

The Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act)

WORKING GROUP SUBCMTE MEETING SUMMARY Meeting Location: 22211 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, Building 6 Conference Room

Team members from the RESTORE Act Working Group Subcommittee met on **April 2, 2014 at 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.** to discuss and determine a project selection and ranking approach.

Meeting Attendees

Working Group Members Present:	
Elliot Shoberg	Stormwater Utility Manager, Clearwater
Bob McConnell	Tampa Bay Water
Cathy Harrelson	Gulf Restoration Network
Staff members present:	
Andy Squires	Coastal & Freshwater Resources Manager

Items Discussed

1. Andy Squires summarized the actions of the previous full subcommittee meeting and how comments from the March 19th meeting were used to create a revised draft project selection process and ranking process. Andy also discussed comments received from Doug Robison including the addition of a new priority to “Protect and restore native habitats.”
2. The subcommittee made a few more revisions to criteria 5, 6, 11, and 12, mostly focused on the point spread available to score each criterion. The Benefit to Cost criterion *#11) was replaced with a “Proposal Quality” criterion.
3. Upon reaching consensus on the selection and ranking process, the group proceeded to score three example projects to test the process.

Next Steps

1. At the April 23, 2014 Working Group meeting County staff will present a) a revised set of project goals and priorities and the proposed project selection and ranking process, and b) information about applicant requirements for submitting RESTORE Act projects to the County.
2. Once approved by the Working Group, County staff will bring the Goals, Priorities, and Project Selection and Ranking Process to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) for approval.
3. Upon receiving Board approval, County staff will develop a project submittal guidance document and submittal form designed to obtain the information from which applicants will be scored. The draft submittal guidance and submittal form can be brought back to the Working Group for review if so desired by the Working Group or if requested by the County.
4. County staff will also seek guidance from the Board on a timeline for accepting RESTORE Act proposals from interested applicants.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.