

**DWH Trustee Council
7/2/18 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
James Murphy	Chris Blankenship	Mary Josie Blanchard	Chris Doley
Robin Riechers	Amy Hunter	Kevin Reynolds	Rachel Sweeney
	Jane Calamusa	Debora McClain	Melissa Carle
	Patti Powell		
LA			
Alyson Graugnard			
		EPA	
	FL	Gale Bonanno	
MS	Gareth Leonard		DOJ
Chris Wells	Amy Raker		
Teri Wyly	Leslie Ames	USDA	
Gary Rikard	Nadia Martin	Ron Howard	
	Gil McRae	Marc Defley	
		Nancy McGee	

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The MS TIG is working on implementing the three projects approved in their Final Restoration Plan 1. Grand Bay is getting closer to completing their first acquisition transaction of approximately 1000 acres. Graveline Bay is in the earlier stages of acquisition. The final project is Nutrient Reduction in the Upper Pascagoula River. USDA is the implementing Trustee and the first round of the public outreach has been completed. Baseline water quality monitoring is underway. The MS TIG has recently initiated the planning process for Restoration Plan 2. They requested project ideas through August 11. The goal is to announce a reasonable range of alternatives at the MS restoration summit in November.
- b. The Cross TIG MAM task list for the next year has been approved. The focus on the next year is content on the MAM manual V2.0. They are regularly meeting as a workgroup and hold periodic in-person meetings. The group developed an in-person version of the MAM template. They are also reviewing the MAM chapter of the TC SOP. The group is working on new guidance for restoration approaches which will go to the TC for review in the coming months. The MAM workgroup expects to work on the programmatic evaluation and reporting report once direction is relayed from the TC. They requested that the TC discuss the approach to the programmatic evaluation and reporting report at the TC's in person meeting. They also raised the question of whether the TC would like MAM representatives present.

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

Discussion Item 2: 2018 Trustee Council Public Meeting

- a. Discussion: Logistics for the TC Meeting. Materials to Review. Additional Outreach Meeting.
- b. Discussion: The presentation and script for the additional outreach meeting will go out today. Comments are requested by COB on Monday, July 9. Then they will be incorporated and re-circulated for final approval by July 13. The TC factsheet, presentation, talking points, and script were circulated for review last week. These will be circulated as final FYI versions later today. The additional outreach session is moving forward and outreach to interested groups is ongoing to clarify that their attendance is requested and that this is a separate meeting.

Action Items:

- 1. Please send a list of your agency's attendees for the July 19 meeting by July 11 so the name tags can be developed.
- c. Discussion: Executive session on July 19 to discuss the MAM programmatic report and other topics. The group discussed the draft agenda. Section 10.4.2.4 may also be helpful for the TC to consider. The meeting is from 2-3:30 central in the Harbor room at the Marriott in Gulfport.

Decision: Agreement that having a member(s) of the Cross TIG MAM present would be helpful.

Action Items:

- 1. Trustees can have their MAM representatives attend as they see fit.
- 2. TIG support will add Section 10.4.2.4 Section A to the agenda.
- 3. MAM members will let TIG support know if a phone is needed.

Other Business

- a. The next TC call is Monday, August 6.

**DWH Trustee Council
8/6/18 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
James Murphy	Chris Blankenship	Mary Josie Blanchard	Aileen Smith
Robin Riechers	Amy Hunter		
	Jane Calamusa		
	Patti McCurdy		
LA	Kelli Swindle	EPA	
Alyson Graugnard		Gale Bonanno	
		Mary Kay Lynch	
	FL	Tim Landers	
MS	Leslie Ames		DOJ
Chris Wells	Phil Coram		
	Amy Raker	USDA	
	Gareth Leonard	Ron Howard	
	Gill McRae	Nancy McGee	
	Rachel Schmalfluss		

Discussion Item 1: New Chair

- a. Discussion: Leslie Ames (FL) is rotating in as the new chair effective August 1, 2018. Thanks to Gary Rikard (MS) for his work as the chair this past year.

Discussion Item 2: Report Outs

- a. The LA TIG has released four restoration plans to date. RP #1 was a phased restoration plan for habitat and birds that approved E&D for six projects that are underway now. Phase 2 of this plan will focus on project construction. Since the bird projects are moving faster than the other project types the LA TIG may split the subsequent plan into a bird habitat plan first and then a habitat and shoreline protection plan down the road when those projects are ready. RP #2 was released last month to reallocate \$22 million of early restoration funds that were not able to be used due to feasibility issues with the original project. This plan reallocated the recreational use funds to four projects. RP #3 was released earlier this year. It was specific to Barataria Basin and evaluated restoration types and approaches that would be appropriate for that basin. The Trustees selected restoration approaches that include large-scale sediment diversions and large-scale marsh creation plus ridge and elected to move forward the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion and one increment of the Large-Scale Marsh Creation, Component E, projects for further restoration planning and evaluation. Additional phased restoration plans will be released in the

future. RP #4 covered lost recreational use and nutrient reduction projects and was released last month with 23 projects. Looking forward, the LA TIG released a notice to solicit project ideas for living coastal marine resources (LMCRs) and they are working through projects that have been solicited.

- b. The RW TIG met in person in Gulfport last month. The small work group has been tasked with putting together the planning pieces as the group considers their next steps. The work group developed a draft schedule, budget, and process for a RW TIG Restoration Plan 1. The work group is recommending that the RW TIG follow a process similar to the strategic framework development. The process will entail standing up four technical teams (one for each LCMR) to develop screening criteria, project concepts, and other resource specific details. These groups would support a writing team. The workgroup is now drafting a charter or charge to guide each team. The proposed schedule is to conduct pre-planning work this fall, solicit project ideas from the public next spring, start plan development in the summer of 2019, and release a draft plan in early 2020. The RW TIG will likely have a contractor facilitate the resource teams and the writing team. A scope of work and budget is being developed for the contractor support. Budgets are also being developed for Trustee participation in restoration planning. The RW TIG will be reviewing/approving all the workgroup proposals in the near future.

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

Discussion Item 3: 2018 Trustee Council Workshop

- b. Discussion: Post Workshop wrap-up feedback
- c. Discussion: The workshop on Wednesday night in Gulfport was well-attended and well-received. The purpose of the meeting was to provide basic NRDA information as well as a discussion of how members of the public can submit projects. Overall, the meeting was very positive. The feedback and questions during the meeting were relevant and the panel answered them thoughtfully. Some common themes were that members of the public wanted to have more engagement like this where the panelists could respond, particularly events in their local communities. There was also a request for the Trustees to be explicit in their webstories and outreach about what opportunities for engagement there will be at a particular venue. The cross-TIG MAM will be working on next steps as to the 5-year programmatic report, but this small group will also keep working on considerations for future outreach activities.

Action Items:

1. The small group that planned the workshop will provide some final thoughts on the meeting to the TC soon and they will also likely submit a proposal for additional outreach opportunities to be discussed on the next TC call.

Other Business

- a. The next TC call is Monday, September 10.

**DWH Trustee Council
9/10/18 Conference Call Summary**

Attendees:

TX	AL	DOI	NOAA
James Murphy	Amy Hunter	Kevin Reynolds	Chris Doley
Robin Riechers	Nicole Hampton		
LA		EPA	USDA
Alyson Graugnard	FL	Gale Bonanno	Ron Howard
	Leslie Ames	Mary Kay Lynch	Mark Defley
MS	Amy Raker		USDA
Teri Wyly			

Discussion Item 1: Report Outs

- a. The AL TIG is working on Restoration Plan 2. The TIG hopes to release the final plan this week or next week. This plan covers 22 projects for about \$35 million and touches every restoration type except recreational use (which was covered in their first plan). The AL TIG is also working on implementing projects included in RP1. The Gulf State Park lodge is scheduled to open in November. Engineering and Design on the Ft. Morgan Pier project should be complete this fall. Bayfront Park in Mobile County is in the RFQ process to select a contractor. The AL TIG is also thinking about programmatic MAM activity and has started initial talks within the TIG and with the Cross TIG MAM group. The TIG anticipates working on programmatic MAM activities in the near future.

- b. The FL TIG hopes to release the Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment this week or next week. The plan has 24 alternatives for \$62 million in four restoration types (habitat projects on federally managed lands, nutrient reduction, water quality, and provide enhance recreational opportunities). Projects stretch from the Florida/Alabama border down the coast to southwest Florida. Some projects are just for planning and design, while others are proposed for implementation. The plan includes two nutrient reduction projects to be implemented by USDA and nine water quality projects. It also includes nine recreational use projects that include parks, trails, and park enhancements. The FL TIG expects to hold a public meeting and open house on October 2 in Tallahassee as well as a webinar on October 10.

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

Other Business

- a. The vice chair rotation is effective October 1 and notification of the new vice chair will be circulated via email.
- b. Reminder to review the TC call notes posted on SharePoint.
- c. The next TC call is Monday, October 1.