

Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin Stakeholders
GOVERNING BOARD

The Cotton Exchange (Water St. and Ave. E), Apalachicola, FL

April 25-26, 2013

9:00 am Thursday – 12:30 pm Friday

DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting Objectives/Desired Outcomes:

- Consider the proposed annual plan from the Issues Committee;
- Receive an update from the Technical Oversight and Contracting Work Group (TOCWG);
- Learn about the results of the current conditions modeling and discuss which of the observations about current system operations are significant to address in the SWMP;
- Get a status report on a bay assessment tool for the SWMP process;
- Hear update from The University Collaborative (TUC) and a basin forecast from Blue Water Outlook;
- Learn about **insert topic for Felicia Coleman**
- Learn about other ACFS committee and work group activities, and organize next steps including:
 - Financial report and learn about ongoing fundraising activities;
 - Consider 2013 Operating Budget modifications recommended by the Finance Committee
 - Update on membership recruitment activities;
 - Intergovernmental Affairs and Education and Outreach.
- Suggest topics for next Governing Board meeting and discuss next steps.

Thursday, April 25, 2013

8:30-9:00 Informal Gathering, Registration

9:00-9:20 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Objectives and Agenda

Advance materials: ACFS April 2013 Governing Board Meeting Draft Agenda.

Billy Turner, ACFS Chair
Gail Bingham, facilitator

9:20-9:30 Old Business

Objective: Approve December meeting summary. Complete any other old business.

Advance materials: ACFS December 2012 GB Meeting Summary

Billy Turner, ACFS Chair

9:30-9:45 Secretary's Report

Objective: Receive the Annual Report of the Secretary pursuant to the Charter

Bill McCartney, ACFS Secretary

9:45-10:15 Issues Committee: 2013 Annual Plan and Action Plan

Objectives: Review, revise as needed and approve the 2013 Annual Action Plan

Advance materials: ACFS 2013 Annual Action Plan – Draft; Action Plan Outline and Implementation Chart (for reference only)

Jim Phillips, Issues Committee Chair

- 10:15-10:30 BREAK
- 10:30-11:00 The University Collaborative – Status Report and Next Steps
Objective: Hear a report from Phase 2 of the Institutional Options Study
 Laurie Fowler and Shannon Bonney, University of Georgia
- 11:00-12:00 SWMP Status Report
Objective: Receive progress report from TOCWG Chair Brad Moore and from technical consultants on on-going Task Orders work including water demands and returns, IFA, water management alternatives submitted to date, current conditions modeling, etc. A report of the findings of the current conditions modeling will be presented after lunch.
 Advance materials: **TBD**
 Presentations [45 min]
 Brad Moore, Chair TOCWG
 Steve Simpson, Black & Veatch
 Marty Kelly, Atkins
 Questions and Discussion [15 min]
- 12:00-1:00 LUNCH
- 1:00-2:45 SWMP: Presentation of Current Conditions Modeling Results
Objectives: Gain insights on the effects of various factors on system operation. These factors include evaporation, dam operations (regulation), and consumptives uses (demands minus returns). Effects on lake levels and releases, recreation, navigation, demand deficits, Fish and Wildlife Service environmental flow guidelines, monthly river flows, and hydropower were calculated.
 Advance materials: Current Conditions Executive Summary
 Presentation [75 min]
 Steve Simpson, Black & Veatch
 Aris Georgakakos, Georgia Water Resources Institute
 Questions and Discussion [30 min]
- 2:45-3:00 BREAK
- 3:00-4:30 Small Group Discussion: Current Conditions Results and WMA Ideas
Objectives: Provide an opportunity for ACFS members to ask questions of the modelers in a small group setting and to discuss which of the effects on stakeholder interests are significant and ideas for water management alternatives to consider. Four or five small groups will be formed by topic rather than caucus, and a member of the technical team will sit with each small group. A worksheet will be provided to record points made during the discussion about what stakeholders find to be significant and ideas for WMAs.
 Advance materials: WMA Summary
 Suggested format:
 - follow up questions [30 min]
 - share perspectives on which effects are most significant to address in the SWMP and ideas for WMAs that might address them [50 min]
 - identify one or two people to share individual ideas with the full group about what is significant in the findings to them and why, as examples for further

*discussion; review notes on worksheet to be sure all key points are recorded
[10 min]*

Suggested topic groups (those interested in navigation or other topics will be asked to choose a group with similar performance criteria):

- A. lake levels and recreation*
- B. monthly river flows and demands deficits*
- C. environmental flows*
- D. hydropower*

4:30-5:15 **General Discussion: Current Conditions Results and WMA Ideas**
Objectives: Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share perspectives in the full group about what findings are significant (and why) and about WMAs to consider.

- o six to eight individual perspectives [5 min each]*
- o general discussion and additional ideas*

5:15-5:30 **Public Comment**

5:30 **ADJOURN FOR THE DAY**

6:00 Reception and Dinner – Waterfront

Friday, April 26, 2013

8:00-8:05 **Reconvene Governing Board Meeting**
Objective: Reflection from previous days; Review agenda for today.

Billy Turner, ACFS Chair
Gail Bingham, facilitator

8:05-9:15 **Open Discussion [if needed]**
Objectives: Complete any unresolved decisions carried over from previous day. Address additional topics that arose during the meeting.

*[alternatively] **Caucus Discussion: Current Conditions Results and WMA Ideas**
*Objective: Continue discussion of current conditions results and WMA ideas in sub-basin caucuses.**

Suggested discussion questions:

- o what are the findings affecting our sub-basin that are most significant and that we would like to see addressed in the SWMP?*
- o what WMAs currently address those issues or concerns?*
- o what other ideas might we want to add to the WMAs submitted to date?*
- o who will take the lead on submitting additional WMAs?*

9:15-10:00 **Bay Assessment Status Report**
Objective: Review what's been learned so far about various choices for assessing the impacts on the Apalachicola Bay and Estuary of possible changes in freshwater flows modeled for various water management alternatives.

Advance materials: Bay Assessment Expert Input Summary

Presentation [30 min]

Woody Hicks, Ad Hoc Bay Assessment Work Group chair

Questions and Discussion [15 min]

10:00-10:15 BREAK

10:15-11:00 Information Session – TITLE

Objective:

Presentation [30 min]

Felicia Coleman, Florida State University

Questions and Discussion [15 min]

11:00-11:15 Information Session – River, Climate and Weather Forecast in the ACF Basin

Objectives: Update from Blue Water Outlook

Presentation [15 min]

John Feldt, Blue Water Outlook

11:15-12:00 Committee and Work Group Status Reports

Objectives: Learn about current committee and work group activities. Includes current financial report, fundraising activities, consideration of budget modifications and other committee activities.

Advance materials: Financial Statement; Fundraising Report; Recommended 2013 Operating Budget Modifications

Finance Committee and Fundraising [25 min]

Greg Elmore, Finance Committee chair

Brad Currey/Wilton Rooks, Fundraising

Membership [5 min]

Jim Poff, Membership Committee chair

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee [10 min]

Betty Webb, Intergovernmental Committee chair

Education and Outreach Committee [5 min]

Deron Davis, Education and Outreach Committee chair

12:00-12:15 Public Comment

12:15-12:30 Wrap up and Next Steps

Objectives: Summarize decisions and next steps, with assignments. Identify possible topics for the June meeting, and discuss dates and location.

12:30 ADJOURN MEETING

1:00 – 3:00 TOCWG Follow up Meeting (brown bag lunches provided)