

Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel (TBCSAP)

Convened by UF/IFAS Extension, Florida Sea Grant

Location: Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Meeting Date: April 14, 2014

The Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel is a scientific advisory board convening to support local governments in their efforts to plan for a changing climate.

Meeting Report

On April 14, 2014 the University of Florida/IFAS Extension, Florida Sea Grant convened the first official meeting of a Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel of local stakeholders to discuss regional sea-level rise research and planning efforts. See attached agenda and list of attendees.

Agenda Item #1. Pinellas County Planning for Extreme Weather, Floodplain Management, and Sea-Level Rise

Gordon Beardslee, Pinellas County Planning Department

Mr. Beardslee detailed the history of Pinellas County's planning efforts for climate change. In 2008, Pinellas County introduced language addressing climate change into their Comprehensive Plan. Today the county sees its planning efforts divided into three major groups: (1) coordinating within the multi-county region, (2), coordinating alongside the 24 municipal governments in Pinellas County, and (3) interdepartmental coordination within Pinellas County. Pinellas County planning efforts were presented to the Board of County Commissioners on June 30, 2014 and were generally well received. Mr. Beardslee stated the input from a scientific advisory board will be an important contribution to planning efforts.

Agenda Item #2. Technical Working Group Objectives were revised as follows.

Amended Group Name: Regional Climate Adaptation Technical Working Group
(Revised from Regional Collaborative Sea Level Rise Technical Working Group)
**Eventually changed to the Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel (TBCSAP).*

Overarching Goal: Collaborate to support local governments in their efforts to plan for a changing climate.

Objectives:

1. Convene inter-agency partners working both within their own agency and in cooperation with other agencies on research and/or community adaptation projects related to a changing climate.
2. Inventory existing projects including project objectives, partners, time scales, and needs.
3. Identify existing reports and data sets that can be utilized by local governments in their comprehensive planning efforts for a changing climate.

Agenda Item #3. Group Composition

Participants are generally pleased with present representation on the working group. It was emphasized that we will bring in context experts as needed. We will be sure to reach out to partners such as the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Fish and Wildlife, Federal Fish and Wildlife.

Agenda Item #4. Leadership Framework of Regional Planning Effort

The Tampa Climate Science Advisory Panel will convene regional (4-county Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Pasco), public and private partners to engage the conversation of policy and planning for resilient communities. The kickoff of this initiative will be May 2nd at the One Bay Working Group. The structure of the group working group is TBD. UF/IFAS Extension will continue to work with the TBCSAP to look to other regions of Florida and the nation for best management practices on Climate Adaptation Planning Leadership Frameworks.

Agenda Item #5. Next Steps

- **May 2, 2014 9:30-11:30-** Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will use One Bay meeting to initiate Resilient Communities Working Group initiative aimed at Policy Planning.
- **June 2014** - The Regional Climate Adaptation Technical Working Group will hold next meeting.

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TBCSAP Member Attendees on 4/14/14:

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Hillsborough County	Margaret Rush
Pasco County	Curtis Franklin

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Southwest Florida Water Management District	John Ferguson, P.G.
Tampa Bay Estuary Program	Lindsay Cross
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council	Maya Burke
Tampa Bay Water	Dr. Alison Adams, P.E.
The National Weather Service, Tampa Bay	Dr. Charlie Paxton
University of South Florida, Dept. of Geosciences	Dr. Mark Hafen
US Geological Survey	Dr. Nathaniel Plant

Guest Attendees on 4/14/14:

Organization	Name
FL Sea Grant UF/IFAS Extension Intern	Amy Laurie
FL Sea Grant UF/IFAS Extension	Mary Campbell, Pinellas County Director
Pinellas County Planning Department	Gordon Beardslee