



GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 24-25, 2018**

**EPA Gulf Breeze Laboratory**

**Gulf Breeze, Florida**

**Tuesday, April 24 Agenda**

- 9:00am – 9:10am**                      **Welcome and Introductions** (Chair, Co-Chair, All)
- 9:10am – 9:15am**                      **Overview of Agenda and Desired Outcomes** (Buck Sutter)
- 9:15am – 10:30am**                      **Collaboration in Practice-Path to FPL 3** (Ben Scaggs, Jean Cowan, Buck Sutter)  
*Subtopic:* FPL and 10-Year Funding Strategy, Potential Content, Funding, Workflow and Timing
- Objectives:*
- Discuss more specific details regarding workflow, timeline, and major milestones
  - Discuss schedule and general agenda items that may be part of upcoming Steering Committee meetings
- Materials:*
- FPL 3 and Funding Strategy Updating Workflow and Timeline (page 1 of read-ahead materials)
  - FPL 3 and Funding Strategy Path Forward (page 8 of read-ahead materials)
- 10:30am – 10:45am**                      **Break**

10:45am – 12:45pm

**Collaboration in Practice-Path to FPL 3 Continued** (John Ettinger, Heather Young, Jessica Henkel, Keala Hughes)

*Subtopic:* Commitments from the Comprehensive Plan: Updating the Submission Guidelines, Environmental Compliance, Science Review Processes, Education and Transparency

*Objectives:*

- FPL 3 process: Council update of submission guidelines (background, process and timing)
- Science Review Discussion
- Review FPL environmental compliance requirements; discussion of collaboration and environmental compliance efficiency
- Discuss meeting Council's commitment to education and transparency

*Materials:*

- FPL3 Submission Guidelines and Review Process Update (page 12 of read-ahead materials)
- FPL Environmental Compliance Review (page 19 of read-ahead materials)
- Education and Transparency (page 25 of read-ahead materials)

12:45pm – 2:00pm

**LUNCH: On your own**

2:00pm – 5:00pm

**Florida Field Trip**

**Adjourn for the day**

**Wednesday, April 25 Agenda**

**8:30am – 8:40am**                    **Review Decisions/Actions from Day One** (Chair, Co-Chair)

**8:40am – 8:45am**                    **Agenda Review** (Buck Sutter)

**8:45am – 10:15am**                    **Collaboration in Practice-Path to FPL 3** (Ben Scaggs, Jean Cowan, Keala Hughes)

*Subtopic:* Getting to FPL3 through member collaboration efforts

*Objectives:*

- Provide summary outputs from Council staff member-by-member discussions, including role of PE staff and workgroup elements
- Discuss potential CPS Year-4 evaluation process
- Council Collaboration Tool Update

*Materials:*

- Summary Outputs of member-by-member discussions (to be provided at meeting)
- Commitment and Planning Support (CPS) Year-4 Evaluation Process (pp 42 of read-ahead materials)
- Collaboration Tool Overview (to be provided at meeting)

**10:15am - 10:30am**                    **Break**

**10:30am – 11:15am**                    **Update on RAAMS Replacement** (Josh Easton)

*Objectives:*

- Overview of the need of the RAAMS replacement
- Discuss recommendation of the RAAMS Task Force

*Materials:*

- Presentation Analysis of Alternatives (to be provided at meeting)

**11:15am – 11:45am**                    **Authorization vs Appropriation** (Louisiana)

*Objectives:*

- Continue discussion of Council authorization of projects in advance of Trust Fund funding availability

*Materials:*

- N/A

- 11:45am – 12:00pm**      **Funding-Related Issue** (John Ettinger, Mark Bisgeier, Mary Pleffner)  
*Objectives:*
- Initiate discussion of how the Council would address potential budget shortfalls on FPL projects/programs
- Materials:*
- Potential FPL Budget Shortfalls Overview (page 46 of read-ahead materials)
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm**      **LUNCH: On your own**
- 1:30pm – 2:00pm**      **508 Compliance and Council’s Document Format Requirements**  
(Keala Hughes, Mark Bisgeier)  
*Objectives:*
- Discuss impacts of final federal requirements that all documents posted on Council website be 508 Compliant
- Materials:*
- 508 Compliance Overview (to be provided at meeting)
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm**      **Member Update on FPL 1 Project Progress (All)**  
*Objectives:*
- Update Steering Committee on FPL Application and Award Status (Kristin Smith)
  - Member Updates on FPL 1 Project Progress (10 minutes per member)
- Materials:*
- RAAMS Application Status Report (to be provided at meeting)
  - Member materials (to be provided at meeting)
- 3:00pm – 3:15pm**      **Break**
- 3:15pm – 4:30pm**      **Continue Member Updates on FPL 1 (All)**  
*Objectives:*
- Member Updates on FPL 1 Project Progress, continued (10 minutes per member)
- Materials:*
- Member materials (to be provided at meeting)
- 4:30pm – 5:00pm**      **Wrap-up**
- Adjourn**