

**Caloosahatchee River
December Community Forum
Meeting Agenda**

December 2, 2014: 1:00 to 4:15 PM
City Pier Building, Fort Myers, FL

Goals and Objectives

- Present emerging project categories and priorities based on Interagency discussions.
- Elicit participant views on proposed priority projects; identify top priority projects that would help improve water quality and quantity in the Caloosahatchee River watershed.
- Discuss strategies to strengthen regional coordination, including strategies for ongoing coordination on local project prioritization
- Consider focus and structure for future implementer and stakeholder dialogues

Forum Ground Rules

- Stay on track with the agenda
- Participate actively
- Allow others a chance to express their views and concerns
- Stay focused on projects and programs
- A meeting summary, without attribution, will be prepared and posted on the project website
- Note that local, regional, state and federal policies are important components of watershed restoration, but are not a focus of this particular prioritization process

General Overview

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| 12:30 | Registration and Gathering |
| 1:00 | Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome, SFWMD• Introductions• Agenda and Meeting Ground Rules |
| 1:10 | General Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purpose of this Overall Effort• Rep. Matt Caldwell 2015 Legislative Outlook• Brief Review of Process to Date |

Topic 1: Developing Regional Priorities

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| 1:25 | Introduce candidate Regional Priority projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review additions, changes, and reorganization of Regional Projects List since first Community Forum; explain rationale• Questions and Discussion |
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- 1:40 Workshop Participant feedback on project categories and preliminary prioritization
- Introduce, review, and seek feedback on “Immediate and Near-Term Regional Priorities” and remaining regional projects
 - Small group discussion and report out
 - Are projects appropriately categorized? Prioritized?
 - Are the categories complete?
 - Are there any regional projects still missing from this list?

Please note: Resource people will be available to answer questions, to the extent possible. Each table will identify a volunteer to keep detailed notes and report out on the range of ideas and comments expressed based on the provided report-out sheets.

- 2:40 Garnering support for a package of regional priorities
- Participant discussion
 - How can stakeholders work together to build public and political support for implementing priority projects?
 - How can the region strengthen a prioritization process in the coming years?

Topic 2: Considering Local Projects in a Regional Framework

- 3:00 Consider the potential and value to incorporate local projects into a prioritized regional framework
- What more can be done at a regional level to support local projects?
 - Is there merit/interest in developing a structured regional process to prioritize and advocate for funding among local projects? How might we prioritize among projects?
 - Are there any local priorities for land acquisition?

Topic 3: Moving Forward From Here

- 3:20 Consider possible next steps to engage implementers and stakeholders in dialogues related to program and policy topics to improve water quality and quantity in the Caloosahatchee River watershed
- Small group discussion and report out
 - What conversations are needed around on-going programs (dispersed water, land acquisition, agriculture and urban BMPs)? How might they be structured to yield constructive dialogue and productive outcomes?
 - What conversations are needed around policy issues? How might they be structured to yield constructive dialogue and productive outcomes?
 - What should stakeholder engagement look like in 2015?

Next Steps

4:05 Next Steps

4:15 Adjourn