APRIL 17, 2020 LWI REGION 8 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MATERIALS

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LWI Region 8 Steering Committee
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, & St. Charles Parishes

LWI Region 8 Steering Committee Meeting
April 17, 2020
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

I. Regional Steering Committee Introductions
   a. A brief overview of online meeting procedures

II. LWI Program Overview presented by State LWI Representatives

III. Steering Committee Work Plan Development

IV. Future Meeting Times and Dates

V. Questions/Adjourn *(vote required)*
LWI Capacity Building Grant – Region 8 Application Coordination Meeting  
April 17, 2020  
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I. Virtual Meeting Procedures
   a. A brief overview of online meeting procedures

II. Committee Roll Call
   Present
   • Tyler Antrup  
   • Derek Boese  
   • Stephanie Bruning  
   • Jessica Dandridge  
   • Ken Dugas  
   • Matt Falati  
   • Danielle Honor  
   • Albertine Kimble  
   • Maggie Talley

   Absent
   • Ronald Carrere, Jr.  
   • Blaise Pezold

III. Regional Steering Committee Introductions
   a. Tyler Antrup- Director of Planning and Strategy at the Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans.  
   i. Watershed Interest: how to reduce flooding.  
   ii. Past experience: green infrastructure and nature-based solutions.
   b. Derek Boese- Chief Administrative Officer for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East.  
   i. Watershed Interest: levees and floodwalls, for the hurricane system on the East bank, as well as the Mississippi River levee
   c. Stephanie Bruning- Grants Officer for St. Charles Parish  
   i. Watershed Interest: How to protect residents, industries, and the parish.  
   ii. Past experience: Long range planning, regional planning, current planning, historic preservation.
   d. Jessica Dandridge- Executive Director of the Water Collaborative  
   i. Watershed Collaborative: focuses on various sectors in the water, management and kind of adaptation sectors.
   e. Ken Dugas- Parish Engineer for Plaquemines Parish  
   i. LWI Interest: how to find funding to improve the parish
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes

f. Matt Falati - Director of Public Works for St. Bernard Parish. I've been here for about a year, but my previous employment for 23 years, I've worked in pretty much every parish in the Southeast Louisiana region
i. Past experience: familiarity with all the drainage issues, throughout Southeast Louisiana


g. Danielle Honor - St. Charles Parish Floodplain Specialist.
i. LWI Interest: how to find funding to improve the parish.


h. Albertine Kimble - retired coastal program manager for Plaquemines Parish govt.
i. Watershed Interest: Utilizing the wetlands its fullest extent
ii. Past experience: Coastal restoration issues, coastal use permitting in the main watershed and Mississippi River


i. Maggie Talley - Director of Flood Plain Management and Hazard Mitigation for Jefferson Parish
i. LWI Goal: Jefferson Parish Resident safety and reduce flood insurance premiums via CRS


IV. LWI, RCBG Program Overview

a. Purpose of LWI Program
   • To serve as the program where floodplain management responsibilities are coordinated across federal, state and local agencies.
   • To build a foundation of data, projects, policies, standards and guidance via expert advisors.

b. Why
   • The Initiative is poised to serve as a model for maximizing the financial, intellectual and government resources to ensure long-term sustainability and safety for all Louisiana residents

c. Approved Funding Uses
   • Watershed coordination activities & establishment
   • Public outreach & engagement
   • Floodplain Management

d. Regional Capacity Building Grant
   • Will last approximately 3 years (has changed due to funding deadlines)
   • The grant is $400,000 spread over the 3-year period,
   • The RPC is the Region 8 fiscal agent and grant recipient.
   • Grant Timeline:
     1. October 31: project inventory list ready Round 1 funding recommendations
     2. January 15, 2021: first coalition meeting
     3. April 30, 2022: grant funding ends
V. Steering Committee Structure
   a. Items that will be included in the steering Committee structure:
      - Conformity with the state open meetings law
      - Members avoiding conflict of interest
      - How the committee will be dissolved.
   i. As soon as these are completed a copy will be sent out for comments to be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

b. Chairperson and Vice Chair Selection
   i. Committee Chair: Jessica Dandridge volunteered
      1. Moved by: Maggie Talley; Seconded by: Tyler Antrup
         2. 100% in favor of Jessica Dandridge
   ii. Committee Vice Chair: Tyler Antrup volunteered
      1. Moved by: Danielle Honor; Seconded by: Maggie Talley
         2. 100% in favor of Tyler Antrup

VI. Steering Committee Work Plan Development
   a. A template has been provided by OCD but the template needs more specifics for Region 8.
   i. Specifications to consider include: level of regional outreach to both the public and to local officials
   ii. Please think of watershed priorities for the next meeting

VII. Future Meeting Times and Dates
   a. Introduction from OCD’s Nicolette Jones:
      i. Nicolette works for the Office of Community Development, specifically with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative
      ii. LWI’s major goal is to really change the paradigm to start thinking of reducing our flood risk in a watershed-based way

VIII. Public Comment and Questions
   a. none

IX. Adjourn
   a. Moved by: Maggie Talley; Seconded by: Jessica Dandridge
   b. 100% in favor to adjourn