

CHARLOTTE HARBOR FLATWOODS INITIATIVE MEETING NOTES

September 16, 2020 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

South Florida Water Management District WebEx Meeting

SFWMD Update:

- Kim Fikoski, CHFI Coordinator started the 3rdQ CHFI WebEx meeting. She noted all participants are muted upon entry to the meeting to avoid background noise disruptions and she encouraged everyone to unmute themselves if they wanted to ask questions or make comments. Using Chat was an additional option for communicating, but unmuting for freer communication was encouraged.
- DEP is in the initial phase of exploring pursuing Charlotte 580 and Stolle Ranch for acquisition with Florida Forever funding. Billy Rollins, LSI will broker both properties. Updates will be provided at the December meeting.
- Congratulations were sent out to Debi Osborn, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast for being named a 2020 Woman of Influence in Sarasota Magazine.
- The SWFWMD SWIM Plan comment period has closed, and the Final Plan which includes the CHFI will go to the SWFWMD Governing Board October 20, 2020. To view the Plan as well as the meeting info go to their webpage www.WaterMatters.org.

FWC Bond Farm Project Update: Sue Ray, HDR Eng., presented a ppt overview of the Bond Farm Hydrologic Enhancement Impoundment (HEI) final design. Contact Sue at (561) 209-6605 or susan.ray@hdrinc.com to discuss the presentation further.

Lower Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods Hydrologic Restoration Planning Project:

- Roger Copp, Water Sciences Associates (WSA) and Project PM, presented a ppt overview of Task 1a. Existing Data Discovery Technical Memorandum, Task 3a. Water Level Survey Data, Task 3b. Wet Season Water Level Indicators (ecological field work is underway), and Task 4a. 1st Q Monitoring data. Roger will keep us up to date on deliverables throughout the CHNEP/DEP Study to be complete by July 2022. Kim Dryden asked if the monitoring wells would continue to be monitored post Study. CHNEP, FWC and SFWMD are exploring future funding options.
- Contact Roger at (813) 431-4959 or roger@wsaconsult.com to discuss the presentation or if you have additional studies, plans, reports, permits, presentations, or other pertinent information that should be added to the Existing Data Discovery Technical Memorandum.
- As requested in the meeting, Roger has provided a link to the data from the Yucca Pens tidal flow monitoring station that is available on-line on a real-time basis at <http://data.locherenv.com/vdv/>

The login is: **yuccapens**, and the password is: **yp051820**.

CHNEP Update: Nicole Iadevaia, Research & Outreach Manager presented a ppt on the Economic Valuation of the CHNEP Area and Cost-Benefit Analysis of the CHFI. Contact Nicole at 941-575-3313, NIadevaia@chnep.org to discuss the presentation further.

Open Forum for Stakeholders, Additional Information, and Recommended Future Agenda items:

- Corey Anderson, FWC provided an update on the North Branch Yucca Pen Creek hydrologic restoration concept he presented at our June meeting. FWC, FL Park Service, FDOT, FDOT consultants, Lee DOT, and Lee County Natural Resources met in August to discuss further. FL Park Service has funding this year for design of the proposed aquatic connectivity improvements (stream crossing improvements). The historical upstream wetland offsite was identified as needing additional drainage once Burnt Store Road is widened, and consideration of alternative options that serve drainage and habitat needs is currently underway. Contact Corey at 863-581-6898 or Corey.Anderson@MyFWC.com to discuss further.

All of today's presentations, meeting notes, and additional CHFI information are available on the CHNEP Water Atlas CHFI Webpage link below:

<https://chnep.wateratlas.usf.edu/charlotte-harbor-flatwoods-initiative/>

Next Quarterly Meeting: December 16, 2020