

**The Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived  
Economies of the Gulf Coast Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act)  
WORKING GROUP MEETING SUMMARY**

Team members from the RESTORE Act Working Group met on **February 05, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.** in the second of a series of meetings designed to bring together community members to provide input and recommendations for use of Direct Component RESTORE Act dollars by Pinellas County.

**Meeting Attendees**

<b>Working Group Members Present:</b>	
David White	National Wildlife Federation
Elliot Shoberg	Stormwater Utility Manager, Clearwater
Ernst Peebles	USF College of Marine Science
Dennis O'Hern	Fishing Rights Alliance
Bob Minning	Treasure Island Mayor and Barrier Islands BIG C representative
Bob McConnell	Tampa Bay Water
Cathy Harrelson	Gulf Restoration Network
Mark Hafen	USF School of Geosciences
Carlos Frey	City of St. Petersburg, Engineering & Capital Improvements
Elizabeth "Libby" Fetherston	Ocean Conservancy
Frank Chivas	Baystar Restaurants
Peter Clark	Tampa Bay Watch
Randy Runnels	FDEP, Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves
Tracy Harris	Fisherman
<b>Working Group Members Absent:</b>	
Mike Colby	Clearwater Marine Association & Gulf Charter Fisherman's Association
Mark Rachal	Audubon Society and FL Coastal Island Sanctuaries
Mark Luther	USF College of Marine Science
<b>Alternates Present:</b>	
Eric Spaulding	(for Mike Colby) Clearwater Marine Association
<b>Staff members present:</b>	
David Scott	Director, Pinellas County Department of Environment and Infrastructure
Richard Coates	Director, Pinellas County Transportation and Stormwater Division
Debbie Chayet	Pinellas County Office of Management and Budget
Kelly Levy	Pinellas County Natural Resources Section Manager

Andy Squires	Coastal & Freshwater Resources Manager: Lead RESTORE Planning Manager
Gordon Beardslee	Pinellas County Sustainable Planning and Development
Libby Carnahan	UF/IFAS Extension Marine Agent
Cynthia Johnson	Economic Development
Mary Russell	Stormwater Section, Administrative Support
<b>Facilitator:</b>	
Lindsay Cross	Tampa Bay Estuary Program

## Discussion of Agenda Items

1. Andy Squires welcomed the committee to the second meeting. Short introductions were made.
2. It was moved by Mark Haven and seconded by Peter Clark to approve the January 8, 2014 meeting summary. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The Working Group accepted the proposed meeting calendar with the addition of June 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. Jewel White, Assistant County Attorney, reviewed the Sunshine Law requirements. She said that when two or more members meet or discuss a topic that could come before the Working Group in the foreseeable future, such discussions should be avoided. Ms. White noted that discussions could occur between group members when the location and time of such meetings are properly noticed in an ADA compliant facility open to the public where minutes are taken. Four other considerations were noted by Ms. White:
  - a. the public, if invited to speak, should have an opportunity to speak before a decision is made;
  - b. a message to the group by another member is permitted, but it must be one-way. Other group members should not comment back to any member on such one-way communications;
  - c. Working Group and/or subcommittee meetings are okay as long as meetings are noticed and open to the public; and
  - d. if group members are asked to submit input to County staff, one repository is advised.

Finally, the group discussed the difference between having an alternate represent them and whether or not alternates should be voting members. It was determined that alternates will have voting rights.

5. Gordon Beardslee provided a summary of the County's Comprehensive Plan elements as they relate to the group's area of interest.
6. No public comments were heard.
7. It was moved by Mark Hafen and seconded by Dennis O'Hern to approve the Overarching Project Goals with the following revisions: Delete the words "objectives and policies" as well as goal 3. The Working Group then decided to develop Project Categories to be revised from the RESTORE Act Eligible Activities. The Project Categories then will be used instead of "Project Priorities" developed by County staff. Following a lengthy discussion resulting in numerous wording revisions to the proposed Project Categories working draft, the Working Group asked Andy Squires to incorporate Project Priority elements into the working draft not yet addressed in the Project Categories working draft. Andy agreed and said he would send out a revised draft for review prior to the next meeting.
8. Andy reviewed the next steps and solicited comments on the goals and priorities.

### **Action Items**

1. Following the discussion of the Sunshine Law with Ms. White, David White inquired about the County's role in ensuring NEPA standards as they may be put in the role of the federal government as County dispenses funds. Jewel White and Andy Squires will discuss the issue and report back to the group.
2. Andy Squires will provide group members with a link to the Planning Department's Comprehensive Plan for review.

**The RESTORE Act Working Group meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**