

2015 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	CURRENT MEMBERS	DESCRIPTION	DATE ESTABLISHED	DATE OF LAST MEETING	DATE DISSOLVED
Budget & Finance	Councilman Kit McKeon, City of Venice (Chair) Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, City of Naples Ms. Laura Holquist, Lee County Governor Appointee Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers Mr. Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee Mr. Robert Mulhere, Collier County Governor Appointee Mr. Thomas Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee	The committee is charged with oversight of the SWFRPC budgets. The committee also reviews issues that impact the financial well-being of the RPC and provides input to the Executive Committee on these issues.	January 20, 2011		
Economic Development	Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers (Chair) Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral Commissioner Cheryl Cook, City of North Port Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, City of Naples Ms. Laura Holquist, Lee County Governor Appointee Mr. Tom Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee Councilwoman Nancy Prafke, City of Punta Gorda Commissioner Karson Turner, Hendry County BCC	The committee is charged with providing input to the SWFRPC Executive Committee on ways to enhance and assist regional economic development efforts and will do this by bringing together key leaders. The committee will monitor the clearinghouse activities of the SWFRPC in regard to the collection and dissemination of economic data and it will monitor the Economic Development District (EDD) activities and work products.	January 16, 2014		
Energy & Climate	Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee (Chair) Melissa Dickens, Southwest Florida Water Management District Phil Flood, South Florida Water Management District Mel Karau, Hendry County Governor Appointee Alan Reynolds, Collier County Governor Appointee	The committee is responsible for providing oversight on the Solar Ready II Grant project. The purpose of the grant is to promote solar best management practices that will allow more streamlined and standardized solar permitting regulations to be implemented. The committee will assist with engaging stakeholders in regional events as it pertains to Solar Ready II.	Committee was re-established by the Council on November 21, 2013		
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM)	Ms. Martha Simons, Representing the SWFRPC Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers (alt.) Many Interested Parties from the Private/Public Sector: Audubon of Florida Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) US Fish and Wildlife Service Scientist FDEP – Estero Bay Aquatic Preserves The Conservancy of SW Florida Johnson Engineering Lee County Div. of Natural Resources Town of Fort Myers Beach League of Women Voters FDOT/SWAO, District One	The EBABM is a non-regulatory advisory committee to the SWFRPC that produces State of the Bay reports. Its directive is to review and make comments and recommendations to the SWFRPC and agencies regarding the management of the hydrology, water quality, habitats, and land uses of Estero Bay and its watershed.	Established from Settlement Agreement on April 10, 1995		

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	Charlotte Harbor NEP Lee County Div. of County Lands Responsible Growth Management Coalition (RGMC) Lee County Division of Planning Snook and Gamefish Foundation ECCL South Florida WMD Lee County Port Authority FGCU Students Friends of Six Mile Slough Preserve Fort Myers Beach Civic Association USEPA – South Florida Office Audubon of SWF FGCU – College of Arts & Sciences				
Executive	Mr. Robert Mulhere, Collier County Governor Appointee (Chair) Mr. Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee (Vice-Chair) Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers (Secretary) Mr. Tommy Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee (Treasurer) Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, City of Naples (Past Chair) The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the Council, so it changes on an annual basis.	The committee consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary of the SWFRPC and is charged with reviewing issues/information and providing recommendations to the full Council on a variety of matters including personnel, budget, programs and the work plan.	At the January 16, 2015 SWFRPC Meeting, the Council elected the current slate of officers.		
Legislative Affairs	Mr. Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee (Chair) Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral Commissioner Charles Hines, Sarasota County BOCC Mr. Bob Mulhere, Collier County Governor Appointee	The committee is charged with identifying legislative priorities for the six county region and with providing this input to the full Council. The committee will follow issues and bills throughout the State Legislative Sessions and keep the full Council informed of any issues that would impact the region.	January 20, 2011		
Nominating	The Nominating Committee consists of the members of the Council appointed by the current Chair, so it changes on an annual basis.		By Council Rule		
Quality of Life & Safety	Mayor Willie Shaw, City of Sarasota (Chair) Commissioner Cheryl Cook, City of North Port Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, City of Naples Reverend Isreal Suarez, Nations Charities Councilman Johnny Streets, City of Fort Myers	The committee is charged with providing input to the SWFRPC on programs and policies to enhance the quality of life in the region. The committee will bring together leaders and stakeholders to discuss crime issues and develop recommendations for innovative programs to assist local leaders in	January 16, 2014		

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<p>Regional Transportation</p>	<p>Councilman Alan Mandel, Town of Fort Myers Beach (Chair) Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers Commissioner Frank Mann, Lee County BCC Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Sarasota County BCC Mr. Tommy Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee Ms. Carmen Monroy, FDOT/SWAO – District One Mr. Brian Barnes, Charlotte County Director of Capital Improvement Mr. Bill Barton of Naples</p>	<p>addressing their needs.</p> <p>The committee is charged with providing input to the SWFRPC Executive Committee on the development of a regional transportation plan. The committee will determine needs and identify resources. A funding strategy will be created and once funding is in place the committee will provide oversight on the development of the plan. The committee will be responsible for determining regional transportation issues for presentation to the full Council.</p>	<p>Re-established on January 16, 2014</p>		