

**DWH Trustee Council
7/10/17 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
Robin Riechers	Chris Blankenship	Debora McClain	Courtney Groeneveld
James Murphy	Patti Powell	Nanciann Regalado	Craig O'Connor
	Jane Calamusa	Ann Hijuelos	Melissa Carle
LA	Amy Hunter		John Catena
Billy Plauché		EPA	Aileen Smith
Alyson Graugnard	FL	Tom Wall	
	Gareth Leonard		DOJ
MS	Phil Coram	USDA	
Gary Rikard		Homer Wilkes	
Chris Wells			

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The MS TIG released a final RP/EA this week with three projects totaling \$21.5 million. Projects include land management and acquisition in Grand Bay and Graveline, as well as a water quality project in the Upper Pascagoula River.
- b. The Cross TIG MAM is nearing completion of version 1.0 of the MAM manual. The group recently met for an in-person working session and is close to circulating the document for a two week review starting July 24. The goal is to have the manual to the TC in September. The MAM is also developing monitoring standards and methods for various types of projects. A two-week review will start August 7. The list of proposed activities for next year was circulated with the call agenda. The group is also working on reporting methods for monitoring information among other tasks. Discussion of process for approving the MAM budget. The RW TIG will approve the MAM budget and the TC approves the activities Cross TIG MAM will work on next year.

Decision: TX, LA, MS, AL, FL, NOAA, DOI, EPA, and USDA approve the proposed MAM Activities for 2017-2018.

The LA and RW TIGs will give their report outs on the next TC call.

Discussion Item 2: Trustee Council Public Meeting

- a. Discussion: The room block for the public meeting will be circulated soon. Please contact TIG support if the room block is full. Walkthrough and discussion of the meeting strategy and production schedule.

b. Decisions:

1. Open house times of 5:30-6:30 and meeting from 6:30-9 are approved.
2. Agreement to distribute a “save the date” a month in advance.
3. Agreement to distribute a web story to the TC listserv in the weeks before the meeting.
4. Agreement to send a press release out to media contacts.
5. Agreement to make certain materials available in Vietnamese.
6. AL will do a welcome as the host state and will turn it over to Gary Rikard (MS) in his role as the TC Chair to start the presentation. Then each TIG will have their own presenter (like last year).
7. The plan for public comment after the meeting is to distribute the general TC email address.
8. At this time the TC is not planning on having an executive session before the meeting.

c. Action Items:

1. Draft documents will be circulated to the TC per the production schedule.

Other Business

- a. The TC Chair will rotate from AL to MS on August 1 per the SOP. Gary Rikard will be the next chair.
- b. The next TC call is August 7.

**DWH Trustee Council
8/7/17 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
Robin Riechers	Jane Calamusa	Debora McClain	Chris Doley
James Murphy	Amy Hunter	Nanciann Regalado	Craig O'Connor
		Mary Josie Blanchard	Stan Rogers
LA			
Billy Plauché		EPA	
Alyson Graugnard	FL	Mary Kay Lynch	
	Gareth Leonard	Gale Bonanno	DOJ
MS	Phil Coram		
Gary Rikard	Amy Raker	USDA	
Chris Wells			
Teri Wyly			

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The LA TIG is currently focused on four major planning efforts. 1) They finalized the first restoration plan in January which approved engineering and design on six projects and are working on the implementation of those projects. 2) The LA TIG is looking to reallocate \$22 million in early restoration recreational use funds and released a notice of solicitation for project ideas from the public and has initiated drafting of the restoration plan. They anticipate the draft plan being out by the end of 2017 and finalized in early 2018. 3) The LA TIG published an NOI in April to begin a phased restoration planning approach for Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitat projects in Barataria Basin. The plan will likely have two phases. Phase I potentially consists of a Strategic Restoration Plan for Barataria Basin and could consider whether a combination of Barataria Basin habitat restoration projects in the 2017 Coastal Master Plan constitutes a preferred alternative or a suite of alternatives for restoring wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats in Barataria Bay. Phase 2 potentially consists of a project-specific restoration plan and will potentially include an analysis of the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion and appropriate alternatives to partially restore wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitat resources in Barataria Basin. They are working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and may coordinate for a joint EIS. 4) The LA TIG released a notice of solicitation for project ideas in July for additional recreational use and nutrient reduction projects.

- b. The RW TIG released the strategic frameworks to the public and is turning their attention to next steps with restoration planning. The RW TIG will have a face-to-face meeting on September 12 at Five Rivers to discuss next steps with restoration planning and activities for the TIG.

The AL and FL TIGs will give their report outs on the next TC call.

Discussion Item 2: Trustee Council Public Meeting

- a. Discussion: The room block will close on August 20. Discussion regarding whether there would be an additional in-person meeting of the TC while staff were in Mobile for the public meeting. The draft press release and web story are attached and edits are requested by Friday, August 11. The TC will receive the TC factsheet, presentation script, presentation slides, and talking points for review next week. The September 5 call will have a walkthrough of the meeting day logistics.

- b. Decisions:
 - 1. The TC is not planning to have an in-person working session while in Mobile at this time.
 - 2. The group will go over the TC meeting “run of show” to go through logistics on the next call.

- c. Action Items:
 - 1. Comments/edits on the draft press release and web story are requested by Friday, August 11.

Other Business

- a. The next TC call is Tuesday, September 5. Note that it is moved back a day due to Labor Day.

**DWH Trustee Council
9/5/17 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
Robin Riechers	Chris Blankenship	Debora McClain	Chris Doley
James Murphy	Amy Hunter	Nanciann Regalado	
	Patti Powell	Mary Josie Blanchard	
LA	Jane Calamusa	Kevin Reynolds	
Billy Plauché			
Alyson Graugnard	FL	EPA	
	Gareth Leonard	Gale Bonanno	DOJ
MS	Amy Raker		Rachel Hankey
Gary Rikard		USDA	
Chris Wells			

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The AL TIG is continuing to work on implementation agreements for Restoration Plan I projects. For Restoration Plan II the announcement of intent to prepare a plan went out last week. The TIG is working on drafting the plan and hopes to have a draft for TIG review by November.
- b. The FL TIG is starting to draft the Phase V.2 restoration plan which utilizes some of the remaining ER funds from the Florida Coastal Access project. The intent is to have a draft plan out to the public by October and finalized by early 2018. The FL TIG is also working with the LAT to bring on a contractor through their contracting process to draft an initial post-settlement plan. The intent is to have a draft plan released to the public by early next year. The FL TIG is also continuing to implement early restoration projects.

The TX and OO TIGs will give their report outs on the next TC call.

Discussion Item 2: Trustee Council Public Meeting

- a. Discussion: The Trustees will gather at 5 pm for a pre-meeting to review meeting logistics. The OO TIG received a request from a small group of NGOs who asked for an update on aspects of the OO planning process. That conversation will take place earlier in the day on Tuesday. Hurricane Irma will be moving into the region in the same general timeframe as the meeting. Gary and Chris will monitor the projected path and send updates on the meeting status via TIG support.

The TC discussed the request by RESTORE staff to have materials available at the public meeting.

b. Decisions:

1. Agreement that RESTORE is welcome to bring materials to the public meeting as long as we make it clear visually that RESTORE is separate from the TC and TIGs. Keala Hughes from RESTORE will be at the table

c. Action Items:

1. Consider adding a sentence into the presentation that calls out RESTORE as a separate entity.

Discussion Item 3: TIG and TC Comments Received via RESTORE

- a) Recently, RESTORE asked for comments from the public on a proposed funding priority list and some of the comments received involve the Trustee Council and TIGs.

b) Action Items:

1. TIG support will distribute the comments to the TC.

Other Business

- a. Vice chair rotation: The federal Trustees have had preliminary conversations about who will transition into the role next month. An email will be distributed once a decision is made.
- b. Next call is Monday, October 2