



# WQPP Technical Advisory Committee

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# The TAC Roles

## *Section 8(d)(2)(C) – FKNMS and Protection Act*

USEPA and NOAA shall cooperate with the FDEP to establish a Technical Advisory Committee to advise the Steering Committee and to assist with design and prioritization of research, special studies and monitoring programs.

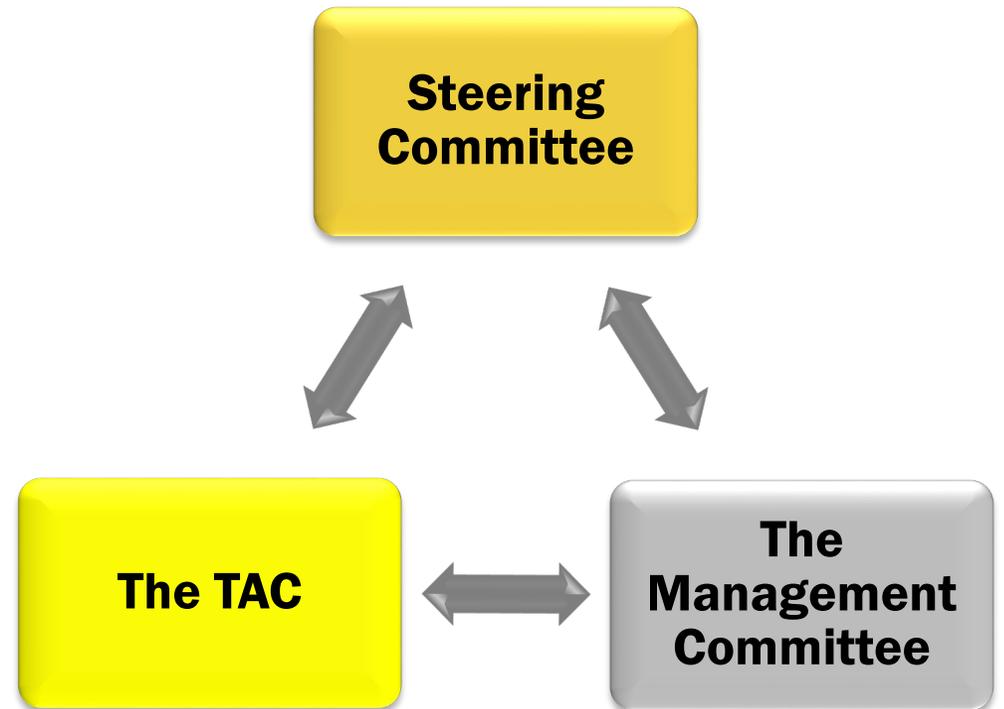




# TAC Composition and Purpose

## *WQPP Report to Congress 2013*

- Comprised of scientists and technical experts from federal, state and local agencies, academic institutions, non-profit organizations, and knowledgeable citizens
- Advises the Steering Committee on research and monitoring priorities and in the design of long-term monitoring programs
- Peer reviews research and special studies proposals submitted for WQPP funding
- Does not make decisions





# TAC Meeting on June 26, 2020

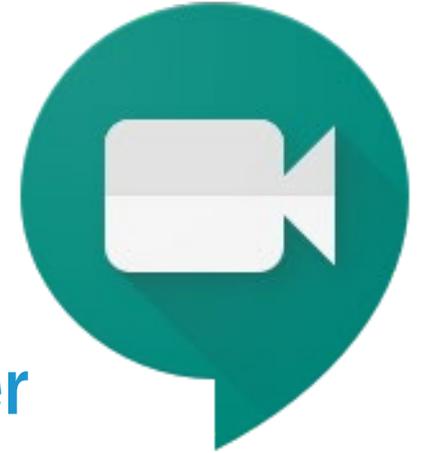


## Background:

- Florida DEP's Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration designed project in response to citizen comment
- Requested project review to assess near-shore water impacts on water quality of shallow wastewater injection wells
- EPA issued 2020 South Florida Geographic Initiative Request for Applications with Wastewater Shallow Injection Well Impacts identified as a priority FKNMS action item



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## Results:

- Discussion highlighted need for complementary groundwater study to have more targeted surface water sampling

## Outcome:

- Complementary projects at multiple institutions were developed and applied for funding through the 2020 South Florida Geographic Initiative EPA Grant



**Thank you!**

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