



CHNEP Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday April 13th, 2023, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Avenue Regional Park Recreation Center

Meeting Room A

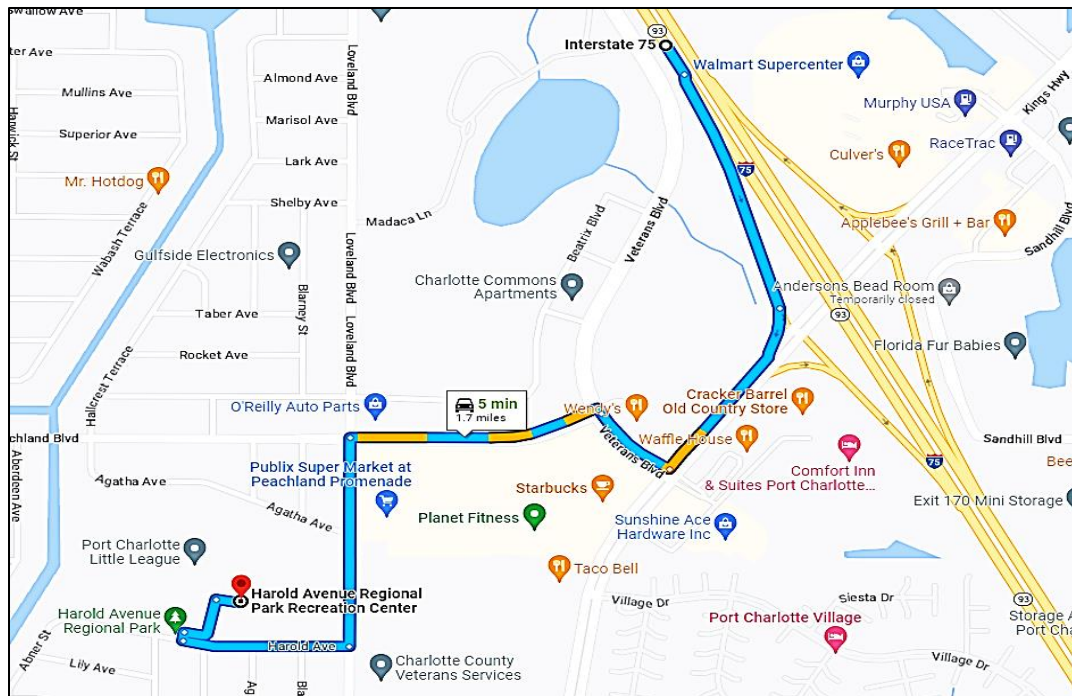
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions — Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Co-Chair
2. Agenda Additions or Deletions — Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Co-Chair
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items — Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Co-Chair
4. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) December 1st, 2022 Meeting Minutes — Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Co-Chair
5. CHNEP Update — Jennifer Hecker, CHNEP
6. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Co-Chair Election — Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Co-Chair
 - Nomination Form: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/yLhYot2/TAC>
7. TAC Hurricane Ian Discussion Follow up — Jennifer Hecker, CHNEP
8. Inshore Reef Habitats in Charlotte Harbor — Carter Henne, Sea & Shoreline on behalf of Coastal Conservation Association
9. 2022 SWFWMD Seagrass Mapping Results — Chris Anastasiou, PhD, Southwest Florida Water Management District
10. Seagrass Propscar Mapping within the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves — Melynda Brown, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
11. 2021 SFWMD Seagrass Mapping Results on CHNEP Water Atlas Seagrass Pages — Sarina Weiss, CHNEP
12. Large-scale *Vallisneria americana* Restoration in the Caloosahatchee River Estuary — David Ceilley, Ecologist on behalf of Angler Action Foundation
13. Coastal Charlotte Harbor Monitoring Network (CCHMN) SOP and QAPP Updates — Nicole Iadevaia, CHNEP
14. CHNEP Technical Projects Updates and New Tools — Nicole Iadevaia, CHNEP
15. TAC Membership Project Updates — Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Co-Chair
16. Public Comment — Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Co-Chair
17. Future Meeting's Topics, Location and Date — Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Co-Chair
 - Upcoming Dates/Location for 2023: **8/10/23 & 11/30/23** at Harold Avenue Park Recreation Center (Port Charlotte)
18. Adjourn — Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Co-Chair

DIRECTIONS TO OUR MEETING LOCATION

23400 Harold Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33980



Coming from the North:

1. Take I-75 N to Exit 170, Kings Hwy toward Charlotte County/Arcadia/Port Charlotte
2. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Port Charlotte and merge onto Kings Hwy
3. Use the 2nd from the right lane to turn right onto Veterans Blvd
4. At the first light, Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Peachland Blvd
5. At the first light, Turn left onto Loveland Blvd
6. Make the first right onto Harold Ave
7. Make the first right into the Harold Ave Regional Park and Recreation Center Parking Lot
8. Follow around to the right to Harold Ave Regional Park Recreation Center
9. Check in at Front Desk and they will direct you to the meeting room.

Coming from the South:

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If not able to attend in person, the Zoom meeting link is below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89717184716?pwd=Q2d1VEEdsemN0OG45ek40Q3ZDc2RVUT09>

Meeting ID: 897 1718 4716

Passcode: 444429

Call in Number: 1-929-205-6099

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

After TAC Co-Chair calls meeting to order, members will introduce themselves.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Each participating member of the public is afforded up to 3 minutes total to speak on agenda topics only at this point in the meeting.

4. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: Approval of the minutes from December 1st, 2022 meeting.

Attachment: Draft December 1st, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes.

5. CHNEP UPDATE

The following represents program activity highlights since the beginning of the last Management Conference cycle to the beginning of this one.

Program Administration

- CHNEP met with Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) team as they surveyed areas that were heavily impacted by Hurricane Ian. This group included representatives from multiple federal agency staff.
- CHNEP held discussions at the Technical and Citizen's Advisory Committees to gather information on partner response, problems encountered, and lessons learned following Hurricane Ian. This and other information is shared on the newly created [Hurricane Ian](#) landing page on the CHNEP website, which is intended to be an educational resource for both partners and the public.
- Planned and executed both the Management Committee Meeting (1/13) and Policy Committee Meeting (1/26); including lining up presenters, drafting agenda packets, creating PowerPoints, drafting minutes, etc. CHNEP held discussions at the Management and Policy Committee Meetings review information on partner responses, problems encountered, and lessons learned during Hurricane Ian recovery. At their respective meetings, CHNEP Management and Policy Committees spoke with Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) team who were in attendance (this group included representatives from multiple federal agency staff posted in Southwest Florida to surveyed areas that were heavily impacted by Hurricane Ian and provide informational resources). Members of the committees gave feedback on resources needed to aid recovery time and had a number of questions for the IRC team. These questions were compiled by CHNEP staff and then sent to the IRC. CHNEP compiled the [responses from the IRC](#), including information on federal resources and contacts, and sent back out to the CHNEP Management Conference committee members in February.
- CHNEP coordinated with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council to create maps that would inform the CHNEP Equity Strategy for EPA BIL funding project planning. The draft Equity Strategy and maps were sent to EPA for review at the end of February.
- Opened call for abstracts for 2023 Southwest Florida Climate Summit and 2023 Watershed Summit.
- CHNEP advised the Southeast Coastal Acidification Network (SOCAN) and the Gulf of Mexico Acidification Network (GCAN) on creating a stakeholder feedback survey to inform the acidification community on stakeholder monitoring needs.

Finance and Grant Management

- Revised CHNEP Conservation Grant Applications which are now available on the web: <https://www.chnep.org/conservation-grants>.
- Amended FY23 budget and associated Work Plan narrative figures.
- Adjusted and completed FY24 & FY25 County Budget.
- Input and Calculated Payroll Data through Pay Period 12 and reconciled.
- Submitted EPA BIL Grant to County/Legistar for Approval.
- Met with County Procurement regarding procedures for future projects.
- Worked with County Attorney's Office (CAO) and submitted Legal Services Request (LSR) to recreate interlocal agreement for execution by Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC).
- Completed Manatee County ILA and submitted to County Administrator for approval.
- Submitted FY23 SWFWMD to Legistar for board approval.
- Submitted FY23 Quarter 1 FDEP Report.
- Submitted FY23 Quarter 1 SWFWMD Reports for all fiscal years open: FY19, FY21, and FY23.
- SWFWMD FY19 Final Reimbursement packaged and submitted.
- Researched and submitted request to South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for updated match expenditure information.
- Reviewed "Partnership Agreement" for County Fiscal Support and suggested pertinent changes based on current processes established with County support staff so far.
- Worked with County fiscal staff to continue updates to County financial coding (ledger and project strings) and into CHNEP's spreadsheet of budget details by account for FY23.
- Sent out award notices and instructions to Received 7 Conservation Grant Applications received and approved in December for the FY23 program.
- Processed all final FY23 quarterly invoices for Q1 as well as additional invoices for ongoing deliverable-based technical and outreach projects.

Regional and multi-jurisdictional organizational meetings CHNEP staff participated in

- Hosted CHNEP Winter Management Committee Mtgs. (4)
- Hosted Myakka Headwaters Preserve Site Visit w/partners and Contractor
- ANEP External Affairs Committee Meetings
- ANEP Directors Meetings
- ANEP Executive Committee Meetings
- Attended the Restoring America's Estuaries (RAE) Coastal & Estuarine Summit in New Orleans, LA
- Everglades Coalition Conference
- American Water Resources Association's 32nd Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference
- Southwest Florida Seagrass Working Group Meeting
- Barrier Island Parks Society (BIPS) Marine Pollution Forum
- Caloosahatchee River Estuary Storage and Treatment (CREST) Project Phase 2 Groundbreaking
- Everglades Restoration Science Coordination Group (SCG) Post-Ian Technical Workshop
- Myakka River Management Coordinating Council (MRMCC) Meeting
- Artificial Reef Meeting/ UF
- FWC/CHNEP Snook Management in Charlotte Harbor
- SWFL Climate & Community Summit
- Heartland Regional Resiliency Action Plan Stakeholder Virtual Kick-Off Meeting
- Everglades Restoration Working Group/Science Coordination Group Meeting
- Regional Ambient Monitoring Program (RAMP) Meeting
- CHNEP/CFRPC Natural Resource Emergency Plan Element Discussion

- CHNEP/CFRPC Resiliency Coordination Meeting
- SWERT Steering Committee Meeting
- SWFRPC Federal Economic Recovery & Resiliency Workshop (3/14)
- Caloosahatchee River and Estuary and Everglades West Coast BMAPs Annual Meeting
- SWF Regional Ambient Monitoring Program (RAMP) HAB Subcommittee Meeting
- Association of National Estuary Programs (ANEP) and EPA Conference and meetings with CHNEP region federal legislative representatives
- Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods Initiative Meeting
- CHNEP Water Atlas Meetings with USF
- SFWMD Science Coordination Group and Working Group
- Post Hurricane Ian Southwest Florida Water Quality Sampling Coordination Meetings
- EPA NEP Environmental Justice (EJ) Forum
- SOCAN Stakeholder Working Group Call
- Science and Environment Council Meetings

CHNEP staff presentations

- Presented at the [American Water Resources Conference](#) on *Data Acquisition/Collaboration for Water Quality Post Hurricane Ian* and hosted an educational booth.
- Presented at the [Southwest Florida Climate & Community Summit](#) hosted by Growing Climate Solutions, FGCU Water School, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, and Everglades Foundation presenting on CHNEP's climate-related scientific and educational initiatives.
- Presented at the Barrier Island Park Society Marine Pollution Forum on: *Collaboration/Outreach Water Quality Data Post Hurricane Ian*.
- Presented 'Moving Water to Restore Rivers Wetlands and Estuaries in Central and Southwest Florida' at the Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) Coastal & Estuarine Summit in New Orleans, LA.
- Presented 'Uniting Partners and Resources to Protect Central and Southwest Florida's Future Water, Wildlife, and Habitat: A Habitat Restoration Needs Plan for the Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership Area' at the Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) Coastal & Estuarine Summit in New Orleans, LA.
- Presented on *Regional Watershed Changes: Restoring for the Future* at the 2023 Southwest Florida Climate Summit.
- CHNEP staff submitted an abstract for the Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Conference (GEER) to be held in April and was selected to give a presentation on *Moving Water to Restore Rivers, Wetlands and Estuaries in Southwest Florida and the Caloosahatchee Basin*.
- Sponsored and attended the 38th annual [Everglades Coalition Conference](#) "A Watershed Moment for America's Everglades", hosting an organizational booth.
- Prepared a presentation and with water quality updates on CHNEP estuaries within Sarasota County for the Sarasota Water Quality Summit, which was held in December.

Publications and Outreach Initiatives

- Planned and hosted the [2023 Southwest Florida Climate Summit](#), which was held in-person in Fort Myers, FL on March 15 & 16, 2023. Gathered scientists, local community leaders, citizens, and key leaders in climate solutions to discuss expanding capacity to respond to climate challenges and building increased community resiliency. Created and facilitated an interactive question and answer sessions after each presenter session for audience to interact with the presenters. Sent out personalized invitations to federal and state senators and representatives.
- Spoke on air with [WGCU to invite listeners to SWFL Climate Summit](#)
- Attended the [Chalo Nitka Festival](#) and Rodeo in Moore Haven. Distributed environmental education materials and nature calendars to approx. 200 visitors Directly interacted with around

50 families and children.

- Attended the [Civilian Conservation Corps Festival at Highlands Hammock State Park](#). Distributed environmental education materials and nature calendars to approx. 100 visitors. Directly interacted with around 50 families and children.
- Attended the [Swamp Cabbage Festival in LaBelle](#) with Environmental Defense Fund. Spoke to over 150 attendees
- Attended Water, Wings, and Wild Things festival in Polk County providing an educational lesson and resources to over 2,000 2nd graders in attendance along with their parents and teachers.
- Hosted January [ReNEW Year's Cleanup](#) at Ponce De Leon Park
- Hosted CHNEP 2022 Christmas Bird Count in partnership with Peace River Audubon Society. This is the largest and longest running community science driven effort in the county.
- Attended a Healthy Ponds Workshop hosted by the Sarasota Science and Environment Council with over 100 registered participants and provided resources to community members on the CHNEP and Florida Friendly yard practices.
- 26,000 copies of the [CHNEP 2023 Nature Calendar](#) (with educational insert on blue carbon) were printed and distributed to individual subscribers, partners at agencies and other governmental offices and non-profits and libraries within the 10-county service area. They are also shared with attendees at outreach events and community festivals where CHNEP participates.
- Sent welcome packet and educational fact sheets to newly appointed Citizen's Advisory Committee member representing Charlotte County.
- Updated and streamlined Conservation Grant applications, making available on the CHNEP landing page [CHNEP Conservation Grants](#). The CHNEP provides Conservation Grants (up to \$4,999) to community organizations for projects that address clean water, wildlife habitat protection and restoration, and outreach priorities in the CHNEP area, as outlined in the CCMP.
- Updated [CHNEP Funding Factsheet](#).

Outreach analytics

- 6,041 subscribers for CHNEP educational mailings.
- 2,950 unique visitors and 9,519 page visits to CHNEP website.
- 22 new Instagram followers (502 total followers)- started this year
- 1,902 Facebook followers
- 36 new Facebook Likes (1,602 total likes)
- 6,128 YouTube Views/52 Subscribers

CHNEP Executive Director Jennifer Hecker will be presenting the CHNEP Update.

6. TAC Co-CHAIR ELECTION

TAC bylaws stipulate that Co-Chairs are elected on an alternating basis annually at each spring meeting for 2-year terms. The staggered two-year terms ensure that a new Co-Chair will be paired with an experienced Co-Chair. Nominations are being sought for one of the Co-Chair positions in advance of the next meeting for staff to compile into a nominations list. TAC members can nominate themselves or another TAC member whom they have previously conferred with to confirm they are willing to serve.

- *Nominations are requested to be submitted by COB Wednesday, April 12th using the link provided: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/yLhYOt2/TAC>*

The list of nominees will be brought forward for consideration at the meeting.

TAC Co-Chairs alternate chairing of TAC meetings, as well as alternating attendance of Management

Committee meetings to brief them on TAC comments on items before them for discussion. The TAC Co-Chair attending the Management Committee meeting has voting privileges at that meeting as well. CHNEP staff provides email meeting notices of future Management meetings to the Co-Chairs, as well as personal pre-meeting briefings to assist the TAC Co-Chairs in their role. TAC Co-Chair Ernesto Lasso de la Vega will be facilitating this discussion.

7. TAC HURRICANE IAN DISCUSSION FOLLOW UP

CHNEP held discussion on Hurricane Ian aftermath, lessons learned and next steps at the winter Management Conference meetings. All partners were impacted in one way or another by the event, and meetings were used as an opportunity to hear from various entities regarding their initial experiences, data collection, and suggestion for process improvement. Following this information gathering effort, CHNEP staff have been working with the Regional Planning Councils to build tools for local governments and to increase resiliency and responsiveness during ‘environmental disaster’ events in the form of a Natural Resource component for potential adoption into County and City Emergency Response Plans.

CHNEP Executive Director Jennifer Hecker will brief the committee on progress of these efforts following the information gathering session held at previous meetings.

8. INSHORE REEF HABITATS IN CHARLOTTE HARBOR

Florida has one of the most active artificial reef programs among the Gulf and Atlantic coastal states involved in artificial reef development. Since the 1940s, more than 3,800 planned public artificial reefs have been placed in state and federal waters off Florida’s coast. The FWC Artificial Reef Program provides financial and technical assistance to coastal local governments, non-profits, and state universities to construct, monitor and assess artificial reefs. The goals of this program are to: Assure long-term social, economic and quality of life values of artificial reefs, Use artificial reefs in scientific research, Use artificial reefs as a component of fisheries management, Identify new artificial reef funding sources, Improve intergovernmental coordination for artificial reef development And Support local marine ecosystem stewardship. Coastal Conservation Association recently received state funds for a project to create unique inshore reef habitat in Southwest Florida. They are interested in collaborating with partners in the Charlotte Harbor region on a project to install additional reef habitat at existing permitted created reef locations with the purpose of meeting the FWC program goals stated above and reducing fishing pressure on existing installed reefs by expanding habitat.

This item will be presented by Carter Henne, President of Sea & Shoreline on behalf of Coastal Conservation Association.

9. 2022 SWFWMD SEAGRASS MAPPING RESULTS

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) collects and interprets aerial photography for seagrass coverage estimates on a biennial basis in its service area. These data provide accurate and location-explicit estimates of seagrass coverage to track progress in achieving acreage goals, bay-wide and by major bay segments. The SWFWMD has been mapping seagrass habitat in the estuaries of west-central Florida, including Charlotte Harbor and Lemon Bay, for more than 30 years. The SWFWMD’s efforts represent one of the most comprehensive seagrass mapping programs in the world.

This presentation, given by Dr. Chris Anastasiou, will go over methodology for collecting the aerial photography data, photointerpretation, and QA/QC process for the results, and present the results for the Charlotte Harbor and Lemon Bay estuaries during the 2020-2022 period.

10. SEAGRASS PROPSCAR MAPPING WITHIN THE CHARLOTTE HARBOR AQUATIC PRESERVES

This 2021 mapping is an update to the 2004 work that was completed within the CHNEP area and uses the same methodology. Propscars are one of the threats to seagrass habitats and providing recent analyses of the severity, locations, and acreages of propscars within each estuary provides managers and researchers information of how boaters are affecting seagrass and where restoration could be potentially successful.

This presentation will be given by Melynda Brown on behalf of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection.

11. 2021 SFWMD SEAGRASS MAPPING RESULTS AND CHNEP WATER ATLAS SEAGRASS PAGES DATA UPDATES

The CHNEP Water Atlas Seagrass pages were created as a way to compile all available monitoring data from partners into one central hub and to provide analysis and outreach tools to inform both resource management decisions and public understanding of this important habitat. Below is a background on the type of information that is provided on these pages: Because seagrass thrives in clean and clear water, it is used by agencies and local governments as a way to measure water quality. Florida had historical declines in seagrass acreage during the 20th century. National Estuary Programs and Water Management Districts collaborate with local governments and industry to improve water clarity and as a result of their efforts seagrass acreage in some estuaries is stable or increasing. This is documented in two ways:

- Mapping changes in seagrass acreage and location over time with aerial photography (spatial coverage). This is valuable for estimating seagrass locations, acres, and broad changes over time.
- On-the-ground monitoring of changes in species composition, estimation of bottom cover in a seagrass bed (abundance), and maximum depth in which seagrass can grow due to light availability and water clarity (deep edge). This monitoring works to characterize the density, complexity, and stability of those seagrass meadows.

CHNEP staff will be providing an update on newly available maps from the South Florida Water Management District that are presented along with 2022 SWFWMD mapping and FDEP Aquatic Preserve and County seagrass quality monitoring data. All these results along with macroalgae and epiphyte monitoring data will be compiled and shared on the CHNEP Water Atlas Seagrass pages. These continue to be updated along with the basin fact sheets, in order to be useful tool for both CHNEP partners and committee members as well as the public.

CHNEP Research Specialist II, Sarina Weiss will be presenting this item and follow up discussion on Aquatic Habitat will be led by CHNEP Director of Research & Restoration, Nicole Iadevaia.

12. LARGE-SCALE VALLISNERIA AMERICANA RESTORATION IN THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER ESTUARY

In 2017, the Angler Action Foundation (AAF) started the process of restoring submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) in the Caloosahatchee River. Site selection criteria for the project was partially based on historical growth and current lack thereof. Planting material consisted mostly of *Vallisneria* spp., a genus of fresh water long bladed grass referred to as tape grass. The process included placing plants in larger biodegradable pots planted by hand within cages which protected them from herbivory. After an extensive planning and permitting process, planting began in 2019. Phase I of the project was partly successful and Phase II was a great success prior to Hurricane Ian. Phases 3 and 4 are pending permits with 53 acres to be planted with 1,000 enclosure cages to protect plantings for the first year. To fully complete the SAV restoration in the area, enough needs to be planted so grazing does not bring the meadows below flowering and seeding capabilities.

This update on the success of the project thus far as well as future plans will be given by David Ceilley.

13. COASTAL CHARLOTTE HARBOR MONITORING NETWORK (CCHMN) SOP AND QAPP UPDATES

The Coastal Charlotte Harbor Monitoring Network (CCHMN) is a regional partnership of agencies initiated in 2001 that collects monthly water quality data using consistent, technically sound sampling design. Long-term random sampling of strategically located stations allows scientific assessment of status and trends. CCHMN field and laboratory partners collect and analyze water samples from 60 randomly selected field sites throughout 10 waterbodies each month, including Lemon Bay, Cape Haze/Gasparilla Sound, Charlotte Harbor, Pine Island Sound, Matlacha Pass, San Carlos Bay, Estero Bay and the Tidal Myakka, Peace, and Caloosahatchee Rivers. Water quality parameters are measured and analyzed using consistent field and laboratory methods. The data is uploaded by partners to WIN (Watershed Information Network), a public database maintained by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). CCHMN supplements other ongoing water quality monitoring programs implemented by partners, including ongoing fixed station monitoring by counties, cities, agencies, and citizen scientists. The water quality data provided by the CCHMN is an essential component of many water quality assessments and resource management decisions throughout the CHNEP estuarine and tidal waters.

The purpose of this item is to engage the members of the CHNEP TAC and CCHMN to discuss and suggest annual updates as needed based on new techniques or science for the Coastal Charlotte Harbor Monitoring Network SOP (Standard Operating Procedures-2019) Coastal Charlotte Harbor Monitoring Network QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan-2018).

CHNEP Director of Research & Restoration Nicole Iadevaia will be presenting this item.

Attachments: Coastal Charlotte Harbor Monitoring Network SOP (Standard Operating Procedures-2019)
Coastal Charlotte Harbor Monitoring Network QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan-2018)

14. CHNEP Technical Projects Updates

In addition to the items featured earlier on the agenda, other research and/or restoration projects (or phases of projects) in the program area are currently underway with CHNEP FY21-23 funds. A brief overview will be given on project progress since the previous TAC meeting. Additionally, there will be an update on discussions that were held at the December TAC regarding a technical comment letter on Outstanding Florida Waters (specially designated waters that are to be protected from any degradation) which are not meeting state water quality standards and are in need of Total Maximum Daily Load limits ("impaired"). The original letter was sent to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on behalf of the CHNEP in 2017. An updated letter was sent in 2022 based on new and ongoing impairments.

Nicole Iadevaia, CHNEP Director of Research & Restoration, will be presenting this agenda item. Project fact sheets are available on the CHNEP website: <https://www.chnep.org/chnep-fact-sheets>. Technical comment letters can be viewed here: <https://www.chnep.org/letters-resolutions>

15. TAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Each member will have up to 5 minutes to update the Committee on their respective research, restoration, and/or public environmental education and engagement projects currently being completed to protect and restore the CHNEP program area. This time also serves as an opportunity for members

to discuss topics of interest to the Committee members. TAC Co-Chair, Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, will be leading and facilitating this discussion.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

Each participating member of the public is afforded up to 3 minutes total to speak at this point in the meeting.

17. FUTURE MEETING'S TOPICS, LOCATION AND DATE

Please mark your calendar with these upcoming CHNEP TAC Meetings dates: 8/10/2023 & 11/30/2023, at the same location at Harold Avenue Park Recreation Center (Port Charlotte). If you have ideas of new research and restoration topics and/or presenters (including those outside the CHNEP area if applicable to CHNEP CCMP efforts), please email Nicole Iadevaia at niadevaia@chnep.org.

18. ADJOURN