



GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 31 and August 1, 2018
Decisions and Actions

TOPIC: Member Collaboration Reports and Discussion

Decision(s)

- A request was made to revise the “gap filling” phrase used to discuss Bucket 2 funding.
- Members requested a report-out on the Council Monitoring and Assessment Program.

Action(s)

- Staff will continue to work with Steering Committee on Bucket 2 messaging.
- Staff will coordinate with the NOAA/USGS CMAP team to develop a report out for a future Steering Committee meeting.
- Staff will develop a calendar of upcoming meetings between members. Members will supply staff with the meetings to be included on the calendar. Calendar review will be a standing agenda item on Steering Committee calls.
- See attached Member Collaboration Reports Summary_August 2018.

TOPIC: FPL Budget Shortfall Funding Process

Decision(s)

- Before a member requests additional funding from the Council for a budget shortfall on an FPL activity, the member will first consider ways to address the issue without increasing the FPL budget. If the member still believes additional FPL funding is needed, it will work with Council staff to develop a recommendation and supporting information for Steering Committee consideration.
- The Council will address FPL budget shortfalls as they arise.

Action(s)

- Staff will develop a draft budget shortfall process document (one to two pages) and share with the members for their review.

TOPIC: FPL 3 Funding Strategy Schedule

Decision(s)

- FPL Planning Frameworks may contain a range of priorities at varying levels of detail. For example, the FPL 3 Planning Framework might identify specific restoration types (e.g., oysters) and/or geographic locations, as well as more targeted priorities for certain areas (e.g., wetland restoration in a specific watershed).

Action(s)

- N/A

TOPIC: Applications and Awards Status and RAAMS Update

Decision(s)

- N/A

Action(s)

- Staff will reach out to Task Force for input on Fit-Gap analysis.
- See attached RAAMS Application Status Report and Grants-IAA and System Replacement Update.

TOPIC: Role of Public Engagement Workgroup

Decision(s)

- Steering Committee accepted PE Workgroup's recommendation to remove "public comment" from box 6 of the Proposed FPL 3 Funding Strategy Workflow Diagram and instead emphasize public transparency. Each proposal will include Council members' contact information on the cover page.

Action(s)

- PE Workgroup will have further discussion on synchronizing DWH 10 yr commemoration with NRDA plans.
- See attached Public Engagement Update 080118.pdf

TOPIC: Operationalizing the Treasury Proposed 3% Rule

Decision(s)

- N/A

Action(s)

- Staff and members will coordinate before Staff submits bi-annual reports to Treasury.

TOPIC: Scales of Outcomes and Objectives

Decision(s):

- Topic will be presented and discussed during the August 8, 2018 Steering Committee call.

Action(s)

- N/A

OTHER ITEMS:

- Louisiana has requested a states-only meeting at some point before the next Steering Committee meeting. Louisiana will follow up with other states.