SUFC Policy Workgroup Call

August 23, 2013, 2:00 pm EST

<u>Participants:</u> Rebecca Turner, Danielle Dills, Danielle Watson, Cara Boucher, Jen Hinrichs, Alice Ewen, Chuck Mills, Gerry Gray, Kevin O'Hara, John Barnwell, Brent Keith, Rebecca Arvin, Faith Campbell,

Announcements:

Danielle Dills is leaving NACD, she will be missed. We are looking forward to working more closely with Laura Petersen and Kimberly Koch and will be sure to get her on the email list.

- 1. House Interior Approps vs. Senate Interior Approps
- Short term (by the end of recess), midterm (this Fall through early Nov), and long term plans were discussed. See attached strategy sheet and excel sheet.
- A CR is expected for the first quarter of FY 14 with an appropriations bill for the remaining quarters expected in late Fall.

Action Item: Each organization should fill-in where they have strong connections in the offices listed in the excel sheet. They will be the leads in setting up meetings this Fall.

Action Item: We are looking for someone to lead the Briefing subcommittee, with ample help from Jen and Becky, to develop the strategy, agenda, and list of presenters for a late October timeframe.

2. Climate Plan Recommendations Update

Action Item: Danielle W will be submitting UF recommendations to the Forest Climate Working Group.

- 3. Advocacy Day Planning Update
- Danielle D will no longer be the chair and we will seek another in the mean time

Action Item: The subcommittee will send out a poll as to whether the change to May would work well for everyone.

- 4. Community Parks and TREES Act Update
- We have over ¾ endorsement from the full coalition for the Community Parks legislation, so SUFC is now an official supporter of the Act.

Action Item: Jen is working with graphics to lay-out "leave-behinds" with SUFC logos of both Community Parks and the TREES Act