



GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL

COUNCIL VOTE and Steering Committee Call Decisions and Actions 21 February 2018

Steering Committee

I. **TOPIC: Next Face-to-Face Steering Committee Meeting**

Decisions:

- The next face-to-face Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for the Pensacola area on April 24th and 25th. There will be a field component the morning of the 24th, followed by an afternoon meeting on the 24th and an all-day meeting on the 25th.

Actions:

- Council staff will develop a draft agenda for the April meeting for member review, including a discussion of tentative Council “decision points” for the coming year.
- Council staff will work with Florida to reserve a hotel and room block and meeting facility by no later than March 9.
- Members are encouraged to complete the Doodle Poll (updated to reflect deletion of August dates and addition of September dates) regarding subsequent meeting date preferences sent by Council staff on February 21, 2018.
 - Please recall that we are seeking one response per member. Therefore, responses should reflect the availability of everyone from your organization who would need to attend.
 - Link is also found here: <https://doodle.com/poll/rb27hxcm5me4pk3>
 - For members who replied prior to the revisions of potential dates, you may follow the link to the Doodle poll. Next to your name you will find an icon that looks like a pencil. When you click on that, you will have the ability to edit your entry.

II. **TOPIC: Update on Interagency Regulatory Efficiency Work Group**

Decisions:

- N/A

Actions:

- N/A

III. TOPIC: 2017 MS SEP Amendment

Decisions:

- N/A

Actions:

- Members are reminded to submit any comments they may on the 2017 MS SEP Amendment to Council staff by March 6, 2018. Please send comments to John Ettinger, john.ettinger@restorethegulf.gov.

Council Vote:

I. TOPIC: Council Vote on 2017 Annual Report to Congress

Decision:

- The 2017 Annual Report to Congress is approved by the Council.

Action:

- Ben Scaggs, as acting Executive Director, will sign the document.
- A notice, including the final report, will be posted to the Council website, and will be transmitted to Congress per the Act.

Next Steering Committee Meeting:
March 7, 2018

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