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MELISSA L. MEEKER

PROGRAM MANAGER

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Extensive Program Management experience partnered with state, regional and local government to implement public projects
- ❖ Instrumental in developing innovative stakeholder focus groups, including stakeholder identification, outreach and facilitation
- ❖ Strong sustainable planning experience dealing with impacts from land use changes
- ❖ Extensive event planning and coordination, including funding, publicity, and logistics

Education:

MS, Environmental Resource Management, 1995

BS, Biology, 1992

Training:

Project Management Training

Water Quality Standards Academy/US EPA

Negotiating and Resolving Public Disputes/FL Conflict Resolution Consortium

Years of Experience:

15

Experience Summary

Ms. Meeker has more than 15 years experience in environmental and program management. She has been responsible for program, operations and project management, and has been instrumental in developing innovative stakeholder and public education programs, and long-term citizen support programs for public restoration projects. In addition, she has been instrumental in developing innovative stakeholder focus groups to solve complex and controversial problems and target outside funding for projects. Her primary program expertise is in large-scale environmental restoration programs, sustainable growth, policy development, and regulatory negotiations and implementation. Ms. Meeker focuses on client development and satisfaction, strategic program development and implementation, financial performance, technical project implementation and overall project management by working with key personnel resources throughout the state to achieve successful project completion.

South Florida Water Management District, Governing Board Member. Appointed in June of 2007 by Governor Charlie Crist; one of nine members responsible for oversight and policy direction to District charged with water supply and water quality for 8 million Floridians and overseeing flood control and environmental restoration in southern from Orlando south to the Florida Keys.

Women in the Environment, President. Organizer of national professional networking association targeted at female environmental professionals. Duties include development of materials for website (updated weekly), outreach targeting potential new members and sponsors, marketing material development and distribution, and event coordination. National events include logistics, identifying and organizing technical presenters, silent auction coordination, invitations, and other administrative duties (sign-in, name tags, etc.).

Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida, Water Resources Lead. Responsible for the identification of key statewide water resources stakeholders to participate in a roundtable focused on water resources planning needs for the 2050 horizon. Duties included summarizing available technical information and technologies, presenting information in concise and easy-to-understand terms, and facilitating organized discussions revolving around those ideas, with the intent of developing state-wide goals and legislative needs for Florida's future water resource protection programs.

Sustainable Treasure Coast, Inc., President. Lead not-for-profit organization charged with public outreach and elected official education targeting sustainability issues on the Treasure Coast, including environmental protection and restoration needs, and consequences of poor land use decisions. Position includes organizing events designed to share information with decision makers. Most recent event



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includes the Treasure Coast Green Conference, which had over 450 attendees and extensive television and newspaper coverage.

Florida House of Representatives, Alternative Water Supply Development, Consultant. Consultant to the House on the identification and development of alternative water supply services including reviewing innovative technologies for the

development of new water supplies, reuse, conservation, and water quality treatment, as well as innovative funding strategies. Duties include research and data analysis, stakeholder involvement, and extensive public outreach through presentations to key groups.

Governor's Committee for a Sustainable Treasure Coast, FL. As a Governor appointee, chaired 37-member stakeholder committee focused on economic, environmental, and social issues including sustainable redevelopment. Required extensive facilitation and leadership to identify key community needs and potential grant and foundation funding to help offset costs for projects that would benefit local communities. Also worked with local delegation to secure line item appropriations for visioning and public involvement process

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast District, West Palm Beach, FL. Responsible for implementation of state regulatory programs in Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties, including all facets of environmental resource permitting, water facilities, waste management, and air resources management. This position was a politically appointed senior management level position in charge of District and branch offices, including supervision of team of 150 professionals and overall operation and maintenance of offices, including implementation of a 6.8 million dollar/year budget.

Ms. Meeker was also responsible for Department's role in the implementation and coordination of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program and Lake Okeechobee Protection Act. In addition, she was the point of contact for all public and media relations in Southeast Florida, including responding to inquiries, coordinating press releases and conferences, creating and distributing a regional Legislative newsletter, and writing op-eds. In this role, Ms. Meeker gained extensive public outreach experience, including speech writing and presenting, to a variety of audiences, both technical and general.

South Florida Water Management District, FL. Served as Water Quality Protection Program Coordinator & Senior Planner responsible for the development and initiation of the Water Quality Protection Program, including applying for and receiving start-up grant funding totaling \$400,000. Acted as the liaison between agencies in South Florida with water quality protection authority, including federal, state, regional, and local agencies and the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Port St. Lucie Branch Office, FL. Served as Environmental Administrator and managed the office. Implemented the Southeast District's Ecosystem Management initiatives. Worked through St. Lucie River Issue Team to respond to an environmental crisis and to prioritize this critical restoration project. The project received a total of \$17.5 million in state and grant funding.

General Engineering Services, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL. Program Manager for multi-year GES contract including task order development, negotiations and implementation and overall client satisfaction. Contract is estimated at \$10 million over 5 years. Focus on definition and buy-in of scope of work elements, schedules, budgets, the level of detail required to meet the needs of this government agency, and appropriate staffing and quality of work. Work orders range from environmental assessments, engineering designs, permitting and public involvement as they relate to the implementation of the District's public projects, including Everglades Restoration.

Environmental Risk Assessment, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL. Program Manager for a multi-year ESA contract including task order development, negotiations, and implementation and overall client satisfaction. Focus on definition and buy-in of scope of work elements, schedules, budgets, the level of detail required to meet the needs of this government agency, and appropriate staffing and quality of work. Work orders are primarily focused on conducting Phase I/II investigations and actual remediation construction associated lands targeted for acquisition under Everglades Restoration Program, but also included ecological risk assessments, water quality sampling, and agency negotiations.