#### **GULF CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE POLICY RESOLUTION**

A resolution of the Gulf Consortium creating a policy for the creation of and jurisdiction for Consortium Committees; providing for recitals and definitions; providing for the jurisdiction of the existing committee of 8 disproportionately affected counties and the existing committee of 15 non-disproportionately affected counties; providing a process for the creation of additional committees; providing for a quorum and majority vote requirements for committee actions; providing for officers of the committees; providing for duties of committees; providing committee meeting notice requirements; and providing an effective date.

Whereas, section 4.01(12), Article IV of the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Gulf Consortium authorizes the Consortium to establish Advisory Committees;

Whereas, the Consortium has established the following two Advisory Committees since its inception: the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties, and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties;

Whereas, the Consortium desires to establish a clear policy prescribing the powers, duties, and meeting requirements of the Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties and the Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the Consortium and the State of Florida to establish a policy governing the creation of Additional Advisory Committees that may be necessary or convenient in the future.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GULF CONSORTIUM:

### SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- A. The Recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated by reference in this Resolution and made a part hereof.
- B. As used in this Resolution the following words and terms shall have the following meaning:
  - 1. "Additional Advisory Committee" shall mean any additional Advisory Committee created by the Board of Directors, but shall not include the Committee of 8 or the Committee of 15.
  - 2. "Advisory Committee" shall mean collectively the Committee of 8, the Committee of 15, and any other Advisory Committee created by the Board of Directors.
  - 3. "Committee of 8 Disproportionately Affected Counties" and the "Committee of 8" shall mean the Advisory Committee consisting of Directors individually appointed by the following respective Consortium

- Members: Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Wakulla County and Walton County.
- 4. "Committee of 15 Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties" and the "Committee of 15" shall mean the Advisory Committee consisting of Directors individually appointed by the following respective Consortium Members: Charlotte County, Citrus County, Collier County, Dixie County, Hernando County, Hillsborough County, Jefferson County, Lee County, Levy County, Manatee County, Monroe County, Pasco County, Pinellas County, Sarasota County, and Taylor County.
- 5. "Director" shall mean that individual or alternate in the individual's absence appointed by the respective Consortium Member to serve on the Gulf Consortium Board of Directors.
- 6. "Interlocal Agreement" means the Interlocal Agreement Relating to the Establishment of the Gulf Consortium.

#### SECTION 2. COMMITTEE OF 8 AND COMMITTEE OF 15.

- A. The Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15 shall have advisory jurisdiction on matters as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Committee of 8 and the Committee of 15 shall have no jurisdiction to discuss, consider or act upon matters concerning an allocation or distribution formula of the RESTORE Act's Spill Impact Component funds among the Consortium Members, except as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.
- C. No action of the Committee of 8 or the Committee of 15 shall be final except as authorized by the Board of Directors.

# SECTION 3. RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

- A. The Board of Directors may authorize by Resolution the creation of one or more Additional Advisory Committees.
- B. The Resolution shall prescribe the Additional Advisory Committee's jurisdiction, power and other matters necessary to provide sufficient direction to the Additional Advisory Committee.
- C. The Resolution shall also prescribe the Additional Advisory Committee's membership, which may include any one or a combination of the following at the discretion of the Board of Directors: Directors, Governor Appointees, and others.
- D. No action of an Additional Advisory Committee shall be final unless authorized by the Board of Directors.
- E. Officers. At its first meeting, an Additional Advisory Committee shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman, and such other officers as authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 4. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIONS.

- A. The affairs, duties and actions and of an Advisory Committee shall be undertaken at a meeting duly called pursuant to Section 5 hereof.
- B. Quorum. A majority of the members of an Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a quorum of the members present at a duly called meeting shall constitute an act of the Advisory Committee.
- C. The chairman of an Advisory Committee shall have the authority to call a meeting of the Advisory Committee. The vice-chair shall act in the chairman's absence. Other officers shall have such duties as authorized by the Board of Directors. In the event of resignation of any officer, the Advisory Committee shall elect a replacement.
- D. The chairman shall make a report of the Advisory Committee's actions and recommendations at the next scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

### SECTION 5. ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

- A. An Advisory Committee may meet upon the call of its chairman.
- B. The Consortium Manager shall provide notice of the date, time, location and agenda of an Advisory Committee meeting to the Board of Directors, the members of the Advisory Committee and the public.
- C. The notice shall be provided by email to the Board of Directors and the members of the Advisory Committee. A notice shall also be published in the Florida Administrative Register and posted on the Gulf Consortium website at least seven days prior to the Advisory Committee meeting, except in an emergency, in which case, the notice shall be emailed, published and posted at least 24 hours prior to the emergency meeting.

SECTION 6.	EFFECTIVE DATE.	This Resolution	shall tak	e effect	immediately	upon
adoption.						-

The foregoing	g Resolution was offered by	who
moved its adoption.	The motion was seconded by	
The motion was adopt	ted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.	_

Duly passed and adopted this 18th day of November, 2015.

Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Sarah M. Bleakley, Esq. Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.

General Counsel