



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

January 16, 2020

9:00am – 11:00am

Mission Statement:

To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

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**THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 8:15,
IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Two or more members of the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee and Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program may be in attendance and may discuss matters that could come before the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee and Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, respectively, for consideration.

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Jon Iglehart, FDEP	Wayne Gaither, FDOT
Phil Flood, SFWMD	Dennis Ragosta, SFWMD

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Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director	
James Beever	Rebekah Harp
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Regional Planning Council Functions and Programs

March 4, 2011

- **Economic Development Districts:** Regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts by the U. S. Economic Development Administration. From January 2003 to August 2010, the U. S. Economic Development Administration invested \$66 million in 60 projects in the State of Florida to create/retain 13,700 jobs and leverage \$1 billion in private capital investment. Regional planning councils provide technical support to businesses and economic developers to promote regional job creation strategies.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Statewide Regional Evacuation:** Regional planning councils have special expertise in emergency planning and were the first in the nation to prepare a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study using a uniform report format and transportation evacuation modeling program. Regional planning councils have been preparing regional evacuation plans since 1981. Products in addition to evacuation studies include Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans and Business Disaster Planning Kits.
- **Local Emergency Planning:** Local Emergency Planning Committees are staffed by regional planning councils and provide a direct relationship between the State and local businesses. Regional planning councils provide thousands of hours of training to local first responders annually. Local businesses have developed a trusted working relationship with regional planning council staff.
- **Homeland Security:** Regional planning council staff is a source of low cost, high quality planning and training experts that support counties and State agencies when developing a training course or exercise. Regional planning councils provide cost effective training to first responders, both public and private, in the areas of Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste, Incident Command, Disaster Response, Pre- and Post-Disaster Planning, Continuity of Operations and Governance. Several regional planning councils house Regional Domestic Security Task Force planners.
- **Multipurpose Regional Organizations:** Regional planning councils are Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions on multi-jurisdictional issues, support regional economic development and provide assistance to local governments.
- **Problem Solving Forum:** Issues of major importance are often the subject of regional planning council-sponsored workshops. Regional planning councils have convened regional summits and workshops on issues such as workforce housing, response to hurricanes, visioning and job creation.
- **Implementation of Community Planning:** Regional planning councils develop and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans to guide growth and development focusing on economic development, emergency preparedness, transportation, affordable housing and resources of regional significance. In addition, regional planning councils provide coordination and review of various programs such as Local Government Comprehensive Plans, Developments of Regional Impact and Power Plant Ten-year Siting Plans. Regional planning council reviewers have the local knowledge to conduct reviews efficiently and provide State agencies reliable local insight.

- **Local Government Assistance:** Regional planning councils are also a significant source of cost effective, high quality planning experts for communities, providing technical assistance in areas such as: grant writing, mapping, community planning, plan review, procurement, dispute resolution, economic development, marketing, statistical analysis, and information technology. Several regional planning councils provide staff for transportation planning organizations, natural resource planning and emergency preparedness planning.
- **Return on Investment:** Every dollar invested by the State through annual appropriation in regional planning councils generates 11 dollars in local, federal and private direct investment to meet regional needs.
- **Quality Communities Generate Economic Development:** Businesses and individuals choose locations based on the quality of life they offer. Regional planning councils help regions compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled personnel.
- **Multidisciplinary Viewpoint:** Regional planning councils provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary view of issues and a forum to address regional issues cooperatively. Potential impacts on the community from development activities are vetted to achieve win-win solutions as council members represent business, government and citizen interests.
- **Coordinators and Conveners:** Regional planning councils provide a forum for regional collaboration to solve problems and reduce costly inter-jurisdictional disputes.
- **Federal Consistency Review:** Regional planning councils provide required Federal Consistency Review, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars annually.
- **Economies of Scale:** Regional planning councils provide a cost-effective source of technical assistance to local governments, small businesses and non-profits.
- **Regional Approach:** Cost savings are realized in transportation, land use and infrastructure when addressed regionally. A regional approach promotes vibrant economies while reducing unproductive competition among local communities.
- **Sustainable Communities:** Federal funding is targeted to regions that can demonstrate they have a strong framework for regional cooperation.
- **Economic Data and Analysis:** Regional planning councils are equipped with state of the art econometric software and have the ability to provide objective economic analysis on policy and investment decisions.
- **Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators:** The Small Quantity Generator program ensures the proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste generated at the county level. Often smaller counties cannot afford to maintain a program without imposing large fees on local businesses. Many counties have lowered or eliminated fees, because regional planning council programs realize economies of scale, provide businesses a local contact regarding compliance questions and assistance and provide training and information regarding management of hazardous waste.
- **Regional Visioning and Strategic Planning:** Regional planning councils are conveners of regional visions that link economic development, infrastructure, environment, land use and transportation into long term investment plans. Strategic planning for communities and organizations defines actions critical to successful change and resource investments.
- **Geographic Information Systems and Data Clearinghouse:** Regional planning councils are leaders in geographic information systems mapping and data support systems. Many local governments rely on regional planning councils for these services.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (SWFRPC) ACRONYMS

ABM - Agency for Bay Management - Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

ADA - Application for Development Approval

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

AMDA -Application for Master Development Approval

BEBR - Bureau of Economic Business and Research at the University of Florida

BLID - Binding Letter of DRI Status

BLIM - Binding Letter of Modification to a DRI with Vested Rights

BLIVR -Binding Letter of Vested Rights Status

BPCC -Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

CAC - Citizens Advisory Committee

CAO - City/County Administrator Officers

CDBG - Community Development Block Grant

CDC - Certified Development Corporation (a.k.a. RDC)

CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (a.k.a. OEDP)

CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

CTC - Community Transportation Coordinator

CTD - Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

CUTR - Center for Urban Transportation Research

DEO - Department of Economic Opportunity

DEP - Department of Environmental Protection

DO - Development Order

DOPA - Designated Official Planning Agency (i.e. MPO, RPC, County, etc.)

EDA - Economic Development Administration

EDC - Economic Development Coalition

EDD - Economic Development District

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

FAC - Florida Association of Counties

FACTS - Florida Association of CTCs

FAR - Florida Administrative Register (formerly Florida Administrative Weekly)

FCTS - Florida Coordinated Transportation System

FDC&F -Florida Department of Children and Families (a.k.a. HRS)

FDEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs

FDLES - Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

FDOT - Florida Department of Transportation

FHREDI - Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative

FIAM – Fiscal Impact Analysis Model

FLC - Florida League of Cities

FQD - Florida Quality Development

FRCA -Florida Regional Planning Councils Association

FTA - Florida Transit Association

IC&R - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

IFAS - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida

JLCB - Joint Local Coordinating Boards of Glades & Hendry Counties

JPA - Joint Participation Agreement

JSA - Joint Service Area of Glades & Hendry Counties

LCB - Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee

MOA - Memorandum of Agreement

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPOAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

MPOCAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee

MPOTAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

NADO – National Association of Development Organizations

NARC -National Association of Regional Councils

NOPC -Notice of Proposed Change

OEDP - Overall Economic Development Program

PDA - Preliminary Development Agreement

REMI – Regional Economic Modeling Incorporated

RFB - Request for Bids

RFI – Request for Invitation

RFP - Request for Proposals

RPC - Regional Planning Council

SHIP -State Housing Initiatives Partnership

SRPP – Strategic Regional Policy Plan

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee

TDC - Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (a.k.a. CTD)

TDPN - Transportation Disadvantaged Planners Network

TDSP - Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

USDA - US Department of Agriculture

WMD - Water Management District (SFWMD and SWFWMD)

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**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 MEETING**

The meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council was held on September 12, 2019 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council—1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite #1 in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair Perry called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Ms. Margaret Wuerstle conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was not yet present. A quorum was reached later in the meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Commissioner Ken Doherty, Commissioner Joe Tiseo, Mr. Don McCormick,

Collier County: Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Commissioner Penny Taylor

Glades County: Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, Commissioner Donald Strenth, Mr. Thomas Perry

Hendry County: Commissioner Julie Wilkins, Vice-Mayor Michael Atkinson

Lee County: Commissioner Frank Mann, Vice-Mayor Ray Murphy, Councilman Greg DeWitt

Sarasota County: Commissioner Willie Shaw, Councilmember Mitzie Fielder

Ex-Officio: Mr. Dennis Ragosta—SWFWMD, Mr. Jon Iglehart—FDEP

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte County: Councilman Gary Wein, Ms. Suzanne Graham

Collier County: Councilman Reg Buxton

Glades County: None

Hendry County: Commissioner Mitchell Wills, Commissioner Emma Byrd, Mr. Mel Karau

Lee County: Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Councilman Fred Burson

Sarasota County: Commissioner Charles Hines, Commissioner Michael Moran

Ex-Officio: Mr. Wayne Gaither, FDOT, Mr. Phil Flood–SFWMD

**AGENDA ITEM #4
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**AGENDA ITEM #5
AGENDA**

There were no changes made to the agenda. Chair Perry decided to move to Item 9 until a quorum could be reached.

**AGENDA ITEM #9
PRESENTATIONS**

**AGENDA ITEM #9(a)
SWFL BROWNFIELDS & OPPORTUNITY ZONES**

Ms. Tracy Whirls, Executive Director of the Glades County Economic Development Council, gave a presentation on how the SWFRPC's Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant has helped redevelopment efforts in the City of Moore Haven. Ms. Whirls gave history on several properties throughout Glades County that have underwent Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) through the grant program. She stated that this grant has helped the City of Moore Haven enter a \$250 million Opportunity Fund with a company in Tampa for redevelopment of the City's waterfront.

The Council reached a quorum during the presentation and moved on to voting items.

**AGENDA ITEM #8
REGIONAL IMPACT**

**AGENDA ITEM #8(a)
PALMER RANCH INCREMENT 29 DEVELOPMENT ORDER REVIEW**

Mr. Dan Trescott gave a presentation on Palmer Ranch Increment 29 DO review. On June 20, 2019 the Council recommended conditional approval of the Palmer Ranch Increment 29 Application for Incremental Development Approval (AIDA). The recommended conditions are for issues related to water quality and stormwater, native habitats protection/vegetation and wildlife and land use. Staff review of the development orders finds that it is consistent with all regional issues and recommendations identified within the Council's Official Recommendations.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Murphy to accept the Palmer Ranch Increment 29 DO Review as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shaw and passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #6
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2019 MEETING**

There were no corrections or additions made to the minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mann to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Shaw and passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #7
CONSENT AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM #7(a)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW**

There was no discussion on the IC&R item.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Murphy to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mann passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #10
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
MAY – JULY 2019 FINANCIALS**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the May – July 2019 financials. She explained that the budget hole will appear larger than it actually is due to the cyclical nature of the RPC's grant billings. She expects to end the year with a roughly \$150,000 deficit in the FY 18-19 budget. The Council is looking at ways to close the budget, including finding grants and reducing office rental cost. The contract on the current office space is over next November and Ms. Wuerstle is looking to move to a smaller cheaper location or renegotiate with the current landlord for a reduced space and rate. Commissioner Tiseo recommended renegotiating with the current landlord. Commissioner McDaniel recommended holding off on making and decisions until decisions on the future of the RPC can be had. He asked when the Relevancy Committee will meet next. Ms. Wuerstle responded that the next Council meeting in November will be a workshop dedicated to the Council's next year of operations. Chair Perry asked the Council to remain on the topic of the financials.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shaw and passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #9(b)
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) & HURRICAN RESPONSE**

Cape Coral Fire Department Battalion Chief Matt Marshall serves as the Training Chair of the SWF LEPC. Chief Marshall informed the Council that the LEPC is managed and staffed by the RPC through annual FDEM contracts using DOT grant money. The LEPC pays for trainings for HazMat first responders and has conducted a \$24,000 HazMat Tech course for 32 attendees for the North Collier Fire Dept and a \$14,500 Tox Medic Course for 14 attendees for the Fort Myers Fire Dept over the past several months. A \$7,500 Natural Gas & Liquefied Petroleum Gas Course is underway this month for 25 attendees in Charlotte County. With the recent threat that Hurricane Dorian posed to the State, Chief Marshall gave an update on how the State has increased its HazMat capacity to natural disasters since Hurricane Michael.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(b)
2019-20 MEETING SCHEDULE**

This item was for informational purposes only.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(c)
MULTI-USE CORRIDORS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE (M-CORES)**

Ms. Wuerstle gave an update on the initial M-CORES meeting that she participated in last month in Tampa. There will be a Southwest – Central FL Connector extending from Polk County to Collier County. The Task Force will not determine alignment, but will instead focus on issues like land use, environment, economic development, and emergency evacuation. The schedule is aggressive and even though almost all the public comments were against the Corridor, the State seems to not be considering a “no-build” option.

Commissioner McDaniel has been chosen to represent the RPC on the Task Force and he informed the Council that he will provide updates at future RPC meetings. Commissioner Doherty added that he has been chosen as the Charlotte County representative and Commissioner Pendergrass is the Lee County rep. He asked if the M-CORES Task Force members should be identified when the RPC notices a meeting. Commissioner Mann stated that this used to be the kind of issue that the RPC would be heavily involved in. The room agreed that this topic needs to be discussed by the Council as it progresses.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(d)
PROMISE ZONE UPDATE**

There was no update given.

AGENDA ITEM #10(f)
FRCA JULY 2019 REPORT

Chair Perry and Vice-Mayor Atkinson gave a brief update on the last FRCA meeting. Chair Perry explained that FRCA Executive Director Ron Book understands the situation the Council is in with it's nonpaying members and has offered to help the Council through this period. Vice-Mayor Murphy added that the FRCA meetings were helpful to him in his first stint on the RPC board.

AGENDA ITEM #10(f)
GRANT ACTIVITY SHEET (INFORMATION ONLY)

This item was for informational purposes only.

AGENDA ITEM #11
COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #11(a)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Perry explained that the Committee met that morning to discuss the financials, options for office space, and a lawsuit brought on by a former employee. There is currently a motion to dismiss being considered by the court.

AGENDA ITEM #11(b)
ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. James Beever stated that the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management Committee met earlier this week. The Council packet was put together the week before, so he was unable to have a report added to the packet.

AGENDA ITEM #11(c)
QUALITY OF LIFE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Shaw praised the work that Ms. Katelyn Kubasik and the VISTA team has done in putting together the Southwest Florida Task Force on Overdose Prevention (STOP). The Task Force had a very productive meeting last month and will be holding another meeting in October. The RPC has been working to acquire grant funding on this issue. Commissioner Shaw explained the importance of prevention due to the high cost of overdose response and treatment.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(d)
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The M-CORES discussion served as the Committee update.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(e)
COUNCIL RELEVANCY & RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE**

There was no report given.

**AGENDA ITEM #12
NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought to the Council.

**AGENDA ITEM #13
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Mr. Iglehart gave an update on FDEP events and activities.

**AGENDA ITEM #14
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**AGENDA ITEM #15
ADJOURN**

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the September 3, 2019 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 45, Number 171.

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Presentations- Quality of Life

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Speaker Biographies

Pastor Juan A. Gonzalez:

Pastor Juan is the President and CEO of The Hive Community Development Corporation, Inc. The Hive's mission is to achieve a healthier, more progressive community that is vibrant and inclusive, that builds knowledge, dignity and self-worth of all living and working in unincorporated Lehigh Acres, Florida. The Hive CDC is an asset development corporation whose purpose is to spur economic development, proposes to bring wholistic revitalization to the lives and environment of the community through pro-active planning, socioeconomic empowerment, the visual and performing arts, attainable housing, educational enrichment, community improvement, and strengthening youth and family life.

Dr. Tom Felke:

Dr. Tom Felke is the Department Chair and an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work within the Marieb College of Health & Human Services at Florida Gulf Coast University. He received his BA degree in Elementary and Special Education from Providence College. He also earned his Ph. D. in social work from the University of Connecticut after completing his dissertation research in Armenia. Dr. Felke spent this time employed at the Connecticut Department of Social Services as an Organization & Skill Development Manager. Arriving at FGCU in 2011, Felke now focuses his teaching and research on macro social work, the application of technology to social work practice and evaluation, and international social work issues. A major focus of this work is the use of geographic information systems (GIS) for program evaluation and research efforts. The focus of these research projects has been on the needs of seniors, affordable housing, and food insecurity.

Sharon Mazzitelli, MSW:

Ms. Mazzitelli is the Executive Director of AIM Target Programs Inc. and has been the founder and worked with the agency for over twenty- five years. In this agency, she has been involved with outpatient treatment for substance abuse disorder, anger management, domestic violence, and drug testing. Prior to working at this agency, Ms. Mazzitelli was a probation officer in the state of Florida. Through the services offered at AIM, Ms. Mazzitelli has directly influenced and assisted in changing thousands of lives and restoring families. Ms. Mazzitelli has a master's degree in Social Worker. Her Bachelor's Degree from Hodges University is in Criminal Justice. She is a member of several professional organizations such as NADCP, DAITA, and NAFC. Outside of work, she lives in SW Florida where she enjoys self-care with family and friends.

For SW Florida to continue to be paradise to most, the planning stages of many topics would be considered. For example, the water condition and algae hit home and affected all of the partners in the community, vacationers, and homeowners, businesses with poor air for breathing as well as self-care and financial burden within all of the community partners. Sharon believes knowledge is power, for the National Opioid epidemic, the community is aware, although many would like not to discuss, and a few are not aware of the severity of the problem in Lee County. All of these issues affect others such as anger in the workplace, workman's comp, as well as self-care and the importance of self-care in paradise.

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Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

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Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

The regular meeting of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management met on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the 9:30 AM at the SWFRPC offices.

The minutes are as follows:

MINUTES ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Monday, September 9, 2019 – 9:30 AM.

SWFRPC Offices
1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 1
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

Call to Order – Mr. Cornell called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Attendance- As usual attendance was taken from the sign in sheet:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Derrick Botana	ECCL
Brad Cornell	Audubon Florida
Ms. Phoebe Clark	FGCU Student
Nora Demers	RGMC
Stephanie Erickson	EBAP
Win Everham	FGCU
Laura Miller	LWV
Pete Quasius	Audubon of SW Florida
Patty Whitehead	Beach Area Civic Association

Staff in Attendance: Jim Beever, C.J.. Kammerer

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Quasius and seconded by Ms. Miller. Approved unanimously.

Status of the Cela Tega Plans and Linking it to the AWRA Conference. Discussion ensued with regard to program structure and agenda For the morning session on where citizens can find and be involved in the collection of scientific data the agency invitees for the morning part of the meeting were FDEP Aquatic Preserves, the Water Atlas, CHNEP water quality program, Calusa Waterkeeper, Lee County -Richard Armstrong, DbHydro-SFWMD, USGS, and pond Watch – Ernesto de la Vega. Th lunch speaker would be either Tom Reis or Ralph Brooks. In the afternoon speakers would include FDEP, Laura Lehman and/ or Chauncy Goss SFWMD, Lee County, USACOE, League of Women Voters, Serge Thomas FGCU on ponds, Barbara Craig on what to do the with environmental information, Wayne Daltry RGMC

Old Business – State of the Bay Data Gathering A call was made for information pertinent to the State of the Bay form EBABM member who collect and have data relating to those issue

Emerging Issues - The Isaak Walton League is involved with obtaining money from offshore oil revenues to be used in the Land & Water Conservation Fund. There will be \$4 million for Florida This may be used in the Northern Everglades NWR and in the purchase of Beautiful Island in the Caloosahatchee River.

The San Carlos Park EMD District is planning a 4-times increase in the MSTU fees.

The Taylor Mine was approved by the Lee County Commission. There will be litigation opposing this from Skanda Seed, the RGMC and 2 adjacent households.

Announcements – A land transfer occurred proposed for Conservation 2020 north of Alico Road to be used as a Wastewater Treatment Plant that will serve new developments being approved in the DRGR by Lee County.

The **next Meeting Time and Place**, for EBABM is *Monday*, October 21, 2019. 9:30 AM, SWFRPC.

Adjournment was at 11:22 A.M.

The next meetings of the EBABM occurred on Monday, November 18, 2019 at the SWFRPC at 9:30 AM.

A quorum was not achieved.

Call to Order – Ms. Whitehead called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

Mr. David Willems spoke on a summary on what FGCU is doing that will discover/identify sources of bacteria impairing the Estero River. The bacterial levels are high downstream of US 41. The area has many septic tank communities and package treatment plants. FGCU will help with the sampling including Dr. Thomas and Dr. Duke and expect to report on results in November 2020. There will be an expansion of sampling to 6-7 additional sites. In addition to surface waters there will be sampling of sediments, ground water and DNA sequencing to look at sources. The Village is also looking at a study on the cost of conversion of septic tanks and package treatment plants in the Village of Estero to a central sewage treatment plant system. This is expected to be completed sometime in February or March.

The EBABM then discussed the status of the Cela Tega plans and linking it to the AWRA conference and the State of the Bay Data Gathering.

New Business - Transitioning the EBABM elsewhere from the RPC. Maybe to FGCU? Was discussed and Mr. Beever described the process that would need to be followed per the settlement agreement conditions. It was decided to not pursue this at this time. Future decisions on this would results if there were to be changes in the SWFRPC

Mr. Beever announced his planned retirement in August 2020 and how there would be a change the EBABM Staff Support for the EBABM in 2020.

Emerging Issues included the Lygbia algae bloom in the Caloosahatchee River.

Announcements

There will be a Calusa Culture Night on the 23rd of November at the Bern Davis Center in Fort Myers.

Mike Cooper has left the EBAP and is going to the State DOF.

Adjournment was at 11.13 AM

The next meeting of the EBABM occurred on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the SWFRPC at 9:30 AM.

A quorum was not achieved.

Call to Order – Dr. Demers called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM.

Due to lack of quorum Officers were not elected.

The EBABM then discussed the status of the Cela Tega plans and linking it to the AWRA conference and the State of the Bay Data Gathering. At that time there were 35 registered for the Cela Tega, 15 for the banquets, and 15 for the Sunday boat trip.

Cela Tega 2020

"The Estero Bay is in trouble: What Citizens can do to help"

Saturday, January 25th 2020
Cohen Center Ballroom 8AM to 8PM
Florida Gulf Coast University
Fort Myers, FL 33965

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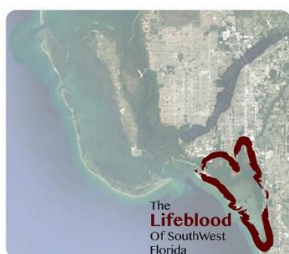
2020 Conference Agenda is at <https://www.fgcu.edu/cas/celatega/>

Registration is at <https://www.fgcu.edu/cas/celatega/registration>

Recommended Action: Information only. Please attend the Cela Tega if you can.

Time	Speaker and/or Event	Title
8:00-8:25	Breakfast, gathering and networking	
8:25-8:30	Welcome	
8:30-9:00	Jim Beever, Planner, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council	Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management State of the Bay 2019
9:00-10:30	Session I - What We Can Do to Reduce Harmful Algae Blooms	
	Jennifer Hecker, Executive Director, Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP)	Tracking and Reducing the Nutrient Pollution that Fuels HABs
	Ernesto de la Vega, Pond Watch Lee County Hyacinth Control District (LCHCD)	Success of Fertilizer Black out as revealed by the Pond Watch program
	Serge Thomas, Aquatic Ecologist, Florida Gulf Coast University	Storm water retention ponds- research and management
	Marisa Carrozzo, Conservancy of Southwest Florida	Making the case for a statewide stormwater rule
10:30-10:55	Break and Networking	
11:00-12:30	Session II - Moving Water to Help Our Wetlands, Estuaries, and Habitat Restoration	
	Bill Mitsch, Kapnick Everglades Wetlands Research Park	Troubled Waters: Sea turtles, plastics, red tide, Everglades, wetlands, wetlaculture and misguided policies in south Florida
	Dr. Shawn Clem, Audubon	The increasingly important role of inland wetlands in a developed landscape.
	Brad Cornell, Southwest Florida Policy Associate, Audubon Florida	South Lee County Watershed Initiative
	Nicole Iadevaia, Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP)	CHNEP Habitat Restoration Needs Plan for Estero Bay
12:30-1:20	Lunch and Keynote Speaker Mr Ralf Brooks, JD	"We are all in the same boat"* * from a quote by Jacques Cousteau "The sea, the great unifier, is man's only hope. Now, as never before, the old phrase has a literal meaning: we are all in the same boat."
1:30-3:00	Session III Policy	

	Wayne Daltrey, former Smart Growth and Regional Planning Council Director	The Role of the Citizen in Upholding and Improving Public Environmental Policy, SWF
	Jane West, 1,000 Friends of Florida	Managing growth: the land use and water quality nexus
	Phil Flood SFWMD	
3:00-3:15	Break and Networking	
3:15-4:45	Session IV- Public Participation	
	Clara Anne Graham, League of Women Voters of Lee County	Turning Information into Action
	Maggy Hurchalla, Miz Lioness, the aging icon	Can You be Sued for Trying to Save the World?
	Nora Demers, Advisory Board(s) member.	Public participation on advisory boards, Opportunities and experiences.
	Savannah Lacy, P.E. USACE Lake Okeechobee Basin Manager	
5:00-5:30	Social Hour/Cash Bar	CC 214(?)
6:00-6:20	Buffer dinner - Keynote speaker	
6:30-7:30	Craig Pittman , Award-winning author of "Oh, Florida!" "The Scent of Scandal" and "Manatee Insanity," and co-author of "Paving Paradise."	Cat Tails in the Estero Bay and Southwest Florida
12:30-4PM	Jan 26th Field Trip M/V River Queen Caloosahatchee River Tour	



"The Estero Bay is in trouble: What Citizens can do to help"

Saturday, January 25th 2020

Cohen Center Ballroom 8 AM to 7:30 PM

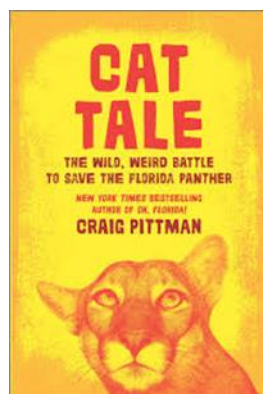
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Dinner Keynote: Craig Pittman 6:30 PM



Craig Pittman is a native Floridian. Born in Pensacola, he graduated from Troy State University in Alabama, where his muckraking work for the student paper prompted an agitated dean to label him "the most destructive force on campus." Since then he has covered a variety of newspaper beats and quite a few natural disasters, including hurricanes, wildfires and the Florida Legislature. Since 1998, he has covered environmental issues for Florida's largest newspaper, the Tampa Bay Times, winning state and national awards. He is the author of five books, including *The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and*

the World's Most Beautiful Orchid, which is the only book ever classified as "True Crime/Gardening," and Oh, Florida! How America's Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country, which won the gold medal for Florida non-fiction from the Florida Book Awards. His latest is Cat Tale: The Wild, Weird Battle to Save the Florida Panther, which will has been hailed by Lauren Groff as "a witty and passionate reminder that nature is robust--it wants to live!" He lives in St. Petersburg with his wife and two children.

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LEPC & Brownfield Updates





LEPC Training Schedule

- September 18: Natural Gas & Liquefied Petroleum Gas Leak Control Course (24 trainees)
- November 15: DOT 406 Emergency Course (24 trainees)
- January 21 - 24:
2020 FL HazMat Symposium
(25 attendees budgeted)
- February 25: Full-Scale
HazMat Exercise at SRQ
(100+ participants expected)





Other LEPC Activities

- Hazardous Materials Site Inspections and Reporting Assistance/Training
- Annual Updates to Regional Emergency Management Plan
- Convene Quarterly LEPC Meetings
- Shelter-in-Place Trainings to Businesses
- Technical Assistance as Requested



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SWFL Brownfields

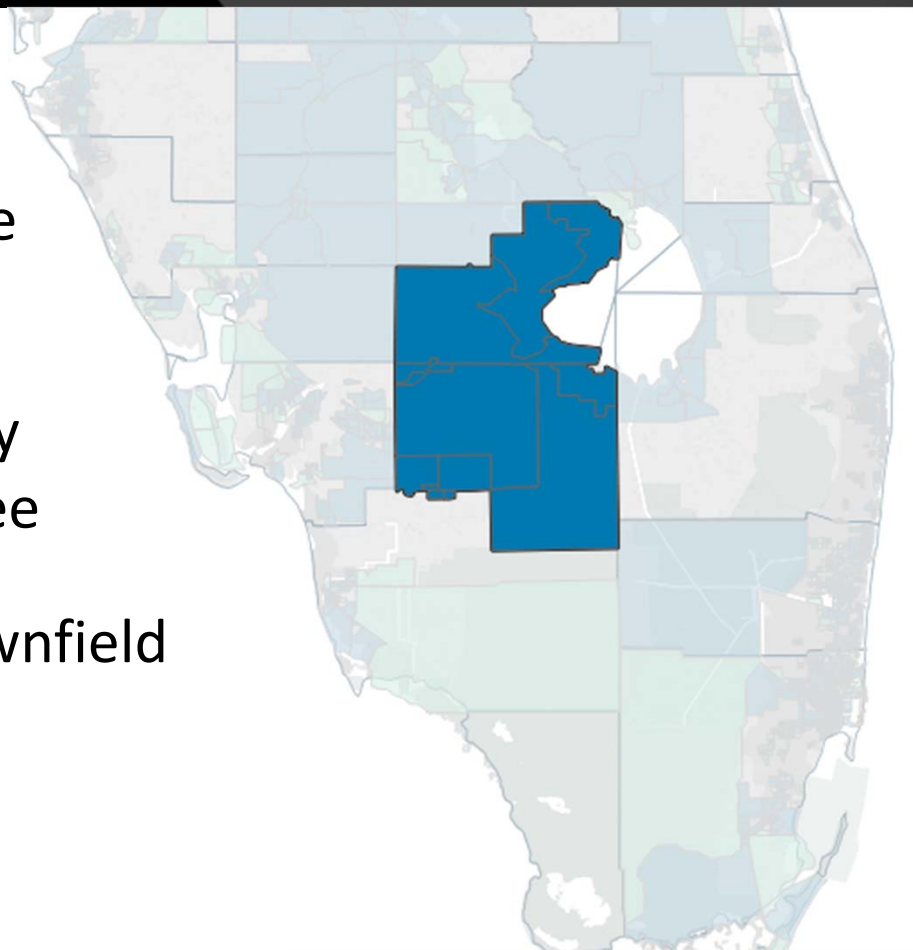
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Brownfield Grant

- Three-year, \$600,000 EPA Grant for Site Assessment and Reuse Planning
- Glades County, Hendry County, and Immokalee
- End Result of the Brownfield Program is to Prepare Blighted Sites for Redevelopment





Brownfield Benefits

- Tax Credits / Financial Incentives

- Voluntary Cleanup Tax Credit Program
- Job Bonus Tax Refund
- Refunds on Sales Tax
- State Loan Guarantees

- Boost Property Values

- Estimated 5-13%





- Jumpstart Redevelopment

- \$18 leveraged for each \$1 of EPA funds

- Liability Protection



- Nine Phase I ESAs and one Wetland Delineation completed
- Public outreach meeting held in each grant area community
- Four Phase II ESAs, two Phase Is and one Asbestos Survey approved by EPA

<p>Phase I Environmental Site Assessment</p> <p>Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Brownfield Assessment Grant Hazardous Substance and Petroleum Sites EPA Cooperative Agreement BF-00071318 EPA ACRES Property ID # 239990</p> <p>City Marina Property 3 Canal Street Moore Haven, Glades County, FL July 17, 2019 Terracon Project No. H4187478-3B-6</p>  <p>Prepared for: Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Fort Myers, Florida</p> <p>Prepared by: Terracon Consultants, Inc. Tampa, Florida</p>	<p>ent ncil Grant Sites 1318 5999 erty y 27 rida 2019 3B-6</p>	<p>ent ncil Grant Sites 1318 39701 erty y 27 Drive ty, FL S, 2019 B-3B-1</p>	<p>ent ncil Grant Sites 1318 240392 erty y 27 Street ty, FL S, 2019 B-3B-8</p>	<p>ent ncil Grant Sites 1318 39704 es Inn ay 27 ty, FL c, 2019 B-3B-2  </p>
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Task Force Meeting #2

October 30, 2019

SWFL Task Force Members

- ▶ Commissioner Bill McDaniel - SWFRPC
- ▶ Commissioner Penny Taylor - Collier County
- ▶ Commissioner Karson Turner - Hendry County
- ▶ Commissioner Ken Doherty - Charlotte County
- ▶ Commissioner Chris Constance - Charlotte County
- ▶ Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass - Lee County

New Information

- ▶ The “no build” alternative will be evaluated during FDOT’s Planning Process
- ▶ The task forces are separate entities. Members on different task forces can talk to each other
- ▶ Recommendations will be forwarded as a package and not individually
- ▶ Task Forces are to identify issues and make recommendations

AMME

- ▶ Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation and Enhancement
- ▶ Task Force #2 meeting focused on Guiding Principles for Avoidance and Minimization
- ▶ www.floridamcores.com
- ▶ Discussion on Key Priorities
 - ▶ Environmental Protection is a Key Priority
 - ▶ All environmental issues are important

Guiding Principles for Avoidance and Minimization



Avoid constructing new roads



Emphasize water quality and water resources



"Avoidance becomes meaningless"



There are resources in this corridor that are not negotiable



Acknowledge the interconnectedness of the natural and environmental concepts

Next Steps

Is there a forgone conclusion that the road will be built?

What is the background and why the assumption was made that we need these corridors

Next Task Force meeting in LaBelle on December 9, 2019



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Southwest-Central Florida Connector Task Force Meeting #2

October 30, 2019

Polk State College – Lakeland Campus
3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, Florida 33803

Objectives

- Provide overview of Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law
- Introduce approach of identifying Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation, and Enhancement (AMME) considerations
- Discuss avoidance and minimization considerations for developing corridor opportunities
- Discuss potential guiding principles for avoidance and minimization
- Receive public comment
- Identify next steps in preparation for Task Force meeting #3

9:00 am	Registration	
10:00 am	Welcome	L.K. Nandam, Task Force Chair
10:05 am	Introductions and Safety Briefing	Karen Kiselewski, Facilitator
10:15 am	Government in the Sunshine Law – Video Refresher	John Fricke, Office of the Attorney General
10:30 am	Task Force Meeting #1 Recap and Meeting #2 Objectives	Karen Kiselewski, Facilitator
10:50 am	Overview of Public Comments Summary	Marlon Bizerra, FDOT Production Lead
11:00 am	Task Force Members Comments Summary	Marlon Bizerra, FDOT Production Lead
11:10 am	GIS Interactive Mapping Tool using data layers within Study Area – DEMO	Kyle Purvis, FDOT District 1 TDA Administrator
11:30 am	Overview of AMME Considerations including Examples from Prior Corridor Development Initiatives	Huiwei Shen, FDOT Chief Planner
12:00 pm	***Lunch*** on your own	
1:30 pm	Overview of Avoidance and Minimization Considerations Presentation	Marlon Bizerra, FDOT Production Lead
1:50 pm	Avoidance and Minimization Considerations Discussion	Karen Kiselewski, Facilitator & TF Members
3:00 pm	Break	
3:15 pm	Guiding Principles for Avoidance and Minimization	Karen Kiselewski, Facilitator & TF Members
4:15 pm	Next Steps	L.K. Nandam, Task Force Chair & Karen Kiselewski, Facilitator
4:30 pm	Public Comment	L.K. Nandam, Task Force Chair & Karen Kiselewski, Facilitator
TBD	Adjourn	L.K. Nandam, Task Force Chair

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Southwest Central Florida Connector Task Force Meeting #2



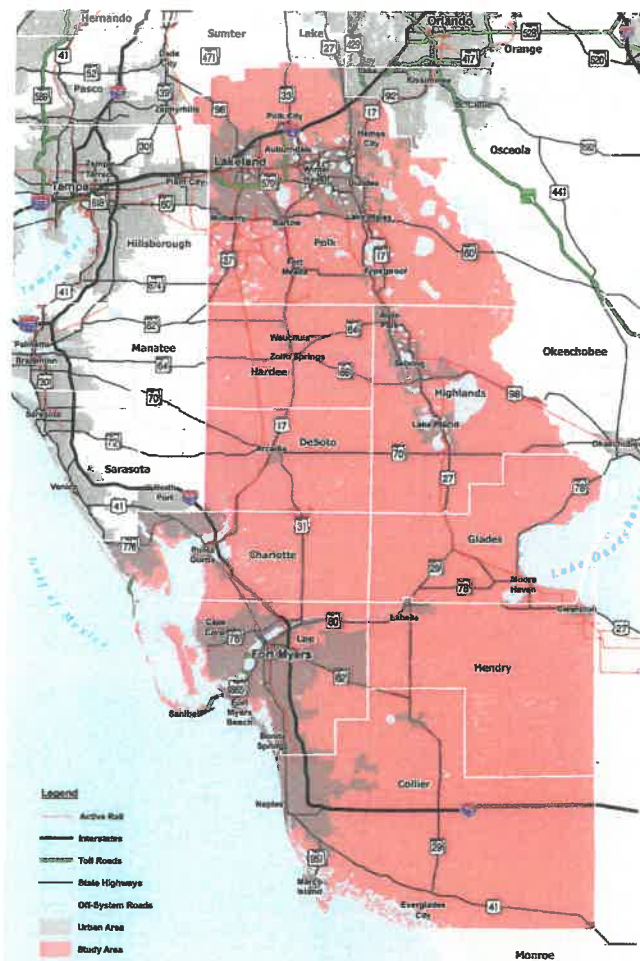
October 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM
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3425 Winter Lake Road • Lakeland, FL 33803 United States

WELCOME TO M-CORES

The Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program is intended to revitalize rural communities, encourage job creation and provide regional connectivity while leveraging technology, enhancing the quality of life and public safety, and protecting the environment and natural resources. The program became law on May 17, 2019*, and the legislation provides for the following under the oversight of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):

- Define the three (3) study areas.
- Establish diverse Task Forces that embody all aspects of each study area.
- Provide many opportunities for public engagement and input for items that are important to you for the future of your communities.
- Issue its evaluation in a final report that must be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2020.

* M-CORES statute location: Chapter 2019-43, Laws of Florida



**THE SOUTHWEST-CENTRAL FLORIDA CONNECTOR
IS ONE OF THREE DESIGNATED STUDY AREAS.**

PROGRAM GOALS



- **Alleviate** congestion
- **Support** multiple modes of transportation (shared-use trails, freight and passenger rail, public transit)



- **Connect** rural communities
- **Expand** broadband service



- **Create** jobs
- **Advance** trade and logistics



- **Improve** energy distribution
- **Build** water, sewer and other infrastructure



- **Conserve** wildlife
- **Protect** environmentally sensitive areas



- **Provide** hurricane evacuation routes

A COMMUNITY BASED APPROACH

M-CORES employs a community-based approach with the designation of a Task Force to provide recommendations, as well as encouraging public engagement throughout the process.

THE TASK FORCE

Per Statute, a Task Force was appointed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for each of the three (3) study areas and each Task Force will hold public meetings in each local jurisdiction within the study area and seeks public input and participation.

Each Task Force will submit a final Task Force Report to Florida's Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2020.

SAFETY, EFFICIENCY, QUALITY OF LIFE AND PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Task Force will consider opportunities to restore and enhance protection of these vital resources, while considering opportunities to expand safety, efficiency and quality of life of those that call this region home.

The environment, conservation and wildlife habitat assessments, including acquisition of lands, will be included in the Task Force's final report.



UPCOMING SOUTHWEST-CENTRAL FLORIDA CONNECTOR MEETINGS

Community Open House

November 12, 2019
5:30 – 7:30 PM

Wauchula Train Depot
135 E Main St,
Wauchula, FL 33873

Task Force Meeting

December 10, 2019
10:00 AM

LaBelle Civic Center
481 SR 80,
LaBelle, FL 33935

Community Open House

December 12, 2019
5:30 – 7:30 PM

North Collier Park –
Exhibit Hall
15000 Livingston Rd,
Naples, FL 34109

TIMELINE MILESTONES

AUGUST 2019

Task Force Meeting 1

OCTOBER 2019

Task Force Meeting 2

NOVEMBER 2019

Community Open House

DECEMBER 2019

Task Force Meeting 3
Community Open House

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

Community Workshops

MARCH 2020

Task Force Meeting 4
Community Open House

APRIL/MAY 2020

Community Workshops

JUNE 2020

Task Force Meeting 5
Community Open House

JULY 2020

Public Comment Period

AUGUST 2020

Task Force Meeting 6

SEPTEMBER 2020

Task Force Meeting 7

OCTOBER 2020

Task Force Report
submitted to Governor
and Legislature

HOW CAN YOU PROVIDE FEEDBACK?

Public participation is vital to the M-CORES process, and there are many ways to share your comments or ideas. The FDOT encourages public participation.

MAIL: Communications Director • 605 Suwannee Street • Tallahassee, FL 32399-0405

EMAIL: FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us

MEETINGS: Attend any of the dates posted at FloridaMCORES.com

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  @mcores.northern.turnpike
  @mcores.southwest.central

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Comment Form

Southwest-Central Florida Connector — Task Force Meeting #2 October 30, 2019

I am commenting on the following:

☐ Southwest-Central Florida Connector ☐ General Comment

Please Print Clearly

Survey

Please rate the following:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
1. The information provided today was presented in a clear manner.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Today's meeting was valuable for conveying project information.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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All comments are part of the public record and are available for viewing by the public and media.

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I-75 Connect Project

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Interstate 75 connect



FYI

- ▶ Meeting on November 4, 2019 with Project and Program Managers
- ▶ Totally separate from the M-CORES program
- ▶ Fact finding phase
- ▶ Kick-off will be the first quarter of 2020

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CDBG Mitigation

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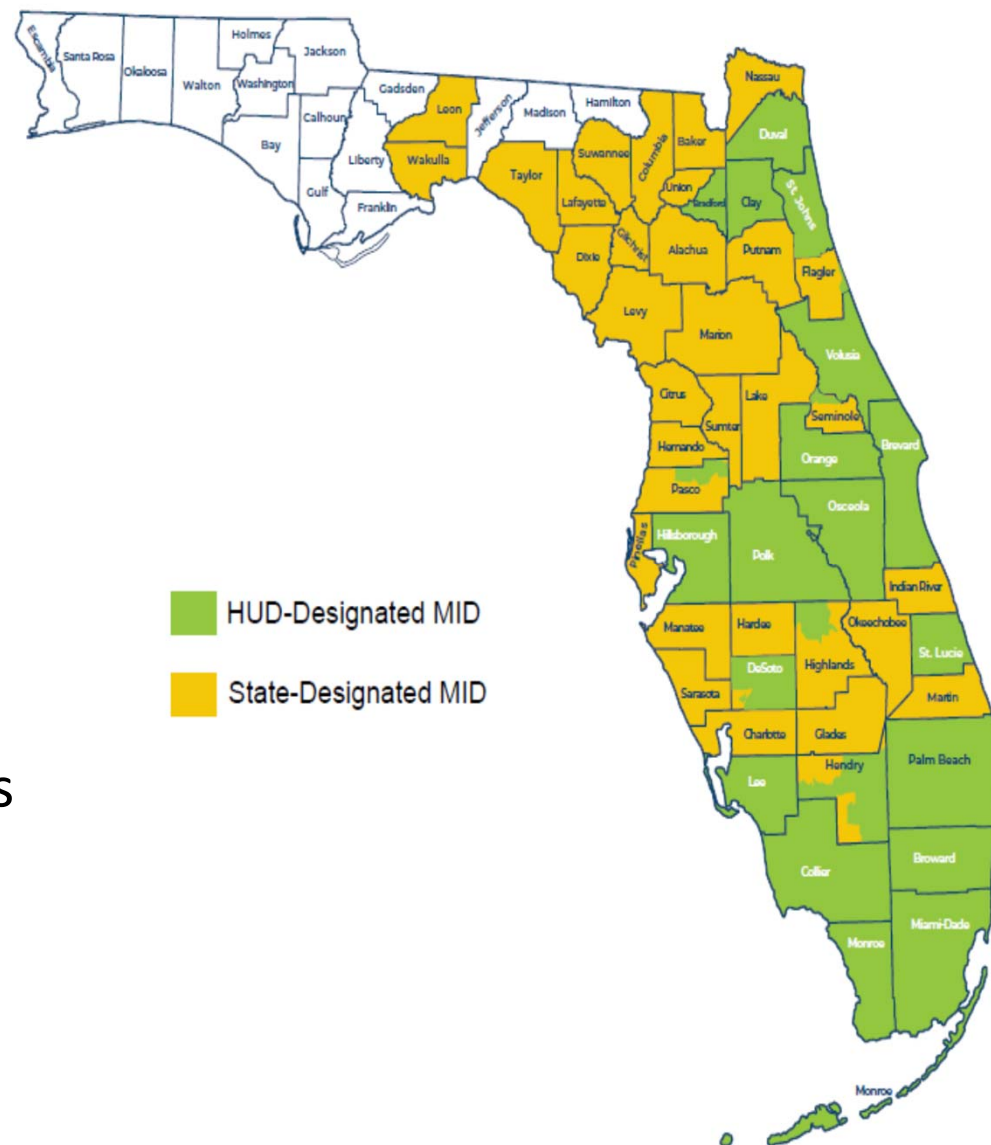
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CDBG- MIT

\$633,485,000

- ▶ To increase resilience and lessen impact of future storms
- ▶ Large Scale, Transformative Projects
- ▶ Counties impacted by 2016-2017 storms: Hermine, Mathew and Irma
- ▶ DEO is in Action Plan Stage: due 2/3/2020 to HUD
- ▶ Gather feedback and input on local priorities for the use of CDBG-MIT funding.

- At least 50% of funds must be spent on mitigation needs in HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas
- Remaining funds can be spent in State-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas
- 50% minimum spending to benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities
- 50% minimum required funding expended in 6 years; 100% must be expended in 12 years



Eligible Activities - Infrastructure

Regional investments in risk reduction from hazards to develop disaster-resistant infrastructure

- Water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical, and other public infrastructure to address specific identified risks
- Multi-use infrastructure
- Green or natural mitigation infrastructure development

Eligible Activities - Planning

- ▶ “Development of modernized and resilient building codes and land use plans.”
- ▶ • “Integration of mitigation planning with other local and regional mitigation community development, land use and other plans”
- ▶ • “Upgrade mapping, data, and other capabilities to better understand evolving potential disaster risks.”
- ▶ • Eligible Plans
- ▶ • Local and regional functional land-use plans
- ▶ • Master plans
- ▶ • Historical preservation plans
- ▶ • Comprehensive plans
- ▶ • Community recovery plans
- ▶ • Resilience plans
- ▶ • Development of building codes
- ▶ • Zoning ordinances
- ▶ • Neighborhood plans

Ineligible Activities

- ▶ Funding for buildings used for the general conduct of government
- ▶ •Emergency Response Services (ERS)
- ▶ •Funds **maybe** used to enhance the resilience of facilities
- ▶ •Forced mortgage payoff
- ▶ •Enlargement of dam or levee beyond original design
- ▶ •Assistance to private utilities

Website: RebuildFlorida.Gov
Mitigation Survey: RebuildFlorida.Gov
Email: cdbg-mit@deo.myflorida.com

CDBG MITIGATION



CDBG Mitigation Survey: RebuildFlorida.gov

CDBG Mitigation Federal Register Notice: [84 FR 45838](#)

U.S. Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) definition of mitigation:

Activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

Summary

- \$633,485,000 in total HUD Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds allocated to Florida which will be administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Office of Disaster Recovery.
- In total, 51 Florida counties are currently eligible for CDBG-MIT funding.
 - Due to 2016 and 2017 (Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, and Irma) disasters.
- At least 50% of this allocation must address mitigation needs in the HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (HUD MID) counties and ZIP codes, as shown below:
 - Brevard, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Hillsborough, Lee, Miami Dade, Monroe, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, St. Johns, St. Lucie, and Volusia counties; 32084, 32091, 32136, 32145, 32771, 33440, 33523, 33825, 33870, 32068, 33935, and 34266 Zip Codes.
- Remaining 50% may address mitigation needs in State MID counties.
- At least 50% of CDBG-MIT funds must benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.
- Must spend 50% of allocation in six (6) years and 100% in twelve (12) years.
- CDBG-MIT state action plan due to HUD: **February 3, 2020.**

Highlights

- CDBG-MIT funds do not require a disaster "tie-back."
- CDBG-MIT funds cannot be used for emergency response services. May be used for mitigation activities to enhance the resilience of facilities.
- HUD emphasized importance of broad-based, local, and regional mitigation priorities that will have long-lasting effects on community risk reduction.
- HUD expects grantees to enhance the impact of HUD-funded investments with "more stringent building and zoning codes which will help to limit damage from future severe weather events." This is an eligible cost under CDBG-DR or CDBG-MIT funding.
- Heavy dependence on State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- May expend funds outside of MID areas if the funds will mitigate within the MID areas.

Public Engagement

- At least three (3) public hearings — one (1) prior to the public comment period.
 - 45-day public comment period.
 - Citizen advisory committee.
 - Webinars.
 - Stakeholder Meetings

For more information visit RebuildFlorida.gov

CDBG MITIGATION



2016 Eligible Florida counties as declared in DR-4280 and/or DR-4283

Nassau	Brevard	Levey
Duval	Indian River	Citrus
St. Johns (HUD MID)	Leon	Hernando
Putnam	Wakulla	Pasco
Flagler	Taylor	Pinellas
Volusia	Dixie	Manatee

2017 Eligible Florida counties and ZIP codes as declared in DR-4337 and/or DR-4341

Alachua	Hardee	Orange (HUD MID)
Baker	Hendry	Osceola (HUD MID)
Bradford	Hernando	Palm Beach (HUD MID)
Brevard (HUD MID)	Highlands	Pasco
Broward (HUD MID)	Hillsborough (HUD MID)	Pinellas
Charlotte	Indian River	Polk (HUD MID)
Citrus	Lafayette	Putnam
Clay (HUD MID)	Lake	Sarasota
Collier (HUD MID)	Lee (HUD MID)	St. Johns
Columbia	Levy	Seminole
DeSoto	Manatee	St. Lucie (HUD MID)
Dixie	Marion	Sumter
Duval (HUD MID)	Martin	Suwannee
Flagler	Miami-Dade (HUD MID)	Union
Gilchrist	Monroe (HUD MID)	Volusia (HUD MID)
Glades	Nassau	
Hamilton	Okeechobee	

HUD MID ZIPS: 32084, 32091, 32136, 32145, 32771, 33440, 33523, 33825, 33870, 32068, 33935, and 34266

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Office of Disaster Recovery - Mitigation Program

Public Comment Card

Name: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Representing an Entity? Y ___ N ___

Name of Entity: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Comments: _____

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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THIS IS WHAT WE HEARD - MEETING CHANGES



Quarterly meetings



Half Day Event Meeting
(Mini Conference)



Short Business Meeting
followed by a meaningful
Presentation on an
Important Issue

**Moving
Forward**



OPERATIONAL CHANGES

RPC Quarterly Board Meetings

(4 meetings/yr. plus 1 workshop)

One workshop meeting

in addition to the 4 board meetings to determine topics and discuss speakers

Three short business meetings

followed by a speaker on a relevant topic

One major event/conference

Annual full/half day conference

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

FY 19-20

<div> <div>21</div> <div>NOVEMBER</div> <div>2019</div> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop to determine relevant issues and potential speakers for the year. • Nominating Committee appointed for election of 2020 Officers. </div>			
<div> <div>16</div> <div>JANUARY</div> <div>2020</div> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Officers • Speaker on subject determined at workshop </div>	<div> <div>19</div> <div>MARCH</div> <div>2020</div> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker on subject determined at workshop </div>	<div> <div>18</div> <div>JUNE</div> <div>2020</div> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Report • Budget & Workplan • Speaker on subject determined at workshop </div>	<div> <div>17</div> <div>SEPTEMBER</div> <div>2020</div> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host Major Event </div>

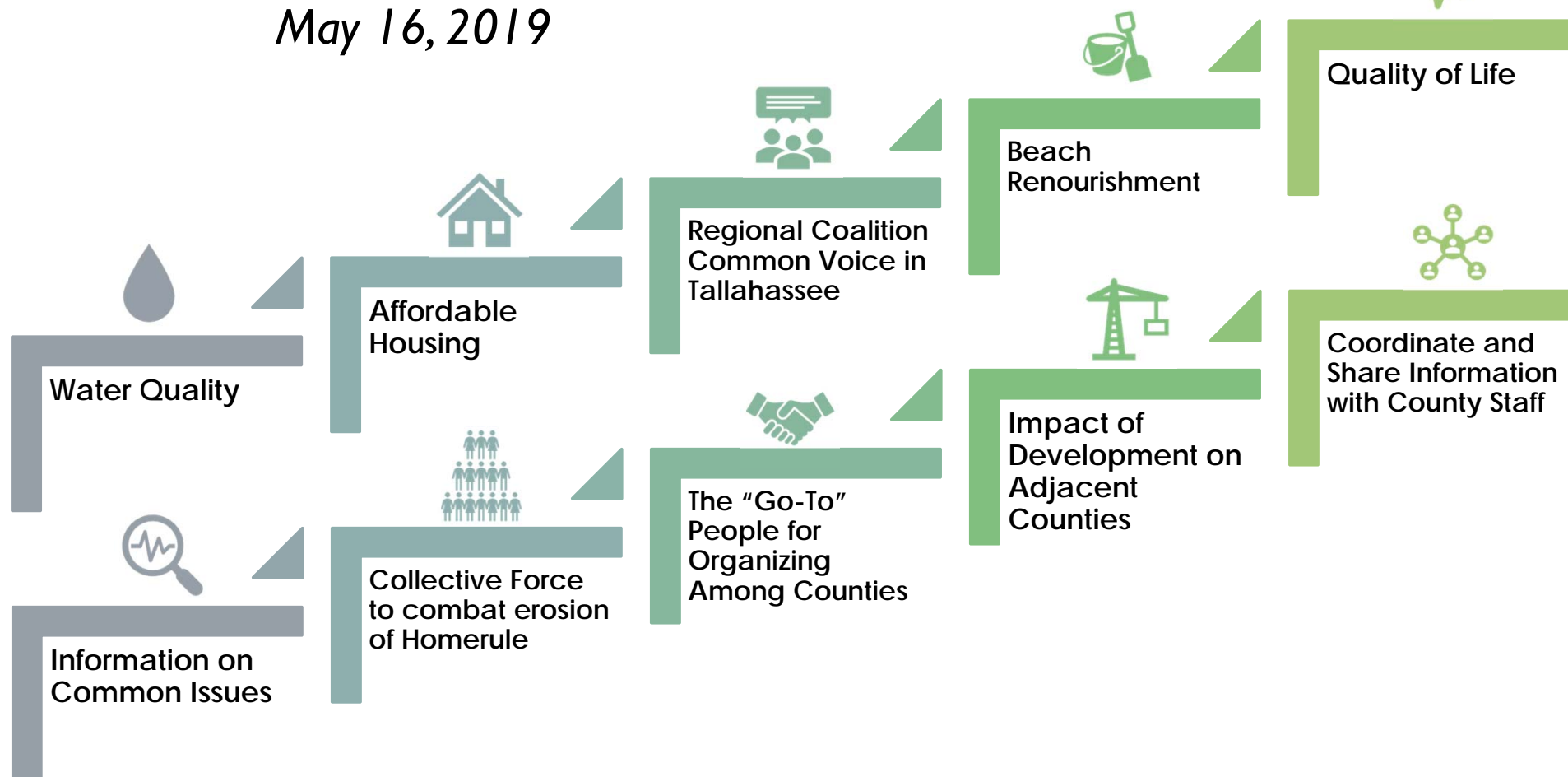
RELEVANCY:

*This Is What We Heard from
County Managers...*



RELEVANCY ISSUES FROM THE RPC BOARD...

May 16, 2019



SPEAKER & TOPICS

January 16 th	March 19th	June 18th
Topic:	Topic:	Topic:
Speaker:	Speaker:	Speaker

SEPTEMBER 17TH EVENT

DR. DAVID
GRIFFIN

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- The driver of the first engine to respond to the disastrous 2007 Sofa Super Store fire that claimed the lives of nine of his fellow firefighters.
 - Since then he has earned a Doctorate of Education in organizational leadership and development and has trained organizations across the globe on the importance of moving away from “the way we’ve always done it” mentality.
 - David has been on both ends of the spectrum. From resisting learning and change in a dramatic way, all the way to producing scientific research through his doctoral studies focusing on the importance of organizational learning. He has the experience and the knowledge to ensure that our organization can take advantage of this essential aspect of growth and development.

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State Agency Comments

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