

**DWH Trustee Council
4/1/19 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
James Murphy	Amy Hunter	Debora McClain	Chris Doley
	Kelly Swindle	Nanciann Regalado	Craig O'Connor
		Michelle Meyers	Rachel Sweeney
LA			Melissa Carle
Alyson Graugnard		EPA	Aileen Smith
Billy Plauche		Mary Kay Lynch	Stephen Heverly
	FL	Gale Bonanno	
MS	Leslie Ames		USDA
Chris Wells	Nadia Martin		Ron Howard
			Marc Defley

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The MS TIG Restoration Plan 1 included the Grand Bay Habitat and Acquisition project. That project as it was originally in the plan called for the acquisition of up to 800 acres of land and management of 1,700 acres of land. The MS TIG is currently developing a supplement to the Grand Bay project to add approximately \$10 million for additional acquisition and management. The MS TIG is also in the process of developing RP2. They posted a request for public ideas in June 2018 and released a notice of initiation of restoration planning in October 2018. The reasonable range of alternatives is in development now through the end of April. The restoration types expected to be included in the plan include: Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats; Oysters; and Nutrient Reduction.
- b. The Cross TIG MAM. The first update is a follow-up from the March TC call where the TC requested a timeline for development of a template for the TIGs to use to report out information of TIG activities for the 2021 5-year programmatic review. The Cross TIG MAM workgroup members discussed the timeline and presented a proposal for the TC to consider. The group hopes to develop an internal draft template by April 11 and then have Cross TIG MAM reps discuss it with their trustees. The goal is to have a draft template by the end of May. The TC can decide whether they prefer for the Cross TIG MAM workgroup to submit the template to the TC for feedback at that point or first gather direct input from each of the TIGs and submit the revised template to the TC in July. The TC agreed that working directly with the TIGs via the Cross TIG MAM members is a good path forward. The TC will see the draft template in July.

The activity update for the Cross TIG MAM was attached to the call agenda and includes a table with tasks that were approved by the TC last year and the status of completion for each task.

Year 4 Task List/2019-2020 Funding Request for TC review: The document was circulated as an attachment to the call agenda and is the MAM's proposed task list for the next year. The TC will revisit approval of the Year 4 Task List on the next call. Once the TC approves the task list then the Cross TIG MAM will add budget information for the RW and TC to review (and the RW TIG to approve). The group walked through the attachment and discussed the timing of the approval process. The RW TIG will ultimately approve the resolution to fund the Cross TIG MAM activities.

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

Discussion Item 2: Trustee Council Annual Public Meeting and Public Outreach/Education (NRDA 101)

- a. Discussion: Logistics update
 - b. Decision: Room block information was distributed via TIG support.
 - c. Action Item: TIG support will re-circulate the room information.
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- a. Discussion: Meeting run of show
 - b. Decision: In December the TC discussed adjusting the TC meeting format. The proposal was to enhance the open house portion of the event. This year the open house will be in a larger space so there is more room in between the TIG tables. The goal is to increase the opportunities for meaningful engagement with the public. Ideally there will be sitting room so members of the public can sit down and talk to TIG members. There will also be a focus on improved signage. The goal is to have the TIG members more available to members of the public. The open house will also re-open after the presentation period ends. There will be a set time for the open house after the presentations. The presentation itself is being enhanced with a goal of including an overarching restoration theme in the TC Chair portion. A draft presentation will be shared with the TC prior to the May call (ideally a week before). The TIG portions of the presentation will be shortened and slides that include the members of the TIG and budget details will be in the factsheets rather than the presentation. The factsheets are already being worked on and the TIG portion of the presentation will be worked on by the PA community of practice starting this week. A representative from each TIG will present their slides rather than the chair/vice-chair.

- a. Discussion: Web story for annual report timeframe and public meeting
 - b. Decision: The draft web story will be circulated to the TC later this afternoon or first thing tomorrow. Please review and let us know if you have comments. The goal is to get approval on the web story by the end of the week so it can be posted as a save the date.
 - c. Action Item: Review the web story that circulated by TIG support.
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- a. Discussion: Executive session before the TC public meeting?
 - b. Decision: In the past the TC has held an executive session of a few hours earlier in the afternoon of the public meeting. Potential topics are the 2021 5-year programmatic review and others that may be helpful to discuss in person. Other meetings that week include:
 - OO TIG public meeting on Tuesday evening;
 - NRDA 101 on Wednesday evening;
 - RW TIG on Thursday morning; and
 - TC on Thursday evening.

This schedule leaves Thursday afternoon available should the TC decide to meet.

- c. Action Item: TIG support will research meeting room availability for the afternoon of Thursday. The meeting can be cancelled if closer to time it is decided that it's not necessary.

Other Business

- a. The SOP update will be discussed on the May call. A document with the comments and suggestions will be circulated in advance of that call.
- b. FYI, OO TIG Update on MAM documents coming out soon. The OO TIG is developing a MAM strategy and the first part is a document is about making MAM decisions. The document will be shared with the TC in advance of public release. The document will be circulated shortly and the OO TIG members are available if anyone has questions.
- c. The next call is May 6.

**DWH Trustee Council
5/6/19 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
Robin Riechers	Chris Blankenship	Mary Josie Blanchard	Craig O'Connor
James Murphy	Amy Hunter	Debora McClain	Rachel Sweeney
	Jane Calamusa		Stephen Heverly
LA			
Alyson Graugnard			
Billy Plauche		EPA	
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MS	Leslie Ames	Tim Landers	USDA
Gary Rikard	Nadia Martin		
Bradley Ennis			

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The LA TIG has a slide deck associated with their report out today.
 - o The first slide focuses on the first Restoration plan for the LA TIG. The first plan included six projects approved to move forward with E&D. One project, Queen Bess, also has a completed restoration plan for construction, which is expected to start later this summer. A restoration plan for the remaining projects will begin mid- to late- 2019.
 - o RP2 approved recreational use funds for four projects. Three of the projects are currently being implemented (Elmer's Island, Statewide Artificial Reefs, and Pointe-aux-Chenes Fishing Piers) and the TIG is working on a supplemental plan to evaluate alternative locations for the Lake Charles Science Center and Education Center and that restoration plan is currently out for public comment.
 - o The Strategic Restoration Plan #3 was finalized last year and is not a project specific plan. Instead, it evaluates Coastal, Wetland, Nearshore Habitat restoration types in the Barataria Basin. The LA TIG is currently evaluating several restoration projects in the Barataria Basin through project-specific restoration plans. One plan evaluates marsh creation in the Barataria Basin and may utilize a Louisiana statute that allows for outcome based performance contracting (OBPC). OBPC allows CPRA to let a single contract for full delivery of the project (i.e., from start to finish). The LA TIG is also working on the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion restoration plan. Last, the TIG

anticipates developing a plan for the Large-Scale Marsh Creation Project in the Barataria Basin later this year.

- RP#4 contains 19 recreational use projects and 4 nutrient reduction projects. These are currently underway.
 - The final ongoing plan is for Living Coastal and Marine Resources (LCMR). The LA TIG is currently evaluating project ideas and is considering developing an oyster plan later this year.
- b. The RW TIG has been on hold as they secure a contractor to start restoration planning efforts. The goal is to have a contractor in place later this month and for the RW TIG to start planning efforts at the end of May/early June. The RW TIG will then set up their planning teams.

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

Discussion Item 2: Cross TIG MAM Standing Agenda Item

- a. Discussion: Year 4 Task List. An updated task list was attached to the meeting agenda. The document clarified tasks for the MAM manual and the program evaluation efforts. It also outlined that the co-leadership role is currently held by NOAA and DOI, with one state co-lead. For the next year the Cross TIG MAM is planning to reduce the number of leads to just DOI and Florida as co-leads. The team also added in the budget information of approximately \$525,000 that will be provided to the RW TIG.
 - b. Decision: The task list and budget are approved by NOAA, DOI, EPA, FL, LA, TX, MS, and AL. USDA was not on the call.
 - c. Action Item: The MAM team will add up the numbers again to confirm that the total is accurate. TIG support will reach out to USDA for their approval via. (Note: USDA approved the Year 4 Task List via email)
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- a. Discussion: Sharing Draft Guidance Documents with NFWF and RESTORE. The Cross TIG MAM developed three draft guidance documents and have two questions. Several years ago, the TC approved establishing a folder to share documents with the RESTORE council and GEBF staff. Recently, GEBF staff have requested to review the three draft guidance documents. The Cross TIG MAM would like to know whether the TC approves sharing. These documents are draft final and were originally

circulated to the TC last year. At that time header language was requested before any versions were released to the public. The second question relates to the process for sharing documents with RESTORE and GEBF in the future. Should the Cross TIG MAM check in with the TC every time or can they share what they think is appropriate? Discussion. The plan is to release these documents to the public via the Trustee Council Website in the next month or two.

- b. Decision: The TC approves sharing the three draft guidance documents with RESTORE and GEBF. The TC would like the Cross TIG MAM to check in before all documents are shared with RESTORE or GEBF.

Discussion Item 3: Annual Reporting Check-in

- a. Discussion: The annual reporting process is going along according to schedule. The TIGs are now in a new QA/QC process where they are getting a checklist that shows where data fields are missing. The hope is that the checklist will help them evaluate the information and identify if there is anything not filled in that should be. The annual reports release date for the public is May 31.

Discussion Item 4: Trustee Council Annual Public Meeting and Public Outreach/Education (NRDA 101)

- a. Discussion: Logistics update. The logistics are set up at City Hall in Pensacola. The room block is already closed. The group discussed whether the chair/vice-chair will do the TIG portions or the TIG representatives will present their own slides.
- b. Decision: The TIGs will each present their own slides.

- a. Discussion: Meeting run of show. TIG support will request attendance via email. We need to determine who will be speaking, who will be sitting at the listening table, and who is assigned to the open house tables. We also need to make nametags for everyone.
- b. Action Item: Reply to the TIG support email with your agency's expected attendance for the public meeting.

- a. Discussion: Outreach for public meeting. The TC will receive the factsheets, PowerPoint presentation, script, and talking points on May 13. Edits are requested by May 17 and approval is requested by May 21. Attachments will be sent via email and comments collated by TIG support.

- b. Action Item: TIG support will circulate the outreach materials when they are ready for TC edits.

- a. Topic: Executive session before the TC public meeting? If the TC would like to have an executive session then we need to know very soon so we can secure a location. Discussion regarding the need for a meeting. Agenda items include discussion of the upcoming 10-year-anniversary and program review. Could follow-up on the topics from the previous TC executive session.

- b. Discussion: There will be an executive session during the afternoon of June 6 in Pensacola.

- c. Action Item: TIG support will secure a meeting space and circulate a draft agenda.

Other Business

- a. NOAA received a solicitation from GoMOSES with a request for the TC to consider having a representative on the GoMOSES executive committee. Please think about this in advance of the in-person meeting. The request will be forward to TIG support for distribution to the TC.
- b. The June 3 call will be cancelled.
- c. The next call is July 1.