



GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL

Council Vote and Steering Committee Call Decisions and Actions January 24, 2018

Steering Committee Call

I. **TOPIC: Draft Annual Report to Congress**

Decisions:

- N/A

Actions:

- Council staff will incorporate the edits received from Steering Committee (SC) members and send the red-line version of the draft Annual Report before the next SC call.

II. **TOPIC: Next Face to Face Steering Committee Meeting**

Decisions:

- SC members are supportive of holding a face to face meeting in the spring that will include a field component.

Actions:

- Council staff will reach out to Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida to determine location, and begin to draft an agenda.

III. **TOPIC: Member Contact List and Communications**

Decisions:

- N/A

Actions:

- Council members are asked to review the Contact list provided by Council staff and provide updates and revisions to the list to Buck Sutter (buck.sutter@restorethegulf.gov).

Council Vote

I. **TOPIC: Council Vote on Commitment and Planning Support Funded Priorities List**

Decisions:

- The Council voted to approve the 2017 Funded Priorities List: Comprehensive Plan Commitment and Planning Support.

Actions:

- Council staff will post the announcement of the CPS FPL on the website, and send out an eBlast announcing the vote on Thursday January 25th.
- The Notice of Funding Availability will also be posted to the Council website.

II. **TOPIC: Council Vote on Robinson Preserve Funding Approval**

Decisions:

- The Council voted to approve implementation funding for Robinson Preserve and adopt the

NOAA Restoration Center Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

Actions:

- Council staff will post the revised FPL Appendix, Record of Decision and associated environmental compliance documentation for this project on the Council website, and will send an eBlast announcing the vote.

Other Agenda Items

I. TOPIC: Funding for Council staff support above Executive Director spending cap of \$100,000.

Decisions:

- N/A

Actions:

- Council staff will send an email to SC members and their alternates asking their approval of funding for contractor staff for \$109,000.

Next Steering Committee Meeting:
February 7, 2018

Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Staff Work Product – Subject to Council Approval