

CHARLOTTE HARBOR FLATWOODS INITIATIVE

June 19, 2019 Meeting Notes

South Florida Water Management District, Fort Myers Service Center

SWFWMD Updates – Tara Harter, SWFWMD

- Updated SWIM Plan by end of year

SFWMD Updates - Kim Fikoski, SFWMD

- On June 14, the Florida Forever Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) voted unanimously (1st vote) for Stolle Ranch & Charlotte 580 to proceed through the project evaluation process for potential addition to the 2020 Florida Forever Final Priority List. The Florida Forever Assessment Team will conduct a site visit in July to evaluate the project (now completed). On October 18 ARC will hold a 2nd vote, and if both properties get a yes vote, then on December 12 they will be ranked and approved by ARC to be placed on 2020 Final Priority List for late spring/early summer BOT approval. If accepted into the boundary, then both properties could be considered for acquisition by mid-2020.

Bond Farm Updates - Barry Lenz, HDR Engineering; Jeff Vollat & Stephanie Long, ADA Engineering

- Submitted permit applications to FDEP and USACE in April 2019

Project Updates – Roger Copp, Water Sciences Associates

- Field work including drill borings, monitoring wells, and surveying at Yucca Pens with Charlotte County Burnt Store Widening Mitigation Funds (\$148,000) almost complete. Fire wells to be installed in June. Southwest Engineering and Design is the prime contractor. This work will provide more detailed info on hydrogeology, more accurate surface and groundwater info, and cross sections for creeks, sloughs and flow-ways in Yucca Pens and surrounding area.

CHNEP Updates – Nicole Iadevaia, CHNEP

- The Coastal and Heartlands National Estuary Partnership is administering the Lower Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods Hydrologic Restoration Planning project funding received by DEP with the Deepwater Horizon - Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDA) funds. Most of the meeting was spent with the partners assisting CHNEP in the development of the DEP Grant Agreement Scope which includes data collection, modeling, and development of a Strategic Hydrological Planning Tool for future Webb/Yucca Pens WMA's restoration projects.

Next Quarterly Meeting..... SAVE THE DATE..... September 18, 2019