



Recap of the TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

Meeting Date: August 12, 2013

❖ **The Florida Office of Energy**

Patrick Sheehan, Executive Director of The Office of Energy which is housed under the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services provided an overview of The Office of Energy and its many roles. In addition, his presentation included information about grants, solar rebates, our annual outlook report, energy policy and the upcoming legislative session.

❖ **“Get Your Mitigation On”**

The Florida Division of Emergency Management is partnering with all the RPC’s to host 11 Mitigation Workshops throughout the state. The purpose is to give an opportunity to present and discuss the State Mitigation Plan, Local Mitigation Strategies, Risk and Vulnerability assessments, Mitigation funding, changes in mitigation initiatives and the flood insurance program. The Tampa Bay “Get Your Mitigation On” Workshop will be held October 22, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

❖ **Regional Planning Council’s Recognized by the Florida Chamber Foundation**

This past year, regional planning councils concurrently updated their respective Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies using the Florida Chamber Foundation’s Six-Pillars of Florida’s Future Economy™ as the organizing foundation. This resulted in the alignment of the Strategies with the Five-Year Statewide Strategic Plan for Economic Development, providing a framework for improving regional development partnerships, and encouraging a stable and diverse economy. As a result of this effort, in June 2013, the Florida Chamber Foundation officially recognized regional planning councils as “Six Pillars Communities” at a ceremony held during the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference. Mr. Tony Carvajal, Executive Vice President for the Florida Chamber Foundation will be the guest speaker at the September 9th meeting of the TBRPC.

All presentations, pertinent links and detailed minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org. 727.570.5151