IRL COUNCIL
STEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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August 19, 2025

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Historic Sebastian Elementary School, 1235 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958

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The order of items appearing on the agenda is subject to change during the meeting and is at the presiding officer's discretion. Anyone wishing to speak on any item is requested to complete a speaker's card.

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)
2. **Introductions** (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)
3. **Agenda Revisions** (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)
   Note any known changes and inquire if any members have suggested revisions.
4. **Consent Agenda** (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)
   a. Approve the Minutes from the STEM meeting held on May 6, 2025
   b. Approve Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget Amendment
   c. Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Final Budget Amendment

   R**equested Action:** Motion to approve the consent agenda.
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Water Quality Reports**
   a. Northern IRL (Lauren Hall, SJRWMD)
   b. Southern IRL (Melanie Parker, SFWMD)
7. **Presentation**

   State of the Lagoon Technical Report
   Dr. Leesa Souto, Operations Director, Applied Ecology, Inc.
8. **Old Business**

   None
9. **New Business**

a. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) NOAA Professional Engineering Services (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept Management Conference recommendation to identify the most qualified Engineering Services contractor(s); authorize staff to enter into negotiations and contract with firm(s) selected.

b. Fiscal Year 2027 Request for Proposals (RFPs) (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to authorize staff to develop and release RFPs for FY 2027, review and rank proposals and return to the Management Conference for funding approval.

c. Habitat Restoration Plan (Kathy Hill)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to approve the Habitat Restoration Plan and authorize staff to submit the plan to EPA.

d. Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Priorities (Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to review and adopt IRL Council Legislative Priorities for 2026 and authorize the Executive Director to represent the IRL Council in legislative policy discussions and appropriations.

10. IRLNEP Staff Reports

a. Community Engagement Update (Kathy Hill)
b. Information Technology and Data Science Update (Kathy Hill)
c. IRL Project Update (Daniel Kolodny)
d. Executive Director Report (Duane De Freese)

11. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

12. Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
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13. Adjourn

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