



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: May 15, 2025

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.

1. Management / Operations

a. Legislative Updates

- SB1264 and HB1125

2. Resource Development and Capacity Building

- FRCA Updates

3. Second Quarter: January – March 2025

a. Recovery and Resiliency Projects

- EDA Disaster Supplemental Update
- **Awarded \$282,000 FDEP Resiliency Florida Grant for SWFL Resilience Collaborative Project**
- Burnt Store Corridor Coalition

Next RPC Meeting June 19, 2025

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: April 2025

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Prepared agenda and hosted the April EDAC Meeting
- Monthly meeting with FRCA's Bookkeeper and EDAC Treasurer
- Meeting with FRCA Auditor to discuss FY23/24 Financial Review and preparations for FY 24/25 Financial Audit; Received Draft FY23/24 Financial Review and scheduled presentations to the EDAC and FRCA Policy Board
- Coordinating FRCA Summer Policy Board meeting
- Received Legislative Updates from FRCAs Legislative Consultants and provide weekly updates to the EDAC as needed

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- **Coordinated response to Senate Bill 1264 and House Bill 1125 with EDAC and FRCA's lobbyist Ron Book and Rana Brown**, coordinating RPC speakers and advocates for Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development on April 10th, attended Senate Rules Committee on April 21st, and other activities necessary to advocate on behalf of Florida's RPCs.
- Attended **NADO Policy Update Webinar**
- Attended **Tampa Bay RPC Executive Budget Committee and Board meetings**, provided FRCA overview and Legislative update
- Attended **Southwest Florida RPC Board meeting** and provided Legislative update

Florida 2025 Legislative Session Update: SB 1264 and HB 1125

On Friday May 2nd, the Senate and House voted on **House Concurrent Resolution 1631** and agreed to extend the 2025 Legislative Session until June 6th. HCR 1631 provides more time to finalize the budget and lists 16 bills that will be considered by both chambers. Any bill not approved by both chambers on or before May 2nd will not move forward this year.

As of Saturday May 3rd, both SB 1264 and HB 1125 have been "indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration." Florida's RPCs will remain in statute and will continue to provide important services to the communities they serve and to the state.



We want to **thank FRCA's Legislative Team, Ron Book and Rana Brown**, for successfully defending Florida's RPCs. This was a team effort, and it would not have been possible without the efforts of our **RPC Executive Directors, Board members and advocates throughout the state**. Thank you!

Mr. Darryl Register, Baker County Chamber of Commerce, NEFRC Gubernatorial Appointee and FRCA 1st Vice President, Testifies before the Senate Commerce Committee on March 31st.