

Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods Initiative
December 13, 2018 Meeting Notes by Kim Fikoski

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Updates- Mike Kemmerer, FWC

- Planning for new monitoring wells, fire wells and surveys at Yucca Pens with Charlotte County Burnt Store Widening Mitigation Funds.

Bond Farm Updates- Jeffrey Vollat, ADA Engineering & Barry Lenz, HDR Engineering

- The 60% design is in progress and under QA and value engineering review through January 2019.

Yucca Pens Analysis - Kevin Erwin, Kevin Erwin Consulting Ecologist

- Discussion of findings and recommendation of the November 2018 Yucca Pens Hydrological Study – study attached

Project Updates- Roger Copp, Water Science Associates

- PowerPoint presentation on Hydrologic Restoration of Webb WMA and Yucca Pens - attached
- Cape Coral anticipates FDEP Grant for Yucca Pens Ecological Studies early 2019

SWFWMD Updates- Lizanne Garcia, SWFWMD

- Charlotte Harbor SWIM Plan update includes the CHFI. It is undergoing peer review with the goal of providing a draft to their Governing Board late Spring.

CHNEP Updates- Jennifer Hecker, CHNEP

- Veronica Runge is the new Outreach Associate
- Danielle Berhol is the new Finance and Grant Specialist who will be administering the Burnt Store Widening Mitigation Funds from Charlotte County for FWC work noted above

South Florida Water Management District Updates- Kim Fikoski, SFWMD

- Jose Otero is the new Everglades and Local Project Coordination Section Administrator (WPB)

Southwest Estuarine Restoration Team (SWERT) – Corey Anderson, FWC; Kevin Kalasz, USFWS

- Presentation in March to discuss new committee’s mission/vision statement

Other Discussion

- Deep Water Horizon NRDA funding update – Kim Fikoski – public comment extended until December 28 due to Hurricane Michael. Yucca Pens Hydrological Restoration Planning remains a “preferred” project. Funding status will be known early 2019.
- Discussed need for follow up on the August 2015 Vital Tidal Creeks Land and Conservation Prioritization Analysis from the Tidal Creek Restoration Sub-Committee.
- Discussed need for Acquisition and Funding support. Brenda McClymonds of TPL is retiring early 2019 and Katie Brown may be able to assist if her schedule allows. Debi Osborne, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast is interested in participating in the CHFI and will attend the next meeting. Kevin Kalasz will assist with grants.
- Hudson Creek Project (ERP 181015-895) – aerial attached – adjacent to Yucca Pens and presented to determine if any restoration partnership opportunities may exist
- Tuckers Point Concept Plan (CH CO) – aerial attached – presented to determine if any restoration partnership opportunities may exist
- Stolle Ranch – aerial attached – adjacent to Bond Farm to the east - presented as an acquisition opportunity for additional storage from Webb WMA. 2,064 acres in Charlotte County and 691 acres in Lee County.
- **Next Quarterly Meeting..... SAVE THE DATE..... March 27, 2019**