

Gulf Coast Prairie Landscape Conservation Cooperative
Science Team Meeting - AGENDA
May 17-19, 2016
Lafayette, LA

Theme: *Advancing a Strategic Vision for Science and Landscape Conservation Design*

Logistics:

- Meeting will be held at the [NOAA Estuarine Habitats and Coastal Fisheries Center, Lafayette, LA](#).
- Lunches – please bring cash and we will order from a local deli.
- Snacks and light refreshments (e.g. coffee) will be provided
- PLEASE confirm your attendance at the meeting with Ben by **Wednesday, May 3rd**.
- **Please book your own hotel rooms.** We have a block of rooms at Pear Tree Inn (126 Alcide Dominique, Lafayette, LA 70506). Please make your reservations either [online](#) or by phone (1-800-325-0720; Group Number = 2273259) **by Thursday, April 14, 2016** to receive our group rate (\$69.99 + tax).

Preparations: (Assignments will be prepared and presented ahead of the meeting)

Our meeting will focus largely on enhancing our approach to science and advancing our efforts for landscape conservation design. Specifically,

1. Enhance Science: Topics will include prioritizing science needs, developing fundable science projects, revising the Science Strategy, and developing a grants plan. We will focus primarily on process to strengthen our roles by narrowing and prioritizing a path forward.
2. Advance Coarse Filter LCD: We will complete projections of terrestrial broadly-defined habitats (BDHs), create approaches to project aquatic BDHs, and devise an approach to package the results for submission to SECAS Blueprint.
3. Advance Fine Filter LCD: We will focus on advancing a process for integrating terrestrial and aquatic planning and design and devise strategies for engaging with current efforts in the Lower Colorado and Guadalupe River Watersheds.

Expected outcomes:

By the end of the meeting the Science Team members:

1. Will be updated on the actions and events of the Steering Committee, status and news from regional and national efforts and teams, and the status of LCC-funded science projects.
2. Will be aligned as POC's for technical review teams, delineated and planned for the refinement of the Science Strategy to include prioritization of science needs, discussed the development of a grants plan, and guided through internal systems for science development and delivery (e.g., ScienceBase, Griffin Groups, GCP, and Conservation Planning Atlas).
3. Will have developed a process and timeline to prepare and forward fundable science ideas to the Steering Committee ahead of the June 2016 meeting.

4. Complete process for coarse filter LCD: Engaged in reviewing and working to advance the coarse filter LCD with primary focus on creating approaches to project the aquatic broadly-defined habitats and Package results for submission to SECAS Blueprint Version 1.0 [DUE: Fall 2016]
5. Briefed on fine filter project areas with emphasis on creating a path forwards capitalizing and engaging with on-going terrestrial and aquatic regional efforts in the Lower Colorado and Guadalupe River Basins and possibly along the Red River (circa Lake Texoma).

DAY 1 – Focus on Science			
Tuesday May 17th – 9:00am—5:00pm			
Time	Agenda Item	Responsibility	Objective
9:00—9:30	Welcome & Logistics - Agenda Overview	Ben	Clarity
9:30—9:45	LCC Steering Committee Updates	Bill	Summarize actions and tasks
9:45—10:30	Partner updates (round robin)	All	Broaden understanding of current actions and directions
10:30—10:40	GCP/GCPO Geomatics Meeting	Blair	List joint data and science needs
10:40—10:50	BREAK		
10:50—noon	Regional updates	Various	Scope
12:00— 12:45	LUNCH (bring \$ and we will order from a local deli)		
12:45—2:00	Strategic Vision for the Science Team	Ben	Present a long-term strategy to strengthen and enhance science development and delivery
2:00—2:45	Status of current science projects	All	Review progress, timelines, and deliverables
2:45—3:00	BREAK		
3:00—4:30	Science needs	All	Review, elicit, revise, and formulate a process to prioritize
4:30—4:45	Technical Review Teams (TRTs)	Ben	Review purpose of TRTs and identify POCs
4:45—5:00	Wrap-up	All	Review of what we heard and plan for Day 2

DAY 2 – Landscape Conservation Design (LCD)			
Wednesday May 18th – 8:00am—5:00pm			
Time	Agenda Item	Responsibility	Objective
8:00—8:30	Overnight Insights & Agenda Review	Ben	Revelations and brilliant thoughts
8:30—10:00	Coarse Filter LCD	Blair	Review effort to date and identify next steps
10:00—10:15	BREAK		
10:15—12:00	Coarse Filter LCD (continued)	Blair	Devise approaches for aquatic broadly-defined habitats

12:00—1:30	LUNCH (on your own; regroup at Cypress Lake Preserve, Breaux Bridge)		
1:30—1:45	Welcome to Cypress Lake Preserve	Kacy King	Learn, explore, and enjoy
1:45—2:45	Coarse Filter LCD (continued)	Blair	Devise approaches for aquatic broadly-defined habitats; identify timelines and Task Group
2:45—3:00	BREAK		
3:00—3:30	Coarse Filter: Preparing for submission to the SECAS Blueprint 1.0	Ben	Discuss timeline and approaches to package Coarse Filter LCD for submission to SECAS
3:45—4:45	Fine Filter LCD	Ben	Review effort to date and discuss approaches for integrating aquatic and terrestrial for planning and design.
4:45—5:00	Wrap-up	All	Review of what we heard and plan for Day 3
5:00—8:00	Explore and Dinner at Cypress Lake Preserve, Breaux Bridge (or nearby)		

DAY 3 – Work Session			
Thursday May 19 th – 8:00am—12:00pm			
Time	Agenda Item	Responsibility	Objective
8:00—8:30	Overnight Insights & Agenda Review	Ben	Revelations and brilliant thoughts
8:30—10:00	Break out session: Task groups	All	Make contact and dig in: Develop plans and timelines for deliverables
10:00—10:15	BREAK		
10:15—11:00	Break out session (continued)	All	
11:00—11:30	Tasks Groups: Report back and next steps	All	Tasks and actions are compiled, Leads and Supporters are named, and next check-in points are established.
11:30—11:45	Science Project Portfolio	Ben	Agreement on process and timeline to finalize science project ideas to forward to Steering Committee
11:45—noon	Key Talking Points and close	All	Agreement on key points we can take back to our respective organizations – and the Steering Committee