panama City; Peter Bos, Destin; Lino Maldonado, Niceville; Collier Merrill, Pensacola; Mike Sole, Tallahassee; Neal Wade, Panama City

AGENDA ITEM 5

**Gulf Consortium Board of Directors
June 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 5
Approval of April 21, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item proposes approval of the April 21, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting minutes.

Options:

- (1) Approve the April 21, 2016 minutes, as presented; or
- (2) Amend and then approve the April 21, 2016 minutes.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the April 21, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting minutes, as presented.

Prepared by:

Ginger Delegal
Florida Association of Counties
Interim Manager
On: June 20, 2016

Attachment:

Draft 4/21/16 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Action Taken:

Motion to: _____, Made by: _____;

Seconded by: _____.

Approved____; Approved as amended____; Defeated_____.

Gulf Consortium Meeting
April 21, 2016, 2:00 p.m. (ET)
Frederick Karl Center
601 E. Kennedy Boulevard,
26th Floor, Conference Rooms A & B
Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida

Board Members in Attendance: Commissioner Guy Tunnell (Bay), Commissioner Scott Adams (Citrus), Gary McAlpin (Collier), Commissioner Grover Robinson (Escambia), Commissioner Cheryl Sanders (Franklin), Warren Yeager (Gulf), Commissioner Wayne Dukes (Hernando), Kurt Harcelrode (Lee), Commissioner John Meeks (Levy), Commissioner Carol Whitmore (Manatee), Commissioner George Neugent (Monroe), Commissioner Kelly Windes (Okaloosa), Commissioner Jack Mariano (Pasco), Commissioner John Morroni (Pinellas), Commissioner Charles Hines (Sarasota), Dustin Hinkel (Taylor), Commissioner Sara Comander (Walton), Ms. Pam Anderson and Mr. Collier Merrill.

Board Members in Attendance Telephonically: Commissioner Chris Constance (Charlotte)

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Commissioner Grover Robinson (Escambia) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm (ET).

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comment

Jessica Koelsch – National Wildlife Federation
Monica Wilson – UF/IFAS Sea Grant Extension

Chairman Robinson announced that Agenda Item 13 (Officer Elections) would be moved to the beginning of the items to be presented to the Board due to Commissioner Chris Constance's (Charlotte) request.

Agenda Item #13 – 2016 Office Elections

Chairman Robinson recognized Ginger Delegal, Interim Manager, to give a brief overview of this agenda item and the process by which the Consortium elects its officers annually. Ms. Delegal then announced the candidates running for what office and each candidate was then given the floor to speak. Commissioner Chris Constance (Charlotte), Commissioner George Neugent (Monroe) and Warren Yeager (Gulf) all spoke in support of their candidacy. A motion to waive the rules, requiring a ballot vote for the office of Chairman, was made by Commissioner Cheryl Sanders (Franklin) and seconded by Commissioner Scott Adams (Citrus) and the motion passed unanimously. A voice vote, approving Commissioner Grover Robinson (Escambia) as Chairman for 2016 was held. There were no dissenting votes.

A motion as then made to vote by ballot for the candidates for Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Constance (Charlotte) and Warren Yeager (Gulf), by John Morroni (Pinellas) and seconded by Carol Whitmore (Manatee) and said motion passed unanimously. The election ballot for Vice-Chairman was

handed out to all voting Board members and after tallying the votes, it was determined that Warren Yeager (Gulf) was elected to Vice-Chairman.

A motion was made to waive the rules requiring a ballot vote for the office of Secretary-Treasurer, by Commissioner John Morroni (Pinellas) and seconded by Carol Whitmore (Manatee) to elect Commissioner George Neugent (Monroe) as Secretary-Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made to elect Commissioner George Neugent (Monroe) as Secretary-Treasurer by Commissioner Scott Adams (Citrus) and seconded by Commissioner Sara Comander (Walton) and said motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Robinson then asked for a motion to waive the special meeting requirement for the new Officers to appoint the two at-large seats on the Executive Committee and, instead, conduct said appointments immediately. The motion was made by Commissioner Carol Whitmore (Manatee) and seconded by Commissioner Scott Adams (Citrus) and passed unanimously.

A motion was then made to appoint Commissioner Jack Mariano (Pasco) and Commissioner Chris Constance (Charlotte) to the two at-large seats on the Executive Committee by Commissioner George Neugent (Monroe) and seconded by Warren Yeager (Gulf) and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 – Approval of November 18, 2015 Minutes

Chairman Grover Robinson (Escambia) presented the minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting of the Gulf Consortium. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by Commissioner George Neugent (Monroe) and seconded by Commissioner Sara Comander (Walton).

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #6 –DEP Update: RESTORE & NRDA

Chairman Grover Robinson introduced Phil Coram, FDEP, who presented to the Board a brief status update on projects submitted to the Restoration Council for consideration under Pot 2 of the RESTORE Act and NRDA. Chairman Robinson then introduced Gareth Leonard, FDEP, who presented to the Board a brief overview of the recently finalized Consent Decree among the Gulf Coast states, U.S. Department of Justice and BP Oil. The presentations were posted on www.FACRestore.com.

Agenda Item #7 – U.S. Treasury Update: Pot 1, Direct Allocation

Ms. Ginger Delegal, Interim Manager, gave an overview of the handout that was provided to the Board at the meeting by Laurie McGilvray with U.S. Treasury which summarizes the status of Treasury's implementation of the Direct Component and the Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program. There were no questions regarding this item and no action was required. Ms. Delegal informed the Board that Ms. McGilvray had been invited to the June Board meeting and the handout would be posted on www.FACRestore.com.

Agenda Item #8 – Update on Environmental Impact of Oil Spill and Water Quality

Chairman Grover Robinson recognized Dr. Steve Murawski, Ph.D., University of South Florida, College of Marine Science who gave a detailed presentation to the Board on the environmental impacts of the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. The presentation was posted on www.FACRestore.com.

Agenda Item #9 – Update on Economic Impact and Restoration from the Oil Spill

Ms. Ginger Delegal, Interim Manager, announced the removal of this item from the agenda.

Agenda Item #10 – Revised Process for State Expenditure Plan and Approval of Next Steps

Vice-Chairman Warren Yeager (Gulf) recognized Doug Robison with ESA who gave a detailed presentation to the Board on the proposed revised FSEP development process, detailing each Task listed and the amended scope of work by the consultants for a county driven process. After considerable Board discussion, a motion was made to approve the revised process for the State Expenditure Plan and approve, in concept, the next steps articulated as Tasks 3 through 14, by Commissioner Carol Whitmore (Manatee) and seconded by Commissioner Guy Tunnell (Bay) and said motion passed.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #11.1 – Amendment to and Approval of Environmental Science Associates Agreement

Vice-Chairman Warren Yeager recognized Sarah Bleakley, General Counsel, who gave a detailed overview of the agenda item highlighting the proposed, substantial changes to the current agreement between the Consortium and ESA which include, modification of the scope of services to be provided by ESA pursuant to Board direction at its November 18, 2015 meeting; revision to the contract sum to include additional costs attributable to the county driven process; revisions to the public records requirements; update for personnel changes of FAC, Interim Manager; and, extension of the term of the agreement from its current expiration of January 31, 2016 to June 30, 2018. There was considerable Board discussion and, after which, a motion was made by Commissioner Carol Whitmore (Manatee) to: (1) approve the Amended Agreement; (2) authorize staff to make technical changes; and, (3) authorize the Executive Committee to approve any substantive changes as necessary so long as the total agreement does not exceed what is presented in Amended Agreement attached to agenda item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner George Neugent (Monroe) and passed with Commissioner Sara Comander (Walton) and Commissioner Cheryl Sanders (Gulf) opposing.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #11.2 – Approval of Work Order # 4 for Phase II/Task 3 (County Visits)

Vice-Chairman Warren Yeager (Gulf) recognized Ginger Delegal, Interim Manager, who gave an overview of the agenda item and the objective of Work Order # 4 for Phase II/Task 3 (County Visits). Board discussion ensued and a motion was made by Commissioner John Meeks (Levy) to table the agenda item “Approval of Work Order #4 for Phase II/Task 3 (County Visits)” until the June Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sara Comander (Walton) and passed.

ACTION: APPROVED MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM “APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER # 4 FOR PHASE II/TASK 3 (COUNTY VISITS)” UNTIL THE JUNE BOARD MEETING

Agenda Item #11.2 – Approval of Work Order # 4 for Phase II/Task 3 (County Visits)

Vice-Chairman Warren Yeager (Gulf) recognized Ginger Delegal, Interim Manager, who gave an overview of the agenda item and the objective of Work Order # 5 for Task 15 (Grant Administration) giving emphasis to the “not to exceed” language. There were no questions and a motion was made by Commissioner George Neugent (Monroe) to approve Work Order # 5 for Task 15. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carol Whitmore (Manatee) and passed.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #12 – Approval of Revised Planning Grant Application

Vice-Chairman Warren Yeager (Gulf) recognized Lisa King with Langton Associates who briefed the Board on the status of the revised Planning Grant Application to include the steps taken by staff since the November 2015 Board meeting to ready the Planning Grant Application for its re-submission to the Restoration Council once approved by the Board. There were no questions or comments and a motion was made by Commissioner George Neugent (Monroe) to: (1) approve the revised Planning Grant Application for immediate submission to the Restoration Council; (2) authorize staff to make technical changes; and, (3) authorize the Executive Committee to approve any substantive changes as necessary so long as the total grant amount does not exceed what is presented to the Board at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Meeks (Levy) and passed unanimously.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #14 – Receipt of FY 2014-2015 Independent Financial Audit

Ms. Ginger Delegal, Interim Manager, gave an overview of the 2014-2015 independent financial audit results. There were no questions by the Board and a motion to receive the final 2014-2015 Independent Financial Audit results was made by Commissioner Guy Tunnell (Bay) and seconded by Commissioner John Morroni (Pinellas) and passed unanimously.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #15 – New Business

None.

Agenda Item #16 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item #17 – Upcoming 2016 Meetings

The next meeting of the Consortium Board of Directors will be held on June 28, 2016 at 1:00 pm ET at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, Orange County.

Agenda Item #18 – Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 4:29 pm (ET).

Respectfully submitted,

Grover Robinson
Chairman

AGENDA ITEM 6

**Gulf Consortium Board of Directors
June 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 6
Update on NFWF**

Statement of Issue:

Presentation by Florida's Fish & Wildlife Commission, updating the Consortium on NFWF activities.

Background:

Ms. Kelly Samek, Gulf Restoration Coordinator with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission will be presenting information for the Consortium on NFWF activities.

Attachments:

Power Point presentation.

Prepared by:

Ginger Delegal
Florida Association of Counties
Interim Manager
On: June 20, 2016



Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund Update

June 28, 2016

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Office of Strategic Initiatives



National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

- Chartered by Congress in 1984
- 501(c)(3) organization with a 30-member Board approved by Secretary of the Interior
 - Includes USFWS Director & NOAA Administrator
- Established the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF) in 2013 to receive the BP & Transocean criminal recoveries (\$2.544B)
 - Does not include Halliburton voluntary donation
 - \$356M for projects in Florida
 - Transocean payout: \$21M over 3 years
 - BP payout: \$335M over 5 years



www.NFWF.org

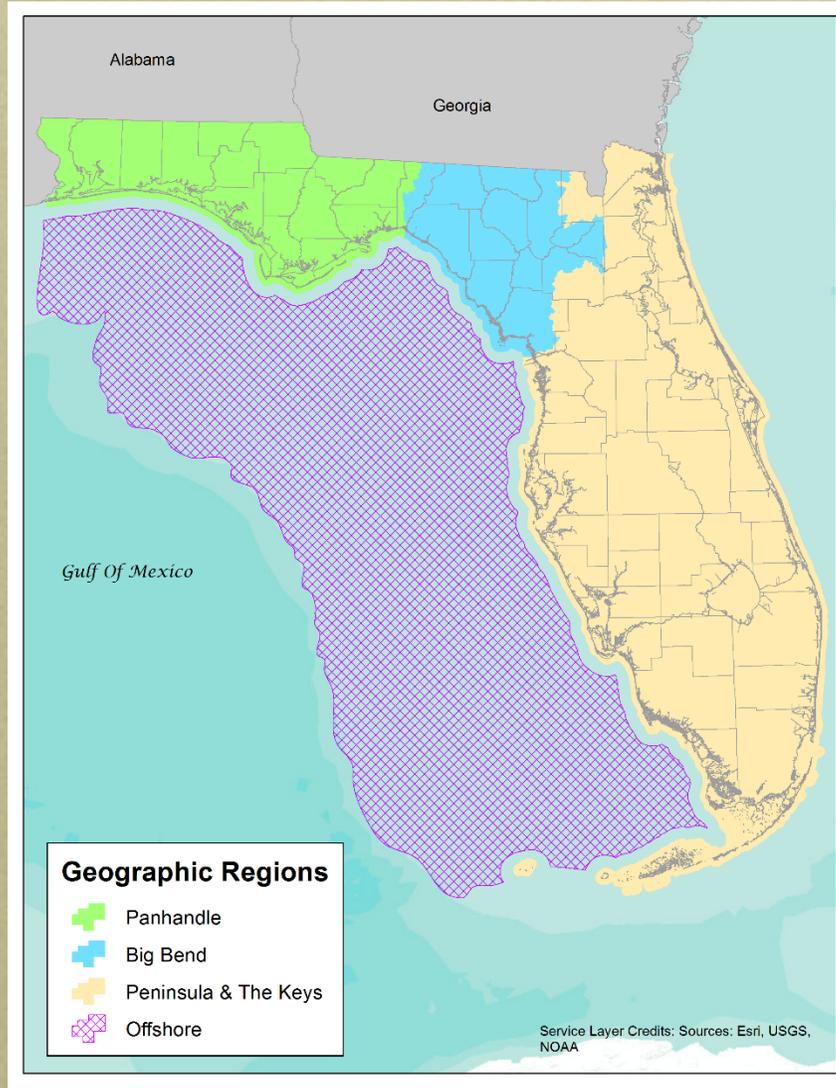
NFWF GEBF Funding Priorities

- **Restore and Conserve Coastal Habitat**
 - Barrier islands & beach/dune habitat
 - Coastal marshes
- **Restore and Maintain Coastal Bays and Estuaries**
 - Coastal bays & estuaries
 - Nearshore habitats and coastal buffers
- **Enhance Populations of Priority Living Resources**
 - Oysters
 - Gulf Coast birds
 - Red snapper & other reef fish
 - Sea turtles
 - Marine mammals



Priorities will be refined over time based on planning

GEBF in Florida



- Majority of GEBF projects will be concentrated in Panhandle and Big Bend
- Peninsula, Keys, and Offshore regions eligible for restoration of living resources



Funded Projects, 2013-2015

To date, NFWF has awarded approximately \$70 million for 21 projects in the State of Florida, including:

- Fisheries assessment
- Shorebird and sea turtle conservation
- Water quality improvements
- Oyster reef restoration
- Marine mammal stranding response enhancements
- Benthic assessment and mapping
- Coastal dune lake restoration



2016 Proposed Projects

NFWF has invited full proposals for:

- Enhanced Assessment for Recovery of Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Phase IV
- Enhancement of Sea Turtle Stranding Response Capacity in Florida
- Recovery and Resilience of Oyster Reefs in the Big Bend of Florida
- Restoring Florida's Shorebird & Seabird Populations



GEBF Restoration Strategy

- Multi-year effort to plan remaining GEBF investments in Florida
 - Initial central planning tasks underway: evaluate existing natural resource plans for priorities; categorize projects in state project portal
 - Also includes submerged habitat assessment conducted by FWRI and SWIM plan updates for SRWMD and NFWFMD
 - Structured around the three NFWF GEBF funding priorities (Coastal Habitat, Coastal Bays and Estuaries, Living Resources)



NFWF | Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

FLORIDA
Florida Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund Restoration Strategy

RECIPIENTS
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Suwannee River Water Management District
Northwest Florida Water Management District

PARTNER
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

AMOUNT
\$4,514,048

LOCATION
Florida Gulf Coast, with a particular focus on the Panhandle and Big Bend regions

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE
April 2015

This multi-component, multi-year project is an integrated planning effort that will serve as an overarching framework for restoring and conserving the natural resources of Florida's Gulf Coast through the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF). A significant component of the work involves estuary-based planning for six key watersheds in the Panhandle and Big Bend regions: Perdido, Pensacola, Choctawhatchee/ St. Andrew, Apalachicola/ Chipola, Ochlockonee/ St. Marks, and Suwannee. This project will identify and develop priority restoration projects for future funding consideration under the GEBF.

The effort will be coordinated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, with technical assistance from the Northwest Florida Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District, and FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. These partners will work together to assess existing plans and data sources to identify priority natural resource outcomes, update significant watershed planning done to date, complete assessments of seagrass habitat and living resource needs and carry out effective public engagement to aid in the identification of restoration priorities and projects.

This project provides Florida with an opportunity to establish a large-scale restoration strategy for the Gulf Coast, in particular for the Panhandle and Big Bend regions, which will produce recommendations for meaningful and measurable conservation outcomes, engage technical experts and key stakeholders, and ultimately lead to science-based, cost-effective activities which address injury to habitats and species affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

This project will develop a prioritized restoration strategy for coastal habitats and living resources of the Florida Gulf Coast.

The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about NFWF, go to www.nfwf.org.

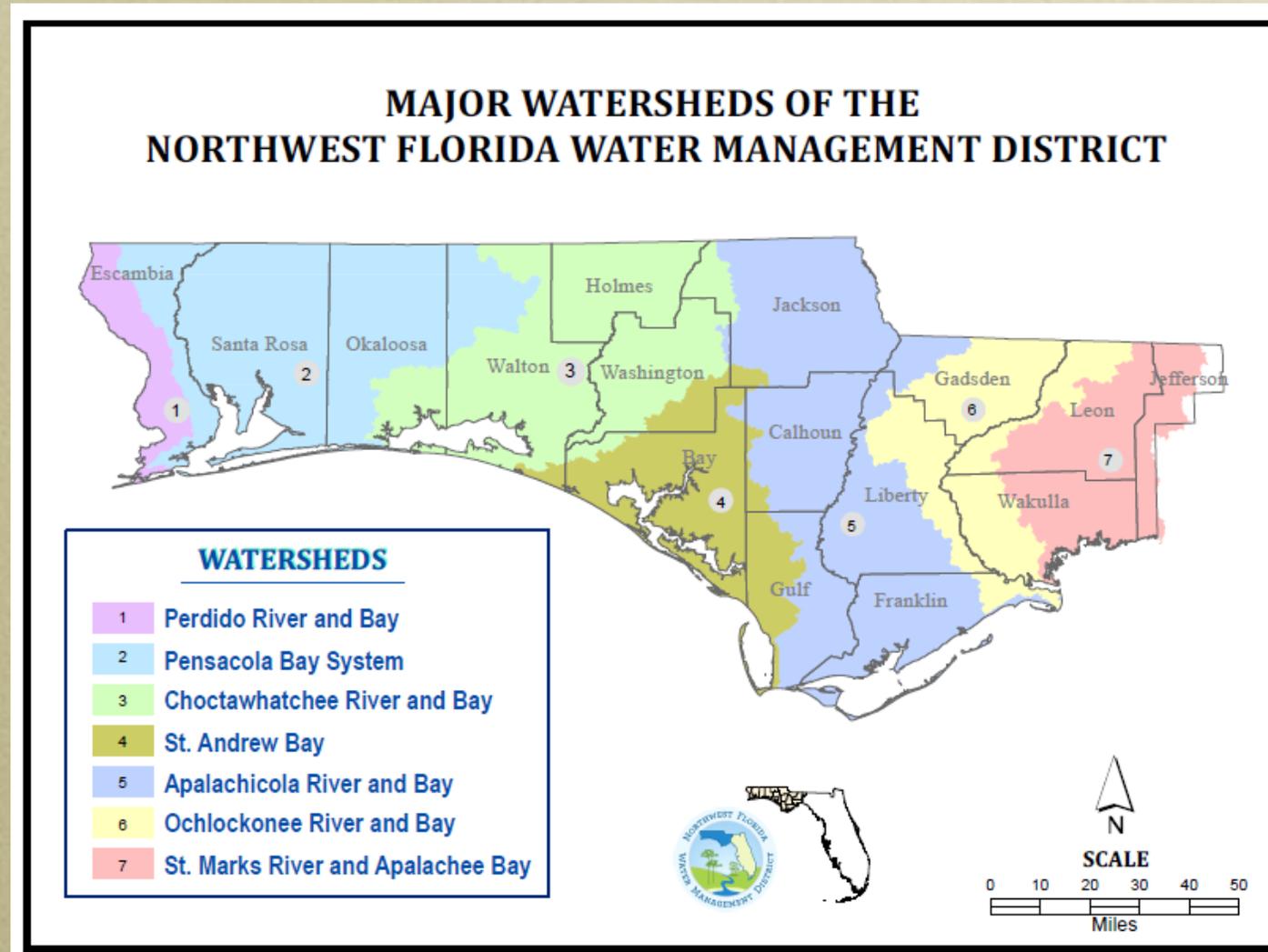
SAV Assessment

- Assess conditions in six estuaries in the Panhandle and Big Bend to determine what factors may be preventing SAV recovery
- Develop a spatial model to provide managers and scientists an assessment of local conditions in each estuary and the potential of success for seagrass restoration projects



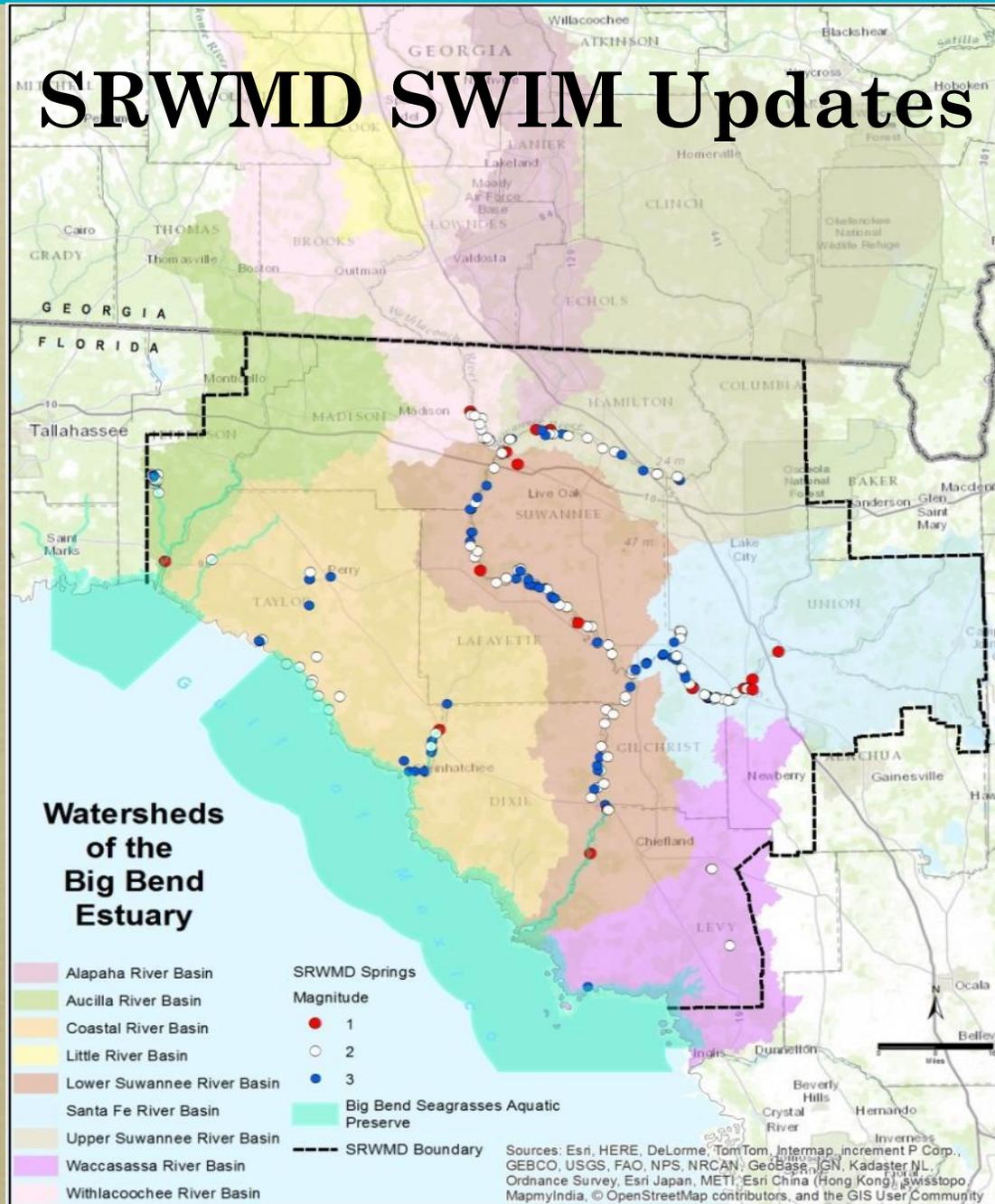
www.myfwc.com/research/habitat/seagrasses/projects/roadblocks/

NWFWMD SWIM Updates



www.nfwwater.com/Water-Resources/SWIM/SWIM-Plan-Updates

SRWMD SWIM Updates



Restoration Strategy Timeline

- Draft Restoration Strategy under development for use in 2017 GEBF cycle
- Series of videos focusing on 1) GEBF background, 2) overview of the GEBF Restoration Strategy, and 3) the finalized approach of the GEBF Restoration Strategy will be developed and posted at www.deepwaterhorizonflorida.com
- Final Restoration Strategy to be used for 2018 GEBF cycle and maintained as a living document for remainder of GEBF lifetime in Florida



AGENDA ITEM 7

**Gulf Consortium Board of Directors
June 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 7
U.S. Treasury Update**

Statement of Issue:

Update from U.S. Treasury on Pot 1, Direct Allocation.

Background:

The 23 Florida Gulf Coast counties will directly receive a distribution of the Clean Water Act fines under the RESTORE Act through the Direct Allocation Component (Pot 1). These same counties are the ones that compose the Gulf Consortium Board of Directors. However, U.S. Treasury is the federal agency tasked with administering Pot 1 whereas the Restoration Council administers Pot 3 (Spill Impact Component). The Gulf Consortium is now continually inviting U.S. Treasury representatives to present and provide information at Gulf Consortium meetings to facilitate communication and coordination.

Attachments:

- (1) Update on Pot 1 Activities.
- (2) Power point will be presented at the Board meeting and available on the Consortium website after the meeting.

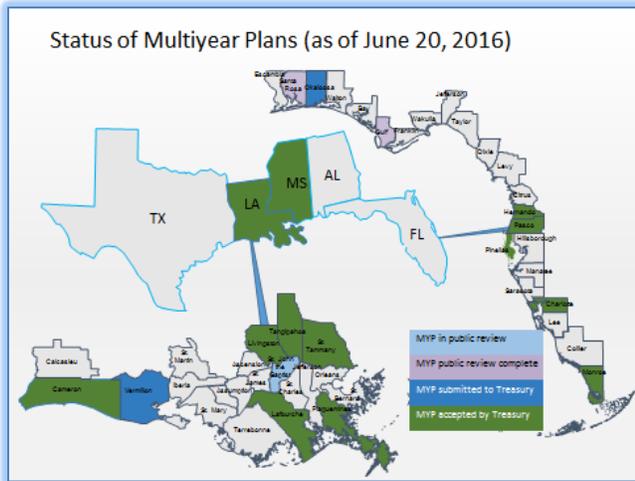
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On: June 20, 2016

Update on Treasury RESTORE Act Direct Component and Centers of Excellence Research Grants Programs – June 20, 2016

Under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act), the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund was established in the Treasury of the United States. Treasury administers the Direct Component and the Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program. This summary provides a status of Treasury's implementation of these programs.

Status of Multiyear Plans

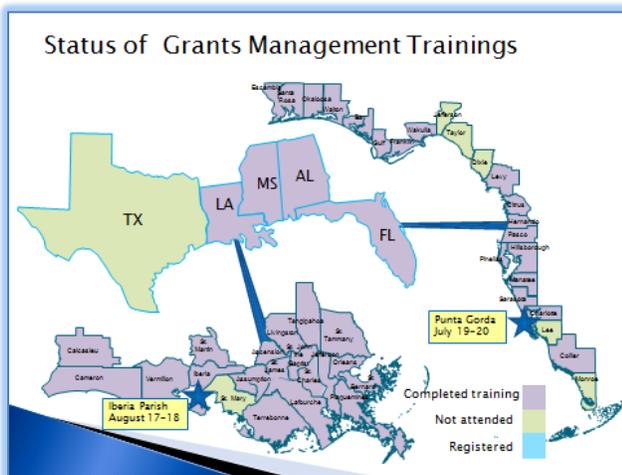


- Treasury has received 15 multiyear plans
- Treasury has accepted 13 multiyear plans of which 5 plans are from Florida Counties
- Accepted multiyear plans are posted on the Treasury RESTORE Act website
- 3 Florida counties and the State of Mississippi have been awarded grants to prepare a multiyear plan

Status of Grants

- Treasury has awarded 9 grants - 6 Direct Component grants and 3 Centers of Excellence grants
- 4 Direct Component grants are for preparation of a multiyear plan, of which 3 grants are to Florida counties
- 2 Direct Component grants are for projects included in a multiyear plan accepted by Treasury

Status of Grants Management Training



- 5 grants management training sessions have been held – 2 in Louisiana, 2 in Florida, and 1 in Alabama
- Sessions will be held July 19-20 in Punta Gorda, FL and August 17-18 in Iberia Parish, LA
- Additional sessions are being planned for Florida, Texas, and Louisiana in FY 17

Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund and BP Consent Decree

- On April 4, 2016, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana approved and entered a consent decree with BP Exploration & Production Inc. (BP), as a final judgment relating to damages from the April 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill.
- To date, a total of **\$943,841,950** has been deposited into the RESTORE Act Trust Fund, as follows: \$127,763,485 from Anadarko and \$816,078,465 from Transocean.
- The BP settlement brings the total amount to be deposited over 15 years into the Trust Fund to about **\$5,343,841,950** plus interest.
- Treasury updates the Trust Fund Allocation Tables, found on the RESTORE Act website, <https://www.treasury.gov/services/restore-act/Pages/home.aspx>, to reflect estimated payments into the Trust Fund plus the allocations currently available.

AGENDA ITEM 8

**Gulf Consortium Executive Committee
June 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 8
Update on Planning Grant Application**

Executive Summary:

Update on the status of the Planning Grant Application submitted to the Restoration Council on September 24, 2015 and resubmitted via the RAAMS system on May 2, 2016.

Most Recent Activity:

The Consortium Board of Directors approved submission of the Planning Grant application via RAAMS at its meeting on April 21, 2016. The application was then submitted on May 2, 2016.

Following that submission, Joshua Easton of the Restoration Council emailed a request for five minor revisions to the application. The items to be revised included:

- Adding Chair Robinson as an Authorizing Official.
- Adding information on contractors including DUNS and FEIN numbers.
- Clarification and refinements of pre-award cost invoices.
- Refinements of Milestones.
- Revisions to Cash flow projections.

The application was resubmitted on June 14, 2016. Since that time, the consultant team has been in daily contact with Council staff, and grant award is imminent.

Full Background of Grant Application Process:

Langton Associates, a part of the ESA Consultant Team, has prepared the planning grant application for the Consortium's review and approval. The total request for the grant is \$4,851,525.00, over a planning horizon that extends back from August 22, 2014 (period for pre-award costs), forward two (2) years, to September 30, 2017.

After exercising its delegated authority, on September 23, the Executive Committee approved the final grant application and it was submitted on September 24, 2015, to the Restoration Council.

Langton Associates contacted Council staff for comments on the Planning Grant application and on November 6, 2015, Council staff responded with five questions, labeled as "initial review". Those questions related to procurement, cost basis and budget. Lisa King of Langton Associates submitted a response to those questions to Council staff via email on December 10, 2015.

On December 7, 2015 Mary Pleffner, CFO of the Council sent a letter to Chair Robinson with 14 additional questions related to the Planning Grant application. Those questions related to Task 16 (Conceptual Design and Feasibility Studies) and differences between the budget and the consultant's BAFO. Chair Robinson replied to those questions, in writing, on December 22, 2015. Ms. Pleffner responded to Chair

Robinson's letter on January 28, 2016 requesting additional revisions to the application (attached). On February 12, 2016 Chair Robinson, Consortium staff and the consultant team met with Justin Ehrenwerth, Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration County, Ms. Pleffner and others of his staff, and Mimi Drew and others from DEP to discuss clarification of several issues related to the administrative grant.

The Council staff gave direction to the Consortium at this meeting on outstanding issues including:

- Change in project selection process originally recommended in the PSEP to a county-by-county basis. The Council has asked for a revised scope of work and budget narrative that reflects this change as well as the changes to the ESA scope since the BAFO.
- The Council requested a single-source procurement justification for Task 16. (This task is now referred to as Task 8 in the revised SEP development process)
- Council has adopted our suggested definition of "conceptual plans and feasibility studies".
- Council requested re-work of the grant budget to include all pre-award costs (Our Phase 1 activities) to reflect the time lapse since the submission of the application in September 2015.
- Council requested more in-depth justification for blended hourly wage rates for consultant fixed fee contracts.

On March 8, 2016 Doug Robison, Mike Langton, and Ginger Delegal met with Mary Pleffner in Tampa to discuss changes to the grant application. At that time Ms. Pleffner advised that the vendor for Task 8 would require competitive procurement. This meeting also resulted in agreement on items requiring additional detail, the list of which was memorialized in an email from Joshua Easton of the Council staff which identified the following five items to be provided immediately:

1. Detailed cost basis information on the Langton sub-award;
2. Draft invoice for Task Order #3 with detailed labor & expense backup;
3. Example detailed cost estimate for Task 3;
4. State of Florida procurement provisions (Competitive Consultants Negotiation Act – CCNA); and,
5. Revised ESA contract summary tables.

The above items were submitted to Council staff by the consultant team on March 15, 2016.

Mr. Easton's email also indicated that the following items should be submitted to the Council as they become available:

1. A new, complete application package that includes new SF-424 and certifications;
2. Full detailed cost basis for all ESA tasks based on the example provided and that Council staff approves; and,
3. Copy of the new executed ESA contract.

On April 5, Lisa King and Heather Pullen of Langton Associates attended a workshop in Baton Rouge about the Restoration Assistance and Award Management System (RAAMS) sponsored by the Council. This web-based system will be used for all stages of the grant cycle including Planning Grant Application, State Expenditure Plan, and SEP project application submissions as well as amendments, financial and performance reports and final closeout documentation. This system has previously been used by the Council for submission of Pot 2 projects and they have now mandated that this system will be used for the submission of the Consortium's Planning Grant Application. While the format is different than the grant application submitted by the Consortium previously, the information required is the same.

The Consortium approved submission of the Planning Grant application via RAAMS at their meeting on April 21, 2016. The application was subsequently submitted on May 2, 2016.

On May 20, 2016 Joshua Easton of the Council emailed a request for five minor revisions to the application. The items to be revised included:

- Adding Chair Robinson as an Authorizing Official.
- Adding information on contractors including DUNS and FEIN numbers.
- Clarification and refinements of pre-award cost invoices.
- Refinements of Milestones.
- Revisions to Cash flow projections.

The application was resubmitted to the Restoration Council on June 14, 2016 and it is anticipated the grant award will be approved on or before June 28, 2016.

Fiscal Impact:

Under Task Order 1, ESA agreed to develop the PSEP and the preparation of a grant application for planning funds. Task Order 1 provides that payment to ESA is contingent upon the receipt of federal planning grant monies. Upon receipt of those funds, ESA will be paid \$15,000 for its services for the planning grant application preparation, and \$35,980 when the Council approves the grant, for a total of \$50,980.

Attachments:

None.

Recommendation:

For information only.

Prepared by:

Lisa King
Langton Associates
On: June 20, 2016

AGENDA ITEM 9

**Gulf Consortium Board of Directors
June 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item # 9
ESA Work Order #4A – Compile Preliminary Project List (Phase 1)**

Background

At the April 21, 2016 Gulf Consortium Board meeting in Tampa, ESA presented a draft Work Order #4 for review and approval. This Work Order addressed the compilation of the Preliminary Project List. Concern was expressed by some Board members regarding the need for the ESA consultant team to meet with each of the 23 member counties, and the cost associated with that effort. The ESA consultant team was directed to revise the Work Order to break the work effort into two phases. The Phase 1 work effort includes the following: 1) prepare and distribute a standardized project nomination package to each of the member counties; 2) compile and summarize the project nomination submittals; and 3) identify those counties that need further consultation and assistance in articulating and developing preliminary project concepts. Using this approach, the work effort associated with Phase 2 – consultations with individual counties - can be better quantified.

The Executive Committee, at its meeting of June 16, 2016, voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed ESA Work Order #4A – Compile Preliminary Project List.

Analysis:

This agenda item presents the ESA revised Work Order #4A. The revised Work Order addresses the concerns of the Board and breaks the work effort associated with the compilation of the preliminary project list into two phases, as directed.

Fiscal Impact:

Compensation of the Consultant for this and all future Work Orders is contingent upon receipt and availability of planning grant funds from the Restoration Council. For cost-estimating purposes Work Order #4A is broken down into subtasks, and the approximate effort for each subtask is shown in the table below. Depending on the needs of the project, the actual work effort for each subtask may vary; however, the total dollar amount will not be exceeded.

Work Order #4A			
Subtask	Description	Hours	Dollars @\$205/hour*
1	Develop draft project nomination package	120	\$24,600
2	Meet with FDEP to review the draft project nomination package	36	\$7,380
3	Revise and distribute draft nomination package to the 23 member counties	16	\$3,280
4	Respond to questions from the 23 member counties	24	\$4,920
5	Compile and conduct review of project nomination submittals	144	\$29,520
6	Prepare summary Technical Memorandum	80	\$11,480
7	Prepare and deliver summary presentation to Gulf Consortium Board	32	\$4,920
Totals		452	\$92,660

* Blended rate used for cost estimating includes: overhead; profit; reimbursable expenses; and project management.

The Consultant will be compensated on a fixed fee basis, and will provide monthly invoices indicating the percent complete for each subtask through completion of Work Order 4A. The total fixed fee for Work Order #4A will not exceed **\$92,660** regardless of actual accrued costs.

Recommendations:

Approve the ESA revised Work Order #4A.

Attachment:

ESA Work Order #4A.

Prepared by:

Doug Robison
Environmental Science Associates
On: June 20, 2016

Action Taken:

Motion to: _____, Made by: _____;

Seconded by: _____.

Approved____; Approved as amended____; Defeated_____.

**GULF CONSORTIUM AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATES
 AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES
 FOR STATE EXPENDITURE PLAN**

-WORK ORDER #4A-

Compile Preliminary Project List (Phase I)

WHEREAS, the Gulf Consortium (Consortium) and Environmental Science Associates (Consultant) entered into an agreement for planning consulting services for the State Expenditure Plan (Agreement);

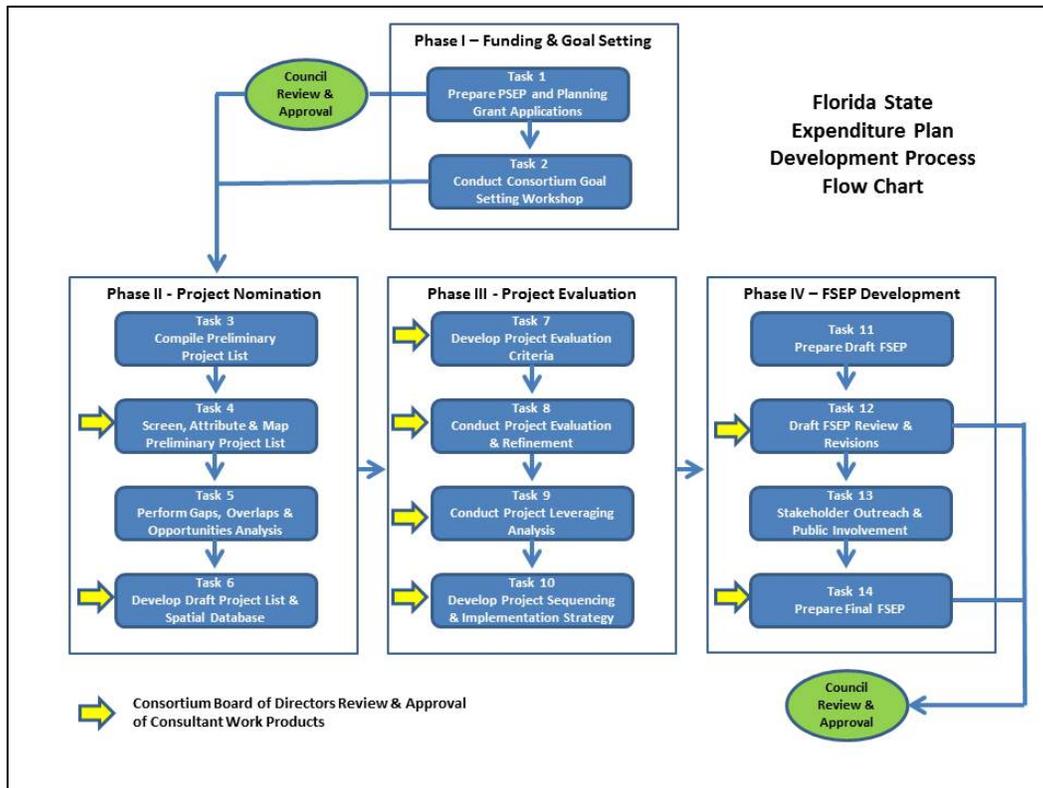
WHEREAS, the Agreement requires written Work Orders to be issued by the Consortium for work to be performed by the Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium desires the Consultant to compile the preliminary list of projects, programs and activities to potentially be included in the Florida State Expenditure Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to Work Order #4A as follows:

Background

This Work Order #4A authorizes the Consultant to initiate work under Task 3 of the amended State Expenditure Plan development process shown in the flow chart below.



Task 3 is the first of four tasks to be conducted in Phase II – Project Nomination - of the amended FSEP development process. Task 3 involves the compilation of the preliminary list of projects, programs and activities to potentially be included in the Florida State Expenditure Plan. This list is to be generated by the 23 member counties through a nomination and consultation process facilitated by the Consultant. The specific activities and deliverables associated with Work Order #4A are described below.

Scope of Work and Deliverables

Work Order #4A involves the following subtasks:

1. Develop a draft standardized “Preliminary Project Nomination Package” to be submitted to the 23 Consortium member counties. This package will include at a minimum:
 - Guidance information;
 - Preliminary screening criteria;
 - Standard nomination form.
2. As required by the Memorandum of Agreement between the Consortium and the Governor, meet with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to obtain their recommended revisions and approval of the “Preliminary Project Nomination Package.”
3. Revise and distribute the “Preliminary Project Nomination Package” to the 23 member counties.
4. Respond to questions from the member counties.
5. Compile and conduct a preliminary review of the project submittals received from the member counties.
6. Prepare a Technical Memorandum summarizing the project submittals received from the member counties.
7. Prepare and deliver a presentation summarizing the findings and conclusions of the Technical Memorandum to the Consortium at their September 13, 2016 Board meeting.

Work Order #4A does not include any meetings or consultations with member counties. Those counties that need further assistance in articulating and/or evaluating preliminary project concepts will be identified from this work effort. Future Work Order #4B will include consultations with individual counties requesting further assistance from the Consultant.

Schedule

Contingent upon Gulf Consortium Board approval, Work Order #4A will commence on June 28, 2016 and will be completed on September 13, 2016.

Compensation

Compensation of the Consultant for this and all future Work Orders shall be contingent upon receipt and availability of planning grant funds from the Restoration Council. For cost-estimating purposes Work Order #4A is broken down into subtasks, and the approximate effort for each subtask is shown in the table below. Depending on the needs of the project, the actual work effort for each subtask may vary; however, the total dollar amount shall not be exceeded.

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WHERETO, the Parties have set their hands and seals effective the date whereon the last party executes this Agreement.

GULF CONSORTIUM

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
ASSOCIATES**

By: _____

By: _____
Vice President or designee

Date: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

By: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:
Gulf Consortium General Counsel

BY: _____
Sarah M. Bleakley
Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.
General Counsel to the
Gulf Consortium

AGENDA ITEM 10

**Gulf Consortium Board of Directors
June 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 10
Abolishment of the Committee of 8
And the Committee of 15**

Executive Summary:

The attached resolution abolishes the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties. It otherwise keeps intact the Committee Policy Resolution 2015-04 adopted by the Board in November 2015. The Executive Committee has recommended the Board adopt the resolution abolishing the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15.

Background:

On November 12, 2015, the Board of Directors adopted Committee Policy Resolution 2015-04 that prohibits the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15 from convening until reauthorized by the Board of Directors. A copy of Committee Policy Resolution 2015-04 is attached.

The Committee Policy Resolution also provides for the process for the creation of other committees by Board resolution and the procedures a committee must follow in holding meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings law, in electing officers and in reporting to the Board.

On June 16, 2016, a draft resolution was presented to the Executive Committee that would reauthorize the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15. The Executive Committee discussed the fact that the Committees were formed to provide advice regarding formulas for allocating RESTORE Act Direct Component funds among the counties, which were ultimately adopted by the U.S. Treasury by Rule. After deliberating any further need for the committees, the Executive Committee adopted a motion to recommend to the Board a resolution to abolish both the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15.

Accordingly, the attached resolution abolishes both the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15, but leaves intact the remainder of the Committee Policy Resolution 2015-04 adopted by the Board in November 2015.

Analysis:

If the Board adopts the resolution abolishing the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15, the Board may pass a resolution to recreate the committees should the need arise to seek the advice of the Committee of 8 or the Committee of 15 or both, in the future.

Options:

- (1) Approve the abolition of the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15.
- (2) Provide other direction.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the abolishment of the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15.

Attachments:

Consortium Resolution 2015-04, the Committee Policy Resolution.
Proposed Resolution Amending Resolution 2015-04, abolishing the Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15.

Prepared by:

Sarah M. Bleakley
Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.
General Counsel
On: June 20, 2016

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GULF CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE POLICY RESOLUTION
FIRST AMENDMENT

A resolution of the Gulf Consortium, amending Resolution 2015-04, the Gulf Consortium Committee Policy Resolution and abolishing the existing committee of 8 disproportionately affected counties and the existing committee of 15 non-disproportionately affected counties; and providing an effective date.

Whereas, section 4.01(12), Article IV of the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Gulf Consortium authorizes the Consortium to establish Advisory Committees;

Whereas, the Consortium has established two Advisory Committees since its inception: the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties on November 28, 2012 and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties on May 17, 2013;

Whereas, the Consortium adopted Resolution 2015-04 to establish a clear policy prescribing the powers, duties, and meeting requirements of the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties;

Whereas, Resolution 2015-04 also established a policy governing the creation of Advisory Committees that may be necessary or convenient in the future;

Whereas, the Consortium desires to abolish the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties, as they are no longer necessary or convenient, and to amend Resolution 2015-04 to delete all references in the Committee Policy Resolutions to the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties; and

Whereas, the Consortium desires to continue the remainder of Resolution 2015-04 and its clear policy prescribing the powers, duties, and meeting requirements of any other Advisory Committees that may be established by the Board in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GULF CONSORTIUM:

SECTION A. ABOLITION OF THE COMMITTEE OF 8 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED COUNTIES AND THE COMMITTEE OF 15 NON-DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED COUNTIES. The Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties, previously authorized by the Consortium in Resolution 2015-04 and by motions adopted by the Board of Directors on November 28, 2012 and May 17, 2013 respectively, are hereby abolished.

SECTION B. REPEAL OF THE REFERENCES TO THE COMMITTEE OF 8 AND COMMITTEE OF 15 IN RESOLUTION 2015-04. The following provisions of Resolution 2015-04 are hereby amended to delete the references to the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties, and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties as follows:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- A. The Recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated by reference in this Resolution and made a part hereof.
- B. As used in this Resolution the following words and terms shall have the following meaning:
 - 1. ~~“Additional Advisory Committee” shall mean any additional Advisory Committee created by the Board of Directors, but shall not include the Committee of 8 or the Committee of 15.~~
 - 2. ~~“Advisory Committee” shall mean collectively the Committee of 8, the Committee of 15, and any other Advisory Committee created by the Board of Directors.~~
 - 3. ~~“Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties” and the “Committee of 8” shall mean the Advisory Committee consisting of Directors individually appointed by the following respective Consortium Members: Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Wakulla County and Walton County.~~
 - 4. ~~“Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties” and the “Committee of 15” shall mean the Advisory Committee consisting of Directors individually appointed by the following respective Consortium Members: Charlotte County, Citrus County, Collier County, Dixie County, Hernando County, Hillsborough County, Jefferson County, Lee County, Levy County, Manatee County, Monroe County, Pasco County, Pinellas County, Sarasota County, and Taylor County.~~
 - 5 2. “Director” shall mean that individual or alternate in the individual’s absence appointed by the respective Consortium Member to serve on the Gulf Consortium Board of Directors.
 - 6 3. “Interlocal Agreement” means the Interlocal Agreement Relating to the Establishment of the Gulf Consortium.

~~SECTION 2. COMMITTEE OF 8 AND COMMITTEE OF 15.~~

- A. ~~The Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15 shall have advisory jurisdiction on matters as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.~~

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- B. ~~The Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15 shall have no jurisdiction to discuss, consider or act upon matters concerning an allocation or distribution formula of the RESTORE Act's Spill Impact Component funds among the Consortium Members, except as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.~~
- C. ~~No action of the Committee of 8 or the Committee of 15 shall be final except as authorized by the Board of Directors.~~

SECTION 3 2. RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR THE CREATION OF ~~ADDITIONAL~~ ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

- A. The Board of Directors may authorize by Resolution the creation of one or more ~~Additional~~ Advisory Committees.
- B. The Resolution shall prescribe the ~~Additional~~ Advisory Committee's jurisdiction, power and other matters necessary to provide sufficient direction to the ~~Additional~~ Advisory Committee.
- C. The Resolution shall also prescribe the ~~Additional~~ Advisory Committee's membership, which may include any one or a combination of the following at the discretion of the Board of Directors: Directors, Governor Appointees, and others.
- D. No action of an ~~Additional~~ Advisory Committee shall be final unless authorized by the Board of Directors.
- E. Officers. At its first meeting, an ~~Additional~~ Advisory Committee shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman, and such other officers as authorized by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4 3. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIONS.

- A. The affairs, duties and actions and of an Advisory Committee shall be undertaken at a meeting duly called pursuant to Section 5 hereof.
- B. Quorum. A majority of the members of an Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a quorum of the members present at a duly called meeting shall constitute an act of the Advisory Committee.
- C. The chairman of an Advisory Committee shall have the authority to call a meeting of the Advisory Committee. The vice-chair shall act in the chairman's absence. Other officers shall have such duties as authorized by the Board of Directors. In the event of resignation of any officer, the Advisory Committee shall elect a replacement.
- D. The chairman shall make a report of the Advisory Committee's actions and recommendations at the next scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

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SECTION 5.4. ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

- A. An Advisory Committee may meet upon the call of its chairman.
- B. The Consortium Manager shall provide notice of the date, time, location and agenda of an Advisory Committee meeting to the Board of Directors, the members of the Advisory Committee and the public.
- C. The notice shall be provided by email to the Board of Directors and the members of the Advisory Committee. A notice shall also be published in the Florida Administrative Register and posted on the Gulf Consortium website at least seven days prior to the Advisory Committee meeting, except in an emergency, in which case, the notice shall be emailed, published and posted at least 24 hours prior to the emergency meeting.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____. The motion was adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Duly passed and adopted this 28th day of June, 2016.

Grover C. Robinson IV
Chairman

Attest: George Neugent
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Sarah M. Bleakley, Esq.
Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.
General Counsel

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GULF CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE POLICY RESOLUTION

A resolution of the Gulf Consortium creating a policy for the creation of and jurisdiction for Consortium Committees; providing for recitals and definitions; providing for the jurisdiction of the existing committee of 8 disproportionately affected counties and the existing committee of 15 non-disproportionately affected counties; providing a process for the creation of additional committees; providing for a quorum and majority vote requirements for committee actions; providing for officers of the committees; providing for duties of committees; providing committee meeting notice requirements; and providing an effective date.

Whereas, section 4.01(12), Article IV of the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Gulf Consortium authorizes the Consortium to establish Advisory Committees;

Whereas, the Consortium has established the following two Advisory Committees since its inception: the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties, and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties;

Whereas, the Consortium desires to establish a clear policy prescribing the powers, duties, and meeting requirements of the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the Consortium and the State of Florida to establish a policy governing the creation of Additional Advisory Committees that may be necessary or convenient in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GULF CONSORTIUM:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- A. The Recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated by reference in this Resolution and made a part hereof.
- B. As used in this Resolution the following words and terms shall have the following meaning:
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 - 3. "Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties" and the "Committee of 8" shall mean the Advisory Committee consisting of

Members: Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Wakulla County and Walton County.

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5. "Director" shall mean that individual or alternate in the individual's absence appointed by the respective Consortium Member to serve on the Gulf Consortium Board of Directors.
6. "Interlocal Agreement" means the Interlocal Agreement Relating to the Establishment of the Gulf Consortium.

SECTION 2. COMMITTEE OF 8 AND COMMITTEE OF 15.

- A. The Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15 shall have advisory jurisdiction on matters as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15 shall have no jurisdiction to discuss, consider or act upon matters concerning an allocation or distribution formula of the RESTORE Act's Spill Impact Component funds among the Consortium Members, except as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.
- C. No action of the Committee of 8 or the Committee of 15 shall be final except as authorized by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

- A. The Board of Directors may authorize by Resolution the creation of one or more Additional Advisory Committees.
- B. The Resolution shall prescribe the Additional Advisory Committee's jurisdiction, power and other matters necessary to provide sufficient direction to the Additional Advisory Committee.
- C. The Resolution shall also prescribe the Additional Advisory Committee's membership, which may include any one or a combination of the following at the discretion of the Board of Directors: Directors, Governor Appointees, and others.
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- E. Officers. At its first meeting, an Additional Advisory Committee shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman, and such other officers as authorized by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIONS.

- A. The affairs, duties and actions and of an Advisory Committee shall be undertaken at a meeting duly called pursuant to Section 5 hereof.
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- D. The chairman shall make a report of the Advisory Committee's actions and recommendations at the next scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

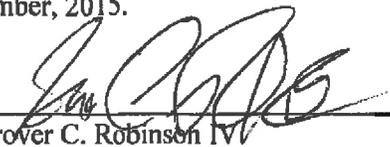
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SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Wayne Dukes who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carol Whitmore. The motion was adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Duly passed and adopted this 18th day of November, 2015.



Grover C. Robinson IV
Chairman



Attest: Warren Yeager
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as to form:



Sarah M. Bleakley, Esq.
Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.
General Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 11

**Gulf Consortium Board of Directors
June 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 11
Interim Manager Report**

Executive Summary:

Presentation of Interim Manager report.

Report:

- Continue weekly internal Consortium staff meetings.
- Continue weekly ESA Consultant Team/Consultant staff meetings.
- Worked with consultant team to redraft and resubmit the planning grant application; continued work in response to Restoration Council's questions.
- Continued research on ability of Consortium under Pot 3 and counties, under Pot 1 to pledge RESTORE dollars for tax-exempt debt, including bond lawyers, Florida Congressional delegation members, and U.S. Treasury.
- Continued coordination and communications with U.S. Treasury staff on the implementation of the RESTORE Act.
- Traveled to Pasco County for a one-on-one meeting between Consortium staff and Pasco County Gulf Consortium Director, Commissioner Jack Mariano.

Attachment:

None.

Prepared by:

Ginger Delegal
Florida Association of Counties
Interim General Manager
On: June 20, 2016

AGENDA ITEM 12

**Gulf Consortium Board of Directors
June 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 12
Report of the General Counsel**

Executive Summary:

Presentation of General Counsel's report.

Report:

- Met internally within the law firm and with the Consortium Interim Manager, providing for a transition to Lynn Hoshihara, Esq., with Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, of the Consortium General Counsel duties in accordance with Sarah Bleakley's plans to retire from such representation by July 1, although Ms. Bleakley will be available to provide additional transition as necessary. Lynn has served as County Attorney of Walton County and has been in attendance at three of the most recent Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings. A copy of Lynn's resume is attached.
- Provided legal research and advice to the Interim General Manager regarding the ability of the Consortium under Pot 3 and the counties under Pot 1 to pledge RESTORE Act funds for debt.
- Reviewed the Council's standard terms and conditions for the grant agreement in anticipation that the Council will approve the Consortium's Planning Grant
- Provided legal analysis and advice regarding all agenda items for the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors meetings.
- Continued weekly internal Consortium staff meetings.
- Continued weekly ESA Consultant Team staff meetings.

Prepared by:

Sarah M. Bleakley
Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.
General Counsel
On: June 20, 2016

Attachment:

Resume of Lynn M. Hoshihara.

Lynn M. Hoshihara



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Ms. Hoshihara is a 2001 cum laude graduate of Florida State University and a 2005 graduate of the Florida State University College of Law. Ms. Hoshihara joined the Firm in 2012 where she concentrates her practice in the areas of litigation and appellate law and local governmental law. Ms. Hoshihara provides general representation to clients on litigation, employment issues, tax and finance matters and land use issues. Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Hoshihara served as Walton County Attorney from 2010 through 2012 and as Staff Attorney for Walton County from 2005 through 2010.

- Member of the firm's Litigation and Appellate Law and Local Government Law practice areas.
- Represents clients before all state courts of the State of Florida.
- Provides general representation to clients on employment issues, tax and finance matters and land use issues.

Prior Professional Experience

- County Attorney for Walton County, Florida, 2010-2012.
- Staff Attorney for Walton County, Florida, 2005-2010.

Professional, Civic & Community Involvement

- The Florida Bar, Member.
- Admitted to practice in all courts of the State of Florida and the United States District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida.
- Member of the Young Lawyers; Administrative Law; Environmental and Land Use Law; and City, County and Local Government Law Sections of The Florida Bar.
- Serves on Florida Association of County Attorneys Growth Management Committee.

Education

- J.D., Florida State University, College of Law, 2005.
- B.S., Florida State University, cum laude, 2001.

Areas of Practice

- Local Government Law
- Litigation and Appellate Law
- Land Use and Real Estate Law
- Employment Law
- Public Finance

AGENDA ITEM 13

**Gulf Consortium Board of Directors
June 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 13
New Business**

Executive Summary:

- (1) Introduction of letter from Chairman Robinson to Executive Committee dated June 9, 2016; and,
- (2) Other new business items as raised by Board members.

Prepared by:

Ginger Delegal
Florida Association of Counties
Interim Manager
On: June 20, 2016

Attachment:

Letter from Chairman Robinson to Executive Committee dated June 9, 2016.

June 9, 2016

Gulf Consortium Executive Committee Members

Dear Members:

It has recently come to my attention that we have may have inadvertently missed a key opportunity in the development of the State Expenditure Plan. However, there is still time for us to go back and correct the oversight. The planning grants, originally approved for the federal government, were worth up to \$10-million for each state. Clearly being conscientious we attempted to minimize ours to \$4.6-million for round numbers. In the next few paragraphs I hope to explain why we may want to look at increasing that amount to a full \$10-million.

First, I want to make sure we all have a basic understanding of what we did approved in our last meeting relative to the structure of the planning grant in question. In simple terms, we allocated approximately \$4.6-million to cover three basic cost items: (Please note these are round estimates)

1) Development of the State Expenditure Plan (SEP)	\$2.7-million
2) Conceptual Design & Feasibility Studies Support	\$1.5-million
3) Administration & Grant Administration	<u>\$0.4-million</u>
Total:	\$4.6-million
Eligible Grant Ceiling for SEP Development Assistance:	\$10-million
*Balance:	\$5.4-million

The obvious reason why many of us didn't want to allocate the full \$10-million is we wanted to reserve the remaining \$5.4-million for our individual projects in the 23 counties. In reality, we should have taken the option to increase the \$1.5-million we did set aside for preliminary design and engineering (D&E) to \$6.9-million when we initiated the grant application. The reason being is that we ultimately need to qualify the scope and performance expectations and verify the permit feasibility of the projects we put forward in the final plan.

This is a critical component (often referred to as the 30% conceptual design phase) for each of our infrastructure and/or restoration projects. In the end, each of us will have to accomplish this phase of our projects at some point regardless of whether that is now or later. Seizing the opportunity to draw down these early funds and advance this step in parallel to the development of our plan just makes all the sense in the world and will help ever county equally.

Right now the equally shared capacity of the \$1.5-million portion of the planning grant held for conceptual design and feasibility affords us only about \$65,000 per county. This \$65,000 support is critical but, it is likely to come up well short in meeting the need of many of our projects. Consequently, we place the remaining \$5.4-million in eligible funds into the D&E account that would provide each county with approximately \$300,000 of capacity to help engineer these projects and pre-vetted for the Council's review process.

The reason I believe this action is so important for us to seriously consider is simply two-fold. First, we are in a unique position to use these funds now to help ensure, that the moment our plan is submitted for approval, it is structured with projects that are pre-qualified with the appropriate conceptual design and feasibility assessment to warrant rapid review and approval by the approvers. Secondly, and this is

so important, it would give all of us up to a 2-year jump start on completing this first phase of our key projects under the planning grant allocation, by concurrently doing D&E while the plan is being approved as opposed to waiting until after approval.

Again, I do not believe any of us saw the opportunity provided to us by the Federal Government in this original \$10-million allocation for planning assistance. However, we as the Board members need to take advantage of this opportunity, which is why I have included this to you. I hope that we can begin a process at our upcoming meeting to amend our planning grant and reallocate up to the full \$10-million by putting the additional \$5.4-million in the conceptual design and feasibility study support budget. This would allow us to access and allocate this assistance to each county to better help move each project through the State Expenditure Plan.

If you have any questions or comments I look forward to discussing with you at the Executive Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

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