



GULF CONSORTIUM

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Gulf Consortium Meeting in Walton County Summary

The full Board of Directors for the Gulf Consortium held a meeting in Walton County on Wednesday, September 17. The Board had a full and productive agenda. The items can be accessed [here](#) for reference. Some highlights of the meeting included the Board's approval of the Best & Final Offer request as the next phase of the Consortium's hiring of a consultant team to develop the State Expenditure Plan for submission to the Restoration Council from Florida. The Chairperson of the Evaluation Team, Roman Gastesi from Monroe County, along with Shelly Kelley, Procurement Director for Leon County, presented the document, along with an update on the process to the full Board. The request for Best & Final Officer will be distributed this week to the final four consultant teams for their response. In addition, Sarah Bleakley, interim General Counsel, provided a full report to the Board on the Executive Committee's approval of comments to the U.S. Treasury Interim Final Rule, on behalf of the Consortium. Those comments were submitted on September 15 and can be viewed [here](#). Furthermore, Sarah Bleakley presented proposed comments for the Board's approval on the Restoration Council's Interim Final Rule on the Spill Impact Allocation. Those comments, with editorial revisions, were submitted to the Council on Monday, September 15 and can be viewed [here](#). The Consortium was grateful for the DEP [presentation](#) by Phil Coram explaining the Restoration Council's Funded Priorities List process for the counties. The priorities from Florida are currently due to be submitted to the Council by November

Important Dates

NACo Gulf States County & Parishes Caucus Annual Meeting

October 15, 2014
Beau Rivage Resort &
Casino
Biloxi, MS

Gulf Consortium Meeting Wednesday, November 19th 9:30am-12:00noon EST

Hillsborough County -
in conjunction with
FAC Legislative
Conference -
Waterside Marriott

17. Finally, the Consortium Board appreciated the [presentation](#) by Griff Salmon from Enterprise Florida on economic development opportunities. The next Consortium Board meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., eastern, at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina in Tampa, Florida, on Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

NACo Gulf States County & Parishes Caucus Annual Meeting

On October 15, 2014, at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi, NACo will hold its annual [meeting](#) for the Gulf States County & Parishes Caucus. The agenda is packed with sessions on the RESTORE Act, including NFWF restoration efforts, updates on the Act's implementation status, and the Restoration Council's Comprehensive Plan information. In addition, the Caucus is holding sessions on the National Flood Insurance Program implementation issues such as the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 and the 2017 reauthorization bill for the NFIP. Other sessions will focus on BP oil settlement issues directly, including the claims process and a proposed Texas resolution on the oil spill itself. Finally, the agenda features a session on the potential impact of the Waters of the U.S. proposed rule on coastal counties. Registration information for the meeting can be found [here](#).

Save the Date: November 19, 2014

The next Consortium Board meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., eastern, at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina in Tampa, Florida, on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. For more information, contact [Ginger Delegal](#) at FAC.

Deepwater Horizon Partner Meetings

The Board of Directors for the Gulf Consortium was pleased to have several RESTORE partner representatives at its last meeting in Walton County on September 17. Thank you to the Governor's Office and to the Department of Environmental Protection for attending. In addition, Consortium staff have met with Governor's Office representatives this week to further open lines of communication and cooperation on the development of the State Expenditure Plan for Florida. Similarly, Consortium staff has met with DEP staff this week to also continue the

cooperative work of the Consortium on the development of Florida's SEP. Staff looks forward to the next opportunities to also meet with these partners, before the next Consortium Board meeting.

Anticipated Changes to Consortium Appointees

With the upcoming elections in November, a few of the Consortium Appointed Directors will no longer be serving as elected county commissioners. When this occurs, each county's chairperson and administrator will be sent correspondence, asking them to reappoint an individual to serve on the Consortium.

While the tradition has been that elected county commissioners serve as a county's director on the Consortium, it is not required in the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Gulf Consortium. If you are aware that one of your commissioners will not be returning to office, please look for your new appointment form.

For more information or questions, please contact Consortium Interim General Counsel [Sarah Bleakley](#).

Questions or Comments?

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Gulf Consortium please visit our website at www.FACRestore.com, or contact the Consortium's Director Ginger Delegal at gdelegal@fl-counties.com or (850) 922-4300.

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