



Recap of the TBRPC Council Meeting

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

Meeting Date: May 13, 2019

- ❖ **TBRPC Receives EPA Gulf of Mexico Grant**
TBRPC has received notification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Gulf of Mexico Program, that it has been selected as one of the entities for a cooperative agreement in the amount of \$299,455 to build resiliency on a regional basis.
- ❖ **TBRPC Receives U.S. Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration Investment Award**
TBRPC has received notification from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration of an investment award of \$175,000. TBRPC will use federal funds to develop a Tampa Bay Area Business Continuity Exercise for Small Businesses, a tabletop exercise to improve communications between emergency managers and small businesses before, during and after a major storm event.
- ❖ **Resolution 06-2019 June as Hurricane Awareness Month**
A resolution by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council in support of June 2019 as Hurricane Awareness Month.
- ❖ **Regional Round Table on Disaster Recovery**
Mr. Sean Sullivan, TBRPC Executive Director provided an overview of the Regional Round Table on Disaster Recovery which was held immediately following the Annual Future of the Region Awards. He also shared the Tampa Bay Region Mobile Home Population Report and the Tampa Bay Region Vulnerable Population Map & Data report. Both reports can be accessed on the Council website.
- ❖ **2019 Official Disaster Planning Guides**
The 2019 Official Disaster Planning Guides are now available. Marshall Flynn, TBRPC IT/GIS Director and Sarah Vitale, TBRPC Senior Planner gave an overview of the Guides which have been published in both English and Spanish. The first in the nation, the Guide has been published annually by the TBRPC for over 30 years. Ms. Vitale provided the graphic design for this year's Guide which will be distributed to 286,000 residents.
- ❖ **Business Disaster Recovery**
Mr. Brian Ellis, TBRPC Disaster Recovery Coordinator provided a presentation on Business Disaster Recovery. Mr. Ellis has travelled the region speaking to over 30 business groups about how they can better insure continuity of operations when disaster strikes.

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

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