

Update on Ag Appropriations Requests – Initiated by Stewardship America/CH2M HILL

Monday, March 22, 2004 , 9 a.m. (Eastern Time)

Agenda

Please go to <http://privatelands.org/earmarks.htm> in advance of call and view documents.

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Problems, want to speak to me in advance of call? Cell phone, Craig Evans – 561-302-5782

1. Welcome/Introductions/Who's on Call (Craig Evans/all participants)
2. Purpose of call – update on recent actions, description of proposed earmarks, exchange of information and ideas, discussion of missteps (not keeping some key organizations/agencies in loop), discussion of opportunities and threats, discussion of how to proceed, suggestions for next steps, need for coordination, opportunities for cooperation.
3. Summary of Ag Appropriations Requests/How they Came About (Craig Evans)
4. Other States Involved to Bring in Key Votes (Craig Evans, John Dickey CH2M HILL/Sacramento, global leader for the company's Ag Services for 6 years)
 - **Request #1** – 13 states: CA, FL, GA, NC, TX and Great Lake states of ID, IL, MI, MN, OH, PA, NY and WI
 - **Request#2** – 9 states: FL and Great Lakes States
 - **Request #3** – 6 states: CA, FL, LA, MS, OR (Klamath Basin), TX
5. Key Areas of Focus in FL (Craig Evans)
 - Request #1 – Rural Lands Stewardship Program** – Original focus of earmarks
 - ✓ Outgrowth of work by Rural Lands Stewardship Council (see <http://privatelands.org/rural/RLSC.htm> and http://privatelands.org/download/RLSC_3-2004_Council_Members.pdf)
 - ✓ Treasure Coast - key contacts on initiative: Martin County Agricultural Landowners, Inc., Indian River Citrus League
 - ✓ Eglin Air Force Base – encroachment on base, 1,000-square mile flyway -key contacts on initiative: Eglin AFB personnel, NFWFMD, TNC (national)
 - Request #2 – Integrated Watershed Planning** – Added to benefit FL from Great Lakes strategy
 - ✓ Suwannee River Water Management District - key contact: Jerry Scarborough
 - ✓ Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco Counties - added at last minute.
 - Request #3 – Water Quality Improvement and Nutrient Management Districts** – Added to Build on CH2 Innovations in working with CAFOs in Western States
 - ✓ Lake Okeechobee Drainage Basin - key contacts: local dairy producers, Sunshine Dairy Producers, individual cow/calf operations, Florida Cattlemen's Association, World Wildlife Fund, TNC (national, re: FLOW program).

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6. Misstep with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Craig Evans, Leslie Palmer, Ray Scott)
7. Exchange of Ideas/Questions (all call participants)
8. Discussion of Opportunities and Threats (all call participants)
9. Discussion on How to Proceed (all call participants)
10. Suggestions for Next Steps (all call participants)
11. Need for Coordination (all call participants)
12. Opportunities for Cooperation (all call participants)
13. Closing Remarks