MEETING AGENDA

April 10, 2014
9:00 AM

NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
Mr. Tom Ash, Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12TH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. WETLANDS MAPPING IN TAMPA BAY

   Mr. Matt McCarthy and Ms. Elizabeth Merton, USF College of Marine Science, will present the preliminary results of a research project on wetlands mapping in Tampa Bay.

6. COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION

   Ms. Lindsay Cross, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, will apprise members of the status of an effort to develop a coordinated approach for directing mitigation of freshwater wetlands in the Tampa Bay watershed with the habitat restoration and protection goals included in the Tampa Bay Habitat Master Plan.

7. NOAA COASTAL RESILIENCE NETWORKS GRANT OPPORTUNITY

   Ms. Maya Burke, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, will request that the Agency support the Council’s application for funding to establish a coastal resilience network in the region.

8. OTHER ITEMS

9. ADJOURN

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The Natural Resources/Environmental Impact Review subcommittee of the Agency on Bay Management met on December 12, 2013 in the Council conference room located at 4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Pinellas Park, FL. Mr. Tom Ash chaired the meeting.

Members/alternates present included the following:

- Peter Clark, Tampa Bay Watch
- Randy Runnels, DEP - Aquatic Preserves
- Mayor Bob Minning, Treasure Island/TBRPC
- Eric Raymond, Gulfstream Natural Gas
- Jim Spangler, Egmont Key Alliance
- Mark Sramek, NOAA/NMFS
- Mike Estigo, City of Largo
- Roger Johansson, Aquatic Biologist
- Ronn Ginn, Commercial Interests
- Shawn College, Hillsborough Planning Comm
- Tom Ash, EPC of Hillsborough County
- Ann Paul, Audubon Florida
- Heather Maggio, City of Tampa
- Jan Platt, Recreational Interests
- Libby Carnahan, UF IFAS/Florida Sea Grant
- Lindsay Cross, TBEP
- Terrie Weeks, Suncoast Sierra Club

Other individuals present:

- A L Thompson, Tampa Bay Pilots Assoc
- Mike Buffington, Tampa Bay Pilots Assoc
- Brandt Henningsen, SWFWMD
- Avera Wynne, TBRPC
- Brady Smith, TBRPC
- Don Conn, TBRPC
- Ed Sherwood, TBEP
- George Henderson, Pinellas County Citizen
- Glenn Bailey, Pinellas County
- Mike Meidel, Pinellas Co Economic Dev
- Patrick O’Neil, TBRPC
- Rob Brown, Manatee County
- Walter Miller, Port of St. Petersburg
- Yassert Gonzalez, SWFWMD
- Barbara Poore, USGS
- Catherine Quindiagan, TBEP CAC
- Holly Greening, TBEP
- Jennette Seachrist, SWFWMD
- Lucy Trimarco, DECFS
- Maya Burke, ABM Staff
- Melissa Harrison, Pinellas County
- Nanette O’Hara, TBEP
- Nicole Selvy, DEP Aquatic Preserves
- Serra Herndon, Tampa Bay Watch
- Suzanne Cooper, ABM Staff
- Vicki Parsons, Bay Soundings

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order/Welcome**
The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Mr. Tom Ash.

**Agenda Item 2 - Public Comments**
No public comments were made.

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the September 12, 2013 Meeting Summary**
Upon a motion by Mr. Clark and a second by Mr. Sramek, the meeting summary was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4 - Announcements**
Suzanne Cooper announced that this will be her last ABM meeting and introduced Ms. Maya Burke as the new Senior Environmental Planner for Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and her replacement as ABM staff.
Mr. Minning recognized Ms. Cooper’s many accomplishments over the span of her career with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Mr. Ash also expressed his respect and gratitude for Ms. Cooper’s comprehensive knowledge, professionalism and calm, even-handed approach to addressing issues in the region.

**Agenda Item 5 - Economic Valuation of Tampa Bay Workshop**  
Mr. Patrick O’Neil, Principal Economic Planner, explained that the purpose of workshop is to find out ABM committee member perceptions of the extent to which different local industries rely on Tampa Bay. This information, along with research and survey data collected from other groups, will be used to create a bay-dependent coefficient that will establish the portion of the $1.4 trillion economy that is attributable to Tampa Bay.

Discussion focused on the manner in which environmental quality would be incorporated, whether or not ecosystem services would be accounted for in the valuation and the potential moral hazard of putting a dollar value on the bay. There was also considerable discussion regarding the geographic extent of the study area, with the plurality of the group recommending using the Tampa Bay Estuary watershed (Option 1).

Using an interactive PowerPoint presentation and electronic voting response keypads, committee members proceeded to provide feedback on the percentage of each industry cluster that is dependent upon Tampa Bay and, more specifically, a healthy Tampa Bay.

**Agenda Item 6 - Other Items**  
Ms. Carnahan reminded everyone of the Interagency Sea Level Rise Project Inventory Meeting, scheduled for January 13th at Weedon Island Preserve.

Dr. Runnels introduced Nicole Selvy, a new environmental scientist with the Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves.

**Agenda Item 7 - Adjourn**  
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Tom Ash, Chair  

Recording Secretary