

BISCAYNE BAY REGIONAL RESTORATION COORDINATION TEAM

Meeting #26

October 10, 2003
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

South Florida Water Management District
Miami-Dade Field Station

Report of Proceedings

WELCOME/CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA REVIEW

Team Chair, Humberto Alonso, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He reviewed the Agenda for the day (Exhibit A) and announced that his alternate on the Team would be Deborah Drum.

Mr. Alonso announced that a Project Manager had been retained to assist the Team with the organization and writing of their Action Plan and he introduced the Team's new Project Manager, John Hulsey, of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. As Mr. Hulsey will now serve as the Project Manager, he will no longer sit as a regular participant on the Team representing the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC). His replacement on the Team for the SFRPC will be Allyn Childress.

Mr. Alonso then turned the meeting over to the Facilitator, Janice Fleischer,

Ms. Fleischer reviewed the Team's Discussion Guidelines and announced the meeting schedule of the Biscayne Bay Strategic Access Plan Advisory Team. The work of the Access Advisory Team will have an impact on and be a resource to this Coordination Team. Team member Susan Markley remarked that she was not aware that the Trust for Public Land, the entity responsible for writing the Strategic Access Plan for Biscayne Bay, had formed an advisory group.

Members present:

Humberto Alonso, Jr., Chair, South Florida Water Management District
Daniel Apt, Department of Environmental Protection
Sarah Bellmund, Biscayne National Park
Marisa Bluestone, Florida Legislature-Miami-Dade County
Joan Browder, NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service
Allyn Childress, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Marsha Colbert, Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve
Nancy Diersing, NOAA/FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary
Cindy Dwyer, Miami Dade Planning & Zoning
Cynthia Guerra, Tropical Audubon
Susan Markley, Miami-Dade DERM
Rafaela Monchek, South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
Patrick Pitts, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Commission

Keith Revell, At-Large Member
Joe Walsh, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT/WORKPLAN

John Hulsey discussed his new role as BBRRCT Project Manager. He handed out a "Draft Work Program" (Exhibit B). Mr. Hulsey explained that the work program diagram includes colored boxes, with the colors representing the months in which each activity takes place. This diagram will be revised as changes are made.

Following Mr. Hulsey's presentation, Team members made the comments listed below:

1. Coordination function missing from Workplan
2. There should be an Executive Summary of work that other groups are doing
3. Action Plan needs to go beyond project selection
4. Objective is to have a project list for all the agencies
5. This group needs to get back in balance – need to review who is at the table
6. Problem is that most attendees end up being just agency staff

SMALL GROUP REPORTS

At the end of this discussion, Ms. Fleischer explained that each of the small work groups that had met at the last meeting would be giving a short report on the results of their work. The Team was directed to their packets for a copy of the chart depicting the work of each Small Group subsequent to the last meeting (Exhibit C).

SMALL GROUP REPORT AND PLENARY DISCUSSION- *USES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY GOAL*

Following the Group's Report, the Team comments were:

1. Fishing groups – Port of Miami expansion blasting will severely affect fishing
2. Sara will get a park visitor summary and bring to group
3. Repository of information is needed – clearinghouse
4. There are many things in all goal groups that are same
5. Fisheries Management Plan is being done now
6. Need to have a web-based library
Check BBPI list

SMALL GROUP REPORT AND PLENARY DISCUSSION- *ACCESSIBLE GOAL*

Following the Group's Report, the Team comments were:

1. Objectives not quantifiable (x's shown on Chart)
2. DERM and other agencies have extensive data and storage and other issue topics
3. Licensing program for boaters
4. Consider folks who travel on the intracoastal from other states

At this point, the Team took a short break. Upon returning from their break, the Team continued their discussion.

SMALL GROUP REPORT AND PLENARY DISCUSSION- *RESTORATION GOAL*

Following the Group's Report, the Team comments were:

1. Really need water storage to supplement during dry seasons
- add to objectives under Water Timing & Flow
2. Need to clean up Objective #1 under Water Management & Flow
- maybe increase numbers
3. These goals may not be seen as balanced
- need to look at private sector reactions
4. Marine-based issues
#4 with "?" - fees charged for anchorages, this should be moved to economic group
5. If anchorages made to pay, then folks may move to more environmentally sensitive areas -
this is a bad result
6. Marine-based pollution from folks who can afford anchorages belong here and in other Goal groups
7. Move UDB? - To where? Clarify this
8. We need a mechanism to deal with issues that conflict

PROJECT MANAGER'S PRESENTATION/ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BISCAYNE BAY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

At the conclusion of the Small Group Reports, Mr. Hulseley presented a list of Issues and Objectives taken from the Biscayne Bay Partnership Initiative's Final Report and related them to the Team's Goals of "Readily Accessible and Appreciated" and "Uses and Economic Activity". (Exhibit C) Mr. Hulseley explained that the issues and objectives did not include those from the Science Team Report which would be included before the next meeting.

After Mr. Hulseley's presentation, the Team broke for lunch.

SMALL GROUP WORK REVISITED

Ms. Fleischer asked the Team to break into the same three small goal groups as they had done at the last meeting. The Team members were directed to review their charts and consider the previous reports and comments and make any revisions or additions they thought necessary.

She reminded the Team to complete one step at a time, not moving on until they identified Objectives for each sub-goal. She encouraged them to avoid designating Action Steps until all Objectives were completed.

The groups worked for the remainder of the afternoon.

ADJOURN

Team members were reminded to fill in their Evaluations prior to adjourning for the day.

Ms. Fleischer announced the next meeting would be on November 14, 2003.