



SANTA ROSA COUNTY GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Gomillion

FROM: Erica Grancagnolo, Grants Manager

DATE: July 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Presentation of Update on Gulf Consortium "Pot 3" Activities

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation is for informational purposes. No Board action is required.

BACKGROUND

At the June 28, 2016 Consortium Board meeting, the Gulf Consortium accepted a planning grant award in the amount of \$4.6 million to fund the creation of the State Expenditure Plan (SEP). Additionally, the Consortium approved Work Order #4A for consulting services to compile a preliminary list of projects for the SEP. Work Order #4A also authorizes Environmental Science Associates (ESA) and Langton Consulting to develop guidance information related to development of the SEP, preliminary screening criteria for projects, and a standard nomination form.

The SEP will be developed through a "County-Driven" process, with an equal distribution of funds for the 23 gulf coast counties allocated over 15 years.

Established in 2012 as a part of the RESTORE Act, the Consortium was charged with developing a state expenditure plan for Florida to implement economic and environmental restoration projects needed as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

FUTURE ACTION

Langton Consulting will be conducting a site visit in the near future to assist with project identification for inclusion in the SEP.

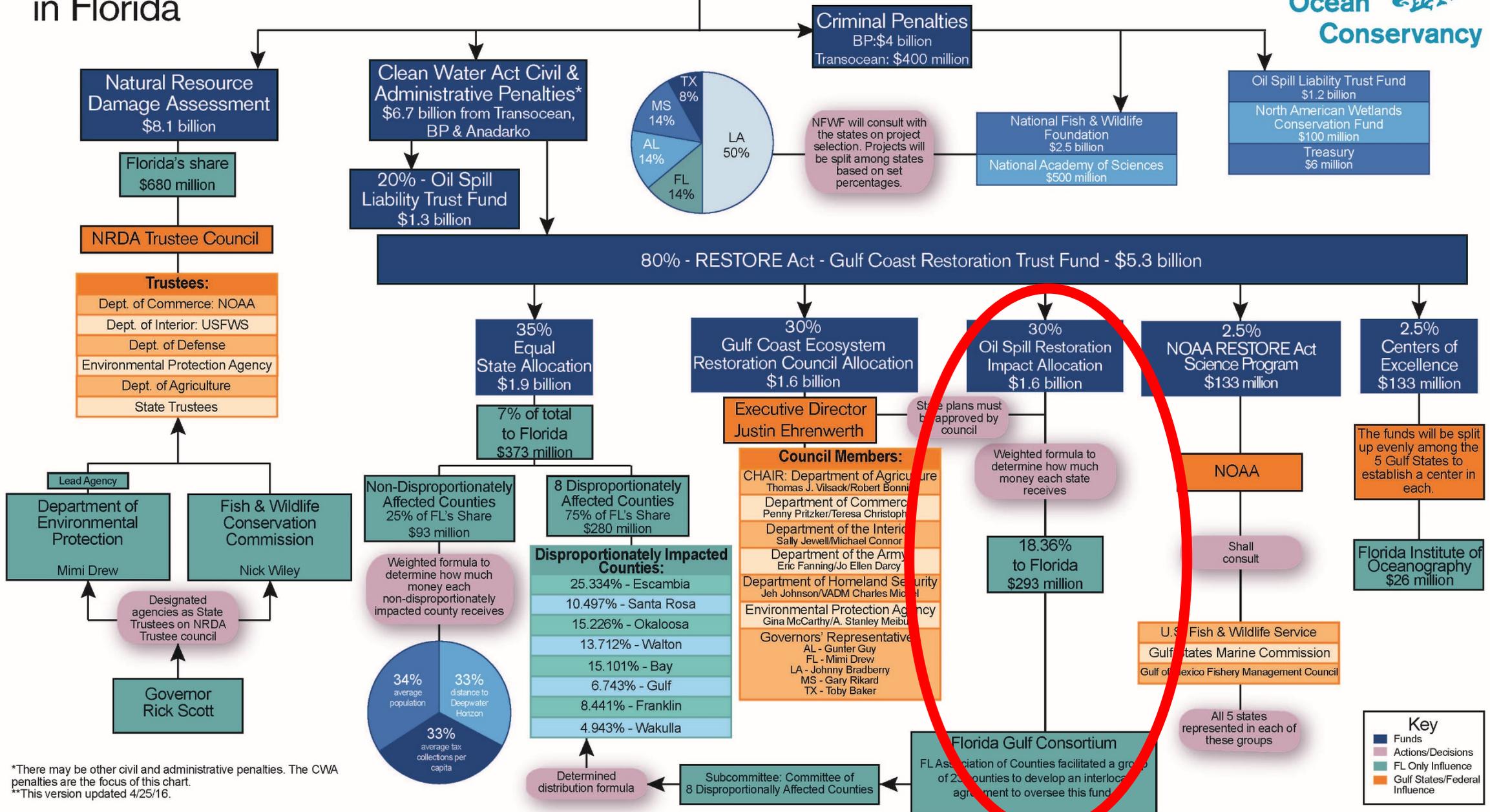


Santa Rosa County
Oil Spill Impact Allocation
“Pot 3” Update
July 11, 2016

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Flow of *Deepwater Horizon* Funds in Florida

Resolution of Criminal, Civil, Administrative & Natural Resource Claims



*There may be other civil and administrative penalties. The CWA penalties are the focus of this chart.
**This version updated 4/25/16.

Key

- Funds
- Actions/Decisions
- FL Only Influence
- Gulf States/Federal Influence

Gulf Consortium

- The Gulf Consortium was designated as the eligible entity for Florida to receive Spill Impact Component Planning funds “Pot 3” and was tasked with developing the State Expenditure Plan (SEP)
- September 19, 2012, the 23 Florida Gulf Coast counties entered into an Interlocal Agreement to formally create the Gulf Consortium to meet the requirements of the RESTORE act

Gulf Consortium

- Since its inception, the Consortium has met approximately six times each year and has held committee meetings to begin developing Florida's State Expenditure Plan.
- The Gulf Consortium entered into a contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) on March 13, 2015 to prepare a Florida SEP that will be approved by the Gulf Consortium, the Governor, and the Restoration Council; and to provide all related services necessary to attain that goal.
- ESA Subcontractor, Langton Associates, will provide general grant management services during the SEP implementation.

“Even-Steven” Distribution

- \$293 million
 - Distributed evenly among 23 gulf coast counties
 - 15 years
- Santa Rosa County
 - Approximately \$12 million
 - Approximately \$800,000 annually for 15 years
- Not yet determined
 - Timing of projects with availability of funds
- “County-Driven” process

Consortium Board Meeting- June 28, 2016

- \$4,640,675 million to pay for the state expenditure plan
- Approval of Task 3 of 14 “Compile Preliminary Project List” for the SEP process
 - Screening criteria
 - Standard project nomination form
 - Other guidance materials to assist counties in identifying potential project concepts

Langton Consulting Work Order #4A

- Develop a draft standardized Preliminary Project Nomination Package
- Meet with FDEP to obtain recommended revisions and approval of the Preliminary Nomination Package
- Revise and distribute the Preliminary Nomination Package to the 23 member counties
- Compile and conduct a preliminary review of the project submittals received from the member counties

Work Order #4A cont.

- Prepare a technical memorandum summarizing the project submittals received from the member counties
- Prepare and deliver a presentation summarizing the findings and conclusions of the technical memorandum to the Consortium at their **September 13, 2016** Board meeting

Eligible Activities – RESTORE Act

1. Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region
2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
3. Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
4. Workforce development and job creation
5. Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
6. Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
7. Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
8. Planning assistance
9. Administrative costs of complying with the Act
10. Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast region, including recreational fishing
11. Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region

SEP Requirements

- Meets one or more of the eligible activities under the RESTORE Act
- Contributes to the overall economic and ecological recovery of the Gulf Coast
- Is compatible with other State Expenditure Plans with regard to issues that cross Gulf Coast State boundaries
- Takes into consideration the Comprehensive Plan and is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan
- Does not use more than 25% of funds for infrastructure unless infrastructure limitation is met

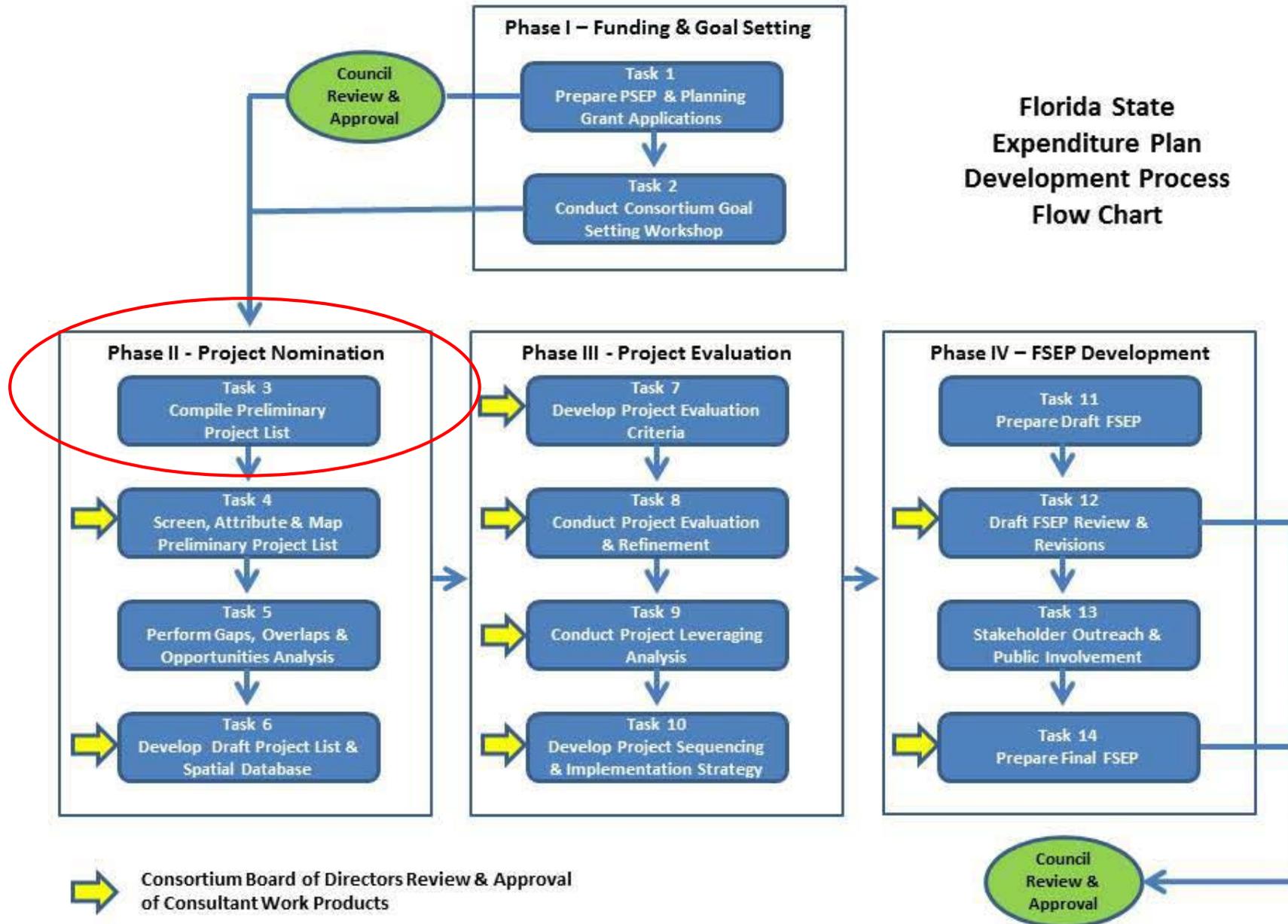
Infrastructure Limitation Exemption

- A state may propose a State Expenditure Plan that uses more than 25% of its funds for infrastructure, if the State Expenditure Plan certifies that:
 - Ecosystem restoration needs will be addressed by other projects in the proposed State Expenditure Plan, and
 - Additional investment in infrastructure is required to mitigate the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill to the ecosystem or economy

Timeline

- 24 months from approval of Planning Grant application to formal adoption of Draft SEP by Consortium and submittal to Governor and Council
 - Upon formal adoption by the Consortium, the Draft SEP will be submitted to the Governor for review
 - Governor formally transmits to the Council

Florida State Expenditure Plan Development Process Flow Chart



Next Steps

- Langton Consulting will be conducting a site visit to assist with project identification prior to September 13, 2016

Questions/More Information

- Florida Association of Counties

<http://fl-counties.com/advocacy/gulf-consortium>

- Santa Rosa County RESTORE webpage

- Erica Grancagnolo

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