

**EXECUTIVE PLANNING TEAM MEETING**  
**MAY 1-2, 2014 • CHARLESTON, SC**

**AGENDA**

**Location:**

*Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Governments*  
*1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room*  
*Charleston, SC 29405*  
*(843) 529-0400*

May 1, 1:00pm – 5:00pm

May 2, 8:30am – 1:00pm

**Objectives**

Participants will:

1. Consider the experiences of other regions in “resilience” and the input of Subject-Matter Experts, to describe the context for a GSAA regional driver on “resiliency.”
2. Discuss a common vision for long-term financial stability of the GSAA, and address the specific funding needs and opportunities for supporting GSAA operations and programmatic activities.
3. Establish a planning team and begin outlining objectives for the GSAA Annual Meeting.

**Additional Details:**

- Free wireless internet is available throughout the meeting space from the Council of Governments. The password is *treefrog*.
- Meeting attire is business casual.
- Please note, we will not be providing lunch on either May 1<sup>st</sup> or May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Light refreshments will be provided.
- On the evening of May 1st, dinner reservations have been made for participants at Fratellos Italian Tavern at 1050 East Montague, North Charleston, SC in the Park Circle District. All meeting participants are invited, and shuttle transportation from the meeting venue will be available.

*DAY 1 – Thursday, May 1st*

12:30 – 1:00     **Registration**

1:00 – 1:30     **Welcome, introductions, overview of meeting goals/objectives**

- Welcome to SC – Catherine Templeton, SC DHEC
- Welcome from EPT Chair – Kelly Samek, FL DEP

1:30 – 2:00     **GSAA Funding Discussion – Part 1**

Objective: Discuss a common vision for long-term financial stability of the GSAA, and address the specific funding needs and opportunities for supporting GSAA operations and programmatic activities.

Overview of GSAA Funding Needs and Options, Vision for Long-Term Stability

Kristine Cherry, GSAA Coordinator

2:00 – 4:30     **Regional Resilience Roundtable Discussion**

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Federal Relationship to Resilience

Federal Partners describe the ways in which resilience has been highlighted at a national level and the potential relevance to the South Atlantic region.

- Eric Strom, Lead Federal Co-Chair

ROP Experiences with Resilience

Representatives of GOMA and MARCO will present their recent experiences with resilience and describe their approach at a regional scale.

- Laura Bowie, GOMA
- Kris Ohleth, MARCO

*15 minute break*

Perspectives on Resilience in the South Atlantic

Subject-matter experts will present their perspectives on South Atlantic specific challenges and priorities for resilience and the potential roles for the GSAA in resilience.

- Mary Conley, TNC
- Jeff Payne, NOAA
- Charles Chesnutt, USACE
- Katie Peek, Western Carolina University
- Norman Levine, College of Charleston
- Lance Gunderson, Emory University

4:30 – 5:00     **Wrap Up**

5:00             Meet in Lobby for Shuttle to evening event

5:15 – 7:00     Dinner at Fratellos Italian Tavern in Park Circle

*Day 2 – Friday, May 2nd*

8:00 – 8:30      **Registration**

8:30 – 8:45      **Welcome, Review of Day 1**

- Kelly Samek, EPT Chair

8:45 – 11:15    **GSAA Funding Discussion – Part 2**

Objective: Discuss a common vision for long-term financial stability of the GSAA, and address the specific funding needs and opportunities for supporting GSAA operations and programmatic activities.

State CZM Learning Sessions

State CZM leaders will discuss the construct of their program and funding, and potential options for GSAA operational support.

- Kelly Samek, FL DEP
- Brad Gane, GA DNR
- Barbara Neale, SC DHEC
- Braxton Davis, NC DENR

Progress Towards Identifying Funding Support

Each EPT member will discuss their plans and report on progress for recruiting funds to support GSAA operations and activities.

*15 minute break*

Approaches to Private Funding

EPT members will discuss options and approaches to pursue private foundation funding.

- Carolyn Boltin-Kelly, SC DHEC
- Mary Conley, TNC
- Debra Hernandez, SECOORA
- Bill Ross, SERPPAS

11:15 – 12:15    **Focusing a GSAA Regional Driver in Resilience**

Objective: Consider the experiences of other regions in “resilience” and the input of Subject-Matter Experts, to describe the context for a GSAA regional driver on “resiliency.”

Facilitated Discussion: What is the context of the GSAA regional driver on “resiliency”?

12:15 – 12:45    **GSAA Annual Meeting Planning**

Objective: Establish a planning team and begin outlining objectives for the GSAA Annual Meeting.

12:45 – 1:00     **Wrap up and close**