



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #V.D.1

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2014
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: FRCA MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Attached is the FRCA Monthly Accomplishments Report.



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: July 2014

OUTREACH

- Issued FRCA's first electronic quarterly newsletter to all regional planning council members, all other city and county elected officials, and over 130 FRCA stakeholders.
- Along with Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Chair of the FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee, met with the following individuals to help develop guidance and feedback for Senate staff on changes to the Development of Regional Impact Program that are anticipated during the 2015 Legislative Session:
 - Gary Hunter, Attorney, Hopping Green & Sams
 - Nancy Linnan, Attorney, Carlton Fields Jordan Burt
 - Charles Pattison, President, 1000 Friends of Florida
 - David Powell, Attorney, Hopping Green & Sams
 - Linda Loomis Shelley, Attorney, Buchannan Ingersoll Rooney
 - Tom Yeatman, Director, Senate Committee on Community Affairs
- Along with Chairman Teeple (NEFRC), met with Gail Stafford to explore partnership opportunities with the Florida Energy Office.
- Along with Chairman Teeple (NEFRC), met with Ana Richmond, Chief, Bureau of Community Planning, to discuss matters of mutual interest.
- Along with Chairman Teeple (NEFRC) and Chris Rietow (ARPC), met with Bryan Koon, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, to thank Mr. Koon for his ongoing support and see how the regional planning councils might provide further assistance to the Division.
- Along with Chris Rietow (ARPC) met with Paul Johnson, an environmental consultant, regarding potential opportunities for regional planning councils to help implement the RESTORE Act.
- Met with Bob Jones, Director of the Florida Consensus Center, regarding FRCA's role in the Center's newest initiative – Florida Civic Advance.
- Reached out to Paul Wotherspoon from the Florida Division of Emergency Management multiple times during the month to continue pursuing resolution to issues associated with a variety of contracts between the Division and the regional planning councils.
- Continued to work with Julie Dennis in the Division of Community Development at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on a potential National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Project of Special merit grant application on behalf of the regional planning councils.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in Enterprise Florida's monthly conference call for its economic development partners; teleconferences hosted

by the Florida Transportation Commission and Florida Defense Support Task Force; and, meetings of the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition and Rural Economic Development Initiative.

- Participated in a community resiliency webinar hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.
- Participated in a federal transportation webinar hosted by the National Association of Regional Councils regarding the status of transportation reauthorization.
- Participated in a Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Forum Partners' Planning Meeting to continue development an agenda for the Forum, which is scheduled for September 29-October 1, 2014 in Lake Buena Vista.
- Distributed funding announcements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Climate Solutions University; Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; U.S. Department of Commerce; and, U.S. Department of the Interior.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

- Finalized and distributed summaries of the bills tracked by FRCA during the 2014 Legislative Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Created an outline for the 2013-14 FRCA annual report based on the Six Pillars for Florida's Future Economy and sent instructions for updating their respective portions of the report to each of the Executive Directors.
- Sent FRCA Policy Board orientation packages to Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Ft. Myers (SWFRPC); Mr. Steve Cutshaw, Gubernatorial Appointee (ARPC); and, Mr. Darryl Register, Gubernatorial Appointee (NEFRC).
- Held a conference call with Commissioner Patty Asseff (City of Hollywood), FRCA President, Chairman Teeple (NEFRC), and Jim Murley (SFRPC) to set the agenda and structure for the August 15, 2014 FRCA Policy Board Meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference at the Westin Diplomat in Hollywood.
- Revised the FRCA Bylaws to reflect current FRCA practices and address concerns raised by the SWFRPC and sent them out for review in preparation for the August 15, 2014 FRCA Policy Board meeting.
- Negotiated hotel contracts, handled all meeting logistics, and prepared the board packages for the August 14, 2014 FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee meeting and August 15, 2014 FRCA Policy Board meeting.