BETTER PROJECTS FOR ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY (AWS)

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- FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP)
 RECEIVED \$40 MILLION IN FUNDING FROM GOVERNOR RON
 DESANTIS/FLORIDA LEGISLATURE FOR AWS GRANTS TO FIVE WATER
 MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (WMD'S)
- DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING THROUGH VIABLE PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY WMD'S
- WMD'S SEEK PARTNERS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS TO DEVELOP PROJECTS FOR AWS GRANT FUNDING



STAKEHOLDERS:

Florida citizens

Legislature

Governor

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Water Management Districts

Local government entities and utilities

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SRWMD Participants	Position
Hugh Thomas	Executive Director
Steve Minnis	Deputy Executive Director
Pat Webster	Chief Professional Engineer
Ben Glass	Legislative and Governmental Affairs Chief

FDEP Participants	Position
Adam Blalock	Deputy Secretary for Ecosystems Restoration
Ed Smith	Director Office of Ecosystem Projects
Frank Powell	Assistant Deputy Secretary for Ecosystems
Philip Madden	Executive Staff Director
Jennifer Adams	Operations Review Specialist
Stefanie Weeks	Operations Review Specialist
Christina Coger	Program Administrator

 NRLI PRACTICUM TEAM HELD VIRTUAL MEETING
 (1 HOUR) VIA SKYPE ON MARCH 27, 2020, WITH SENIOR MANAGEMENT FROM FDEP AND SRWMD.

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MEETING

- FACE TO FACE MEETING (2 HOURS) WITH SENIOR
 MANAGEMENT FROM FDEP AND SRWMD IN LIVE OAK,
 FLORIDA ON MARCH 27, 2020 AT THE SRWMD.
- PREPARATION:
 - SITUATION ASSESSMENT MATRIX
 - COORDINATED TIME OF MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND EXPECTATIONS OF MEETING WITH FDEP AND SRWMD
 - DEVELOPED PROCESS AGENDA
 - DEVELOPED AND DISTRIBUTED PARTICIPANT AGENDA
- PARTICIPANT AGENDA REMAINED THE SAME; REDUCED
 TIME ASSOCIATED WITH EACH ACTIVITY AND MODIFIED
 ACTIVITIES TO GATHER INFORMATION

TECHNIQUES - PLANNED

- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (ICEBREAKER QUESTION)
 - PLEASE TELL ME WHY AWS IS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC TO FDEP AND/OR THE SRWMD? (SRMD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FDEP DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION)
- AWS CRITERIA (BREAK OUT GROUPS/FLIP CHARTS)
 - EACH SMALL GROUP (TOTAL OF 3 WITH 3-4 INDIVIDUALS) TO INCLUDE STAFF
 FROM BOTH FDEP AND SRWMD. FLIP CHARTS POSITIONED IN CORNERS OF
 ROOM, EACH WITH A SEPARATE QUESTION (1) CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING
 CRITERIA; (2) ADDITION AND/OR REMOVAL OF EXISTING CRITERIA; (3) AND
 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SOLICITATION PROCESS (E.G. SCHEDULE FOR AWS
 PROJECT SELECTION)
 - AFTER BREAKOUT GROUPS DEBRIEF WITH PARTICIPANT FROM EACH BREAKOUT GROUP TO SUMMARIZE INFORMATION ON FLIP CHART.
- COMMUNICATION OF AWS GRANT PROGRAM (ROUND ROBIN/FLIP CHARTS)
 - STRUCTURED GO-AROUND/ROUND-ROBIN WITH RECORDING INFORMATION ON FLIP CHART
- STACKING
 - HELP PEOPLE TAKE TURNS IN ASKING CLARIFYING QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT AGENDA

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PRESENTATION

HISTORY OF THE AWS GRANT PROGRAM.

AWS CRITERIA

- WHAT WAS YOUR PERSPECTIVE WORKING THROUGH THE AWS PROJECT LAST YEAR AND HOW DID IT GO?
- LOOKING FORWARD, HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR AGENCY MOVING FORWARD THROUGH THIS GRANT CYCLE AND WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED THROUGH THIS PROCESS?

COMMUNICATION OF AWS GRANT PROGRAM

 PARTICIPANTS ASKED TO PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS ON PROCESS THAT SRWMD USES TO SOLICIT AWS PROJECTS.

MEETING NOTES

 SUMMARIZE LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE 2019/2020 AWS SELECTION PROCESS.



Participant Agenda

Alternative Water Supply Coordination Meeting
Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Suwanee River Water Management District

Friday March 27, 2020

1:00 to 2:00 PM

Meeting Location: Teleconference line:

888-585-9008 Code: 804-432-471#

Skype Phone Conference:

Meeting Purpose: To develop selection criteria that FDEP and SRWMD can rely on to appropriate funding for AWS projects in 2020/2021.

1:00 to 1:05 PM Welcome and Introductions – Marjorie Karter (FDEP)

1:05 to 1:10 PM Meeting Purpose and Agenda Review - Ben Glass (SRWMD)

1:10 to 1:20 PM History of AWS Funding – Frank Powell (FDEP)

1:20 to 1:40 PM AWS Criteria – Solicit Feedback for 2020/2021 Selection – Melissa Nasuti (USACE)

and Marjorie Karter (FDEP)

1:40 to 1:50 PM Communication of AWS Grant Program to Stakeholders – Ben Glass (SRWMD)

1:50 to 2:00 PM Next Steps/Closing Remarks - Frank Powell (FDEP)

ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY ACHIEVING MORE NOW FOR FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENT 90% Allocated \$40 M (Please see Project List Allotments Below) * Use the filters to limit the selected data i the project table. Agreement Execution Date Project Categor * Click and expand the "Financial Details >>" (below the navigation buttons) for upporting financial data. WATER SUPPLY \$40 M 13.17% 12.50% 74.33% Project List Project Color ■ Water Quality & Supply \$40,000,000 Water Supply AWS Project Placeholder \$4,000,000 Placeholde Water Supply Alexander Avenue Water Resources Facility (AAWRF). Executed 12/12/2019 \$3,379,000 Water Quality & Supply 12/12/2019 \$3,000,000 Water Supply Water Supply Reclaimed Water Expansion: Cape Coral and Fort. 12/12/2019



PRESENTATION: HISTORY OF AWS

INFORMATION SHARING

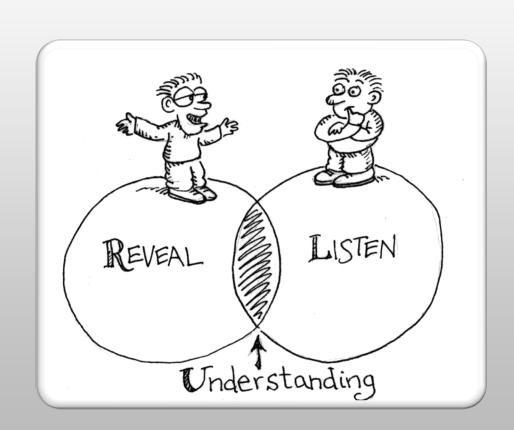
- REVIEW OF FY 2019-2020 FUNDING FOR FDEP PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE AWS.
- AVAILABLE FDEP RESOURCE TOOLS TO TRACK PROGRAM FUNDING (QLIK DASHBOARD)
- AWS PROJECTS SELECTED IN FY 2019-2020: LOCATION, FUNDING, POTENTIAL FOR EXPECTED BENEFITS.
- REVIEW OF FDEP PORTAL FOR SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING OUTCOMES:

COMMUNICATION

- RECOGNIZED EARLY THAT BOTH FDEP AND SRWMD
 WERE CORRECT FROM THEIR INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS AND
 REALIZED THAT THEY NEEDED TO EVALUATE AWS FUNDING
 FROM THE OTHERS POSITIONS FOR FULL VISION.
- LESSONS LEARNED FOR FISCAL YEAR 19-20 WILL BE APPLIED TO FISCAL YEAR 20-21.
- CONSENSUS WAS REACHED BETWEEN FDEP AND SRWMD LEADERSHIP AND STAFF.
- CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS REGARDING MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS AND LARGER REGIONAL PROJECTS.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING OUTCOMES CONTINUED:

AGENCY HOMEWORK

- FDEP WILL DEVELOP AND SHARE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTATION WITH THE SRWMD THAT ASSISTS WITH PROJECT SELECTION, SIMILAR TO SPRINGS GUIDANCE.
- FDEP WILL DEVELOP AN OUTLINE PROJECT PORTAL.
- BOTH AGENCIES WILL BECOME MORE TRANSPARENT REGARDING ALL THE WATER RESOURCE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (AWS, SPRINGS, WATER QUALITY, TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD, RESILIENCE, ETC.)
- FDEP AND SRWMD WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS TO EXPLORE A LARGER VISION OF RESTORATION UTILIZING MULTIPLE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCY FUNDING THAT SHARE A COMMON GOAL OF RESTORATION.



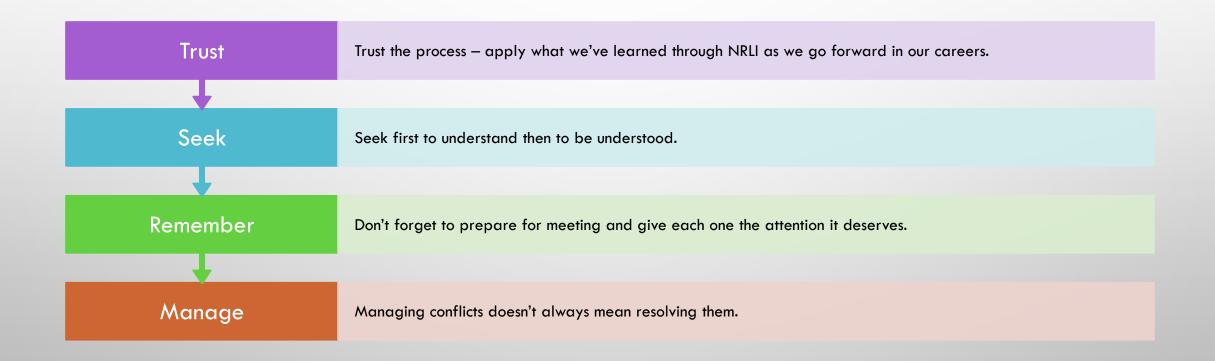


LESSONS LEARNED: REMOTE MEETING

- EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED
- BE FLEXIBLE
- HAVE CONTINGENCY PLANS



NEXT STEPS:



LESSON'S LEARNED: PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES

Melissa Nasuti

Marjorie Karter

Ben Glass

Frank Powell

THANK YOU!