



AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

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MEETING AGENDA

June 11, 2015

9:00 AM

Full Agency
Mayor Bob Minning, Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME
2. PUBLIC COMMENT/ ANNOUNCEMENTS
3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2015 FULL AGENCY MEETING SUMMARY
4. SUMMARY OF MAY 14, 2015 EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
5. 2014 SEAGRASS MAPPING RESULTS

Since 1988, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has formally assessed the extent and presence of seagrasses in five Gulf coast estuaries. Kris Kaufman, SWFWMD SWIM Program, will share the methods and results of the 2014 seagrass mapping study and report on the progress toward established seagrass habitat targets.

Recommended Action: Consider sending a letter to the SWFWMD Governing Board in support of continued funding for seagrass mapping and data collection.

6. [COCKROACH BAY DRAFT UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

Tracy Telatycki, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, will provide a summary of the draft unit management plan for Cockroach Bay. The plan serves as the guiding direction for the management of this state park located on the eastern edge of Tampa Bay.

Recommended Action: None. Information only.

7. [LOWER HILLSBOROUGH RIVER MFL 5 YEAR ASSESSMENT](#)

Doug Leeper, SWFWMD, will explain the key findings of the recently published report detailing changes in the hydrobiological characteristics of the Hillsborough River below the City of Tampa dam in response to the implementation of minimum flows between 2002 and 2013.

Recommended Action: None. Information only.

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8. [CCMP UPDATE – FISH & WILDLIFE ACTION PLANS](#)

Nanette O'Hara, TBEP, will provide an overview of the CCMP action plans available for review: power plant entrainment, on-water enforcement, manatee zones, scallop restoration and fisheries monitoring. Maya Burke, TBRPC, will coordinate formal comments from Agency members.

Recommended Action: Provide feedback to be included in a formal recommendation from the Agency.

9. OTHER ITEMS

- [BASIS 6](#) Abstracts due 6/19

10. ADJOURN

MEETING TO BE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON TO HONOR
JAN PLATT & RICK GARRITY AS CHAMPIONS OF THE BAY

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MEETING SUMMARY

AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

MARCH 12, 2015

The full Agency met on March 12, 2015 in the Council conference room located at 4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Pinellas Park, FL. Mayor Bob Minning chaired the meeting.

Individuals present included:

Bob Minning, ABM Chair, Treasure Island/TBRPC
Jim Iglar, Florida Aquarium
Peggy Morgan, Pinellas County
Robin Barnes, Pinellas County
Tom Ash, Hillsborough County EPC
Jennifer Goff, FWC
Claire Sunquist Blunden, FWC
Shawn Deutscher, Gulfstream Natural Gas
Heather Maggio, City of Tampa
Vicki Parsons, Bay Soundings
Roger Johansson, Janicki Environmental
Amy Butler, TECO
Rob Brown, Manatee County
Holly Greening, TBEP
Caroline Gorgea, FWC

Kris Kaufman, SWFWMD
Robin DiSabatino, Manatee County Commission/TBRPC
Shawn College, Hillsborough County Planning Commission
Rob Toth, Birkitt Environmental
Sally Thomsson, Hillsborough County Citizen
Dave Kandz, Friends of TBNWR
Al Higginbotham, Hillsborough County Commission
Mark Sramek, NOAA NMFS
Penny Hall, FWC FWRI
Steve Meyers, USF CoMS
Ivana Blankenship, Tampa Bay Water
Kevin Shelton, AMEC
Aubree Hershorin, USACE
Maya Burke, TBRPC

Agenda Item 1 · Call to Order/Welcome

Chair Minning called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Agenda Item 2 · Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Agenda Item 3 · Approval of the September 11, 2014 Full Agency Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Ash and a second by Mr. Shelton, the meeting summary was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 · Tampa Bay Harbor Dredging Update

Ms. Hershorin, USACE, discussed the recently completed dredging projects at Manatee Harbor and Tampa Harbor, including the Entrance Channel, Egmont Cuts 1 & 2, and Mullet Key Cut. Sand was placed on Egmont Key and completed by March 5th. Hopper dredges were stopped due to a total of 8 turtle takes. Ms. Hershorin also discussed the status of the 3-D disposal area expansion and associated bird monitoring and projects included in the FY2015 Work Plan, including Big Bend and Manatee Harbor deepening. The USACE will return to a future meeting (June or August) to address the Manatee Harbor deepening project. Members asked questions regarding the use of TEDs, turbidity violations, and the last time Manatee Harbor was dredged. There was additional discussion regarding the beneficial uses of dredged materials and the proposed reevaluation of the dredge hole study.

Agenda Item 5 · Summary of Joint TBEP TAC/Habitat Restoration Committee Meeting

Ms. Burke, TBRPC, and Ms. Greening, TBEP, shared highlights from the presentations on blue carbon, ocean acidification, the climate change arctic program and the CCMP update with the full Agency.

Agenda Item 6 · CCMP Update

Ms. Burke summarized written feedback provided by Agency members and reviewed the formal ABM recommendation to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program. A facilitated discussion finalizing these comments was conducted.

Agenda Item 7 · Draft Imperiled Species Management Plan

Ms. Sunquist-Blunden reviewed the 10-year plan to address the conservation needs of multiple species through strategies that minimize threats, reverse negative impacts, and address the complexity of improving habitat conditions at varying scales. Members commended the FWC for making the shift to recognize interference with breeding, feeding, etc. as a take or harm but also urged the Commission to more fully consider plant species protections in the plan.

Agenda Item 8 · Economic Valuation of Tampa Bay

Ms. Burke introduced Randy DeShazo, TBRPC Principal Economic Planner to the Agency. Mr. DeShazo summarized the results of the study published jointly by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program in 2014. Mr. DeShazo offered to make himself available for presentations on the subject to various groups throughout the community.

Agenda Item 9 · Other Items

No other items were brought before the Agency.

Agenda Item 10 · Adjourn

Chair Minning adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Recording Secretary

Mayor Bob Minning, Chair



MEETING SUMMARY

AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

MAY 14, 2015

The Executive Steering Committee met on May 14, 2015 in the Council conference room located at 4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Pinellas Park, FL. Mayor Bob Minning chaired the meeting.

Individuals present included:

Bob Minning, ABM Chair, Treasure Island/TBRPC
Maya Burke, TBRPC
George Isiminger, Port Manatee
Tom Ash, Natural Resources Environmental Impact Review Committee Chair
Lizanne Garcia, SWFWMD SWIM
Misty Cladas for Holly Greening, TBEP
Jan Platt, Hillsborough Citizen
Sally Thompson, Legislative Review Committee Chair
Mark Sramek, NOAA NMFS

Agenda Item 1 • Call to Order/Welcome

Chair Minning called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Agenda Item 2 • Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Agenda Item 4 • Organizational Statement

The Executive Steering Committee recommended that the full Agency consider revising article 2 of the Organizational Statement to read:

*"The Agency shall serve as the advocate for the Tampa Bay ecosystem, promoting its restoration and protection through responsible, resource-based management; providing a forum for open discussion of issues affecting the ecosystem; educating and encouraging the public to participate in Bay protection and management; and fostering **responsible stewardship** by commercial and recreational interests."*

The Executive Steering Committee did not recommend any changes to membership requirements (article 5) to explicitly include Citrus and Hernando counties at this time.

Agenda Item 5 • Operating Procedures

The Executive Steering Committee did not recommend any changes to the Operating Procedures. Chair Minning designated Ms. Vicki Parsons, Bay Soundings, as the Chair of the Public Information Committee. There was discussion, but no consensus recommendation, regarding whether or not the Legislative Review Committee should remain as a standing committee or transition to an ad hoc task force.

Agenda Item 6 • Other Items

There was lengthy discussion regarding the best method for addressing relevant and timely topics. It was recommended that Ms. Burke share and maintain a spreadsheet of potential future meeting topics to which all members of the Agency could contribute. Ms. Burke also proposed using the December meeting as an "Annual Meeting" where the Agency's accomplishments could be summarized. Mr. Ash suggested that a compendium of position letters authored on behalf of the Agency be documented and included in the accomplishments.

Agenda Item 10 • Adjourn

Chair Minning adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.



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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Navigating Changing Tides: Addressing New Challenges with Effective Science and Management

USF St. Petersburg University Student Center
200 6th Avenue South | St. Petersburg, FL 33701
September 28-30, 2015

Since its inception in 1982, BASIS has provided a forum for sharing state-of-the-art research on Tampa Bay. The theme for BASIS 6, Navigating Changing Tides, will explore the 21st century dimensions of environmental challenges and the innovative and practical strategies to address them.

The Tampa Bay Estuary Program, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and an expert Steering Committee welcome abstracts for oral papers, panel presentations or scientific posters from research scientists, resource managers, social scientists, policy makers and students working in the greater Tampa Bay watershed. Preference will be given to abstracts that address one of the session themes (below), relative to Tampa Bay or nearby estuaries. Abstracts on other research in the Tampa Bay watershed are also encouraged.

Abstracts for papers will be accepted until June 19, 2015, with selection and notification to occur in early July. Abstracts should be submitted to Ed Sherwood, Tampa Bay Estuary Program Scientist, at esherwood@tbep.org. Please see submission guidelines for more information.

SESSION THEMES

RESTORE Act Research & Restoration Priorities

- Revisiting “Restore the Balance” and other Management Paradigms
- Southwest Florida Regional Ecosystem Restoration Plan
- Oil Spill Science
- Deepwater Horizon Recovery

Climate Change

- Habitat Migration
- Sea Level Rise
- Ocean Acidification
- Salinity
- Invasive Species
- Rainfall & Extreme Weather
- Water Quality and Extreme Heat

Coastal Connections

- Offshore-Near shore Interactions
- Watersheds
- Urban-Environment Interface
- Ports and Shipping
- Environment & Economy
- Civic & Homeowner Association Engagement

Emerging Technologies, Methods & Issues

- “One Water” Integrated Water Management
- Direct & Indirect Potable Reuse
- Contaminants of Emerging Concern
- Micro Plastics
- Analytical Techniques

Practical Applications of Environmental Management & Policy

- Evolving Regulatory Frameworks
- Minimum Flows & Levels
- Nitrogen Management
- Fertilizer Ordinances
- Management Plans
- Low Impact Development

[2015 SYMPOSIUM] CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

TITLE: _____

AUTHOR: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

EMAIL: _____

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PREFERRED SESSION: _____

PREFERRED PRESENTATION TYPE [Check all that apply]:

- ☐ Oral paper
- ☐ Panel Discussion
- ☐ Poster presentation

ABSTRACT (250 word limit):

Email submissions on or before June 19 to esherwood@tbep.org using the subject line: **BASIS 6 Abstract Submission.**

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