

## Agenda Item 4

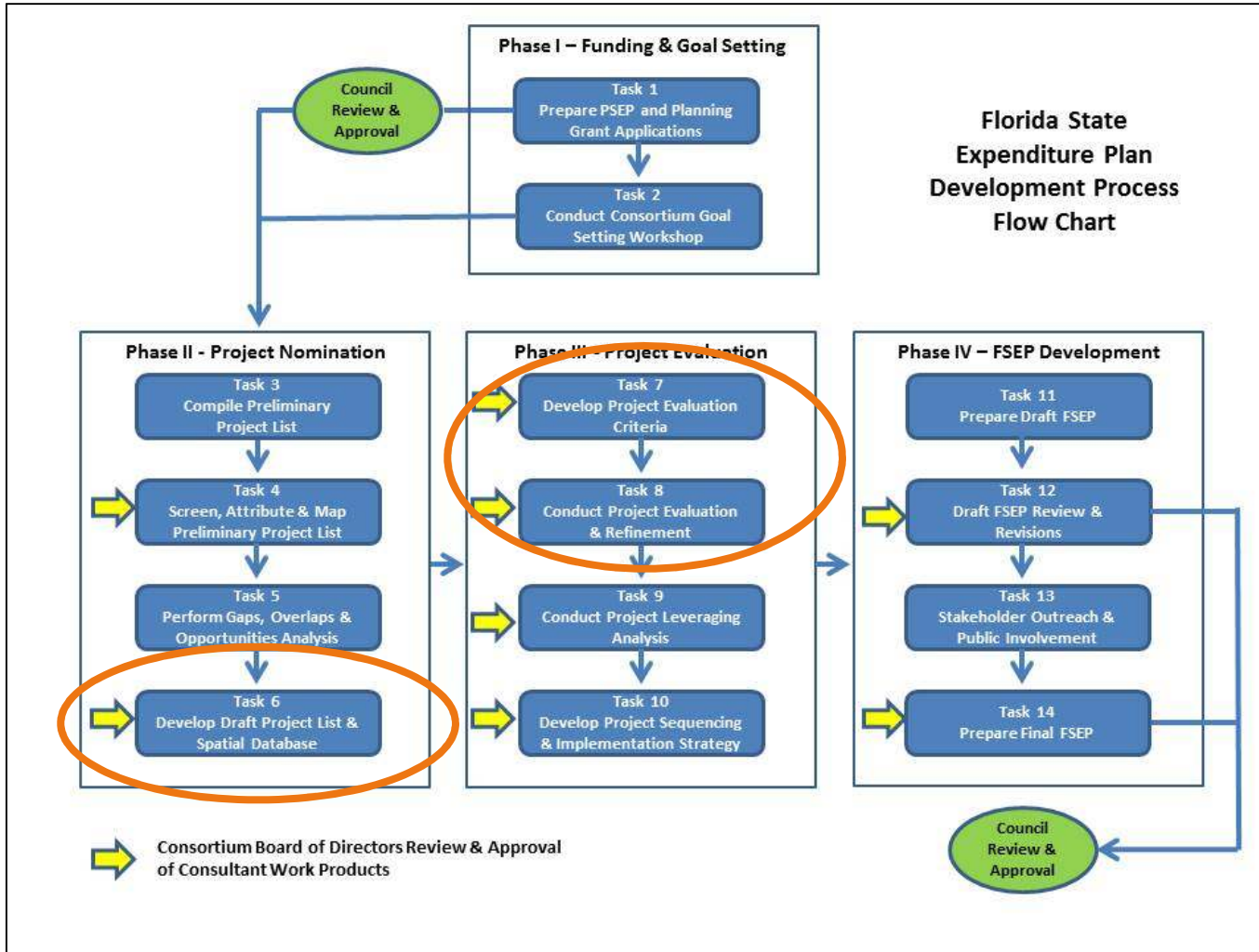
### Status Report on Work Order #7

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# Work Order #7 Tasks





## Activities Conducted Since April 6, 2017 Gulf Consortium Meeting

- Continued consultations with individual counties regarding project definition and refinement
  - Santa Rosa County – developed a pre-project water quality monitoring analysis and approach
  - Levy County – assisted with project refinement
  - Escambia County – assisted with conceptual design & feasibility study needs and scope development
- Met with Restoration Council staff in New Orleans on April 26, 2017



## April 26, 2017 Meeting with Restoration Council

- Discussed unique aspects of the Gulf Consortium organization and the Florida SEP development
- Presented an overview of the Preliminary Project List
- Discussed the list of questions developed through County consultations
  - Planning Grant Uses
  - SEP Content and Organization
  - SEP Approval and Amendments
  - Bonding, Advance Funding, and Debt Reimbursement
  - Uses of Spill Impact Component Funds
  - Pre- and Post-Project Monitoring



## Key Points from the Council Meeting

- Impressed with the quality and diversity of projects represented in the Preliminary Project List
- Level of detail for project descriptions is discretionary; however, conceptual design (30%) is not required for SEP approval
- Conceptual design, feasibility analysis, Best Available Science, detailed project budgets and phasing will be required for individual project implementation grants



## Key Points from the Council Meeting

- SEP review and approval will be based on compliance with:
  - The RESTORE Act
  - Treasury regulations
  - SEP guidelines developed by the Council
- The Council has a maximum 60-day review period for State Expenditure Plans
- The SEP may be amended at anytime and there are no defined limits on the number of future amendments

## Other Key Points of Interest

- The 25% infrastructure limitation does not apply to wastewater upgrade projects that specifically target existing pollution problems
- Spill Impact Component funds may be used to improve private properties if such improvements are necessary to achieve project benefits – i.e. septic to sewer hookups on private lots
- Properties acquired using Spill Impact Component funds will require a notice of “federal interest” and applicable land use restrictions in real property records

## Other Key Points of Interest

- Project costs for projects described in the SEP cannot be reimbursed if those costs were incurred prior to SEP approval
- Baseline monitoring is not required for SEP approval; however, project implementation grants will require Observational Data Plans and Data Management Plans to document project benefits
- The Gulf Consortium may sub-award funds reserved in the planning grant for conceptual design & feasibility studies directly to individual counties; however, those sub-awards would require a planning grant amendment



## Recommendations Going Forward

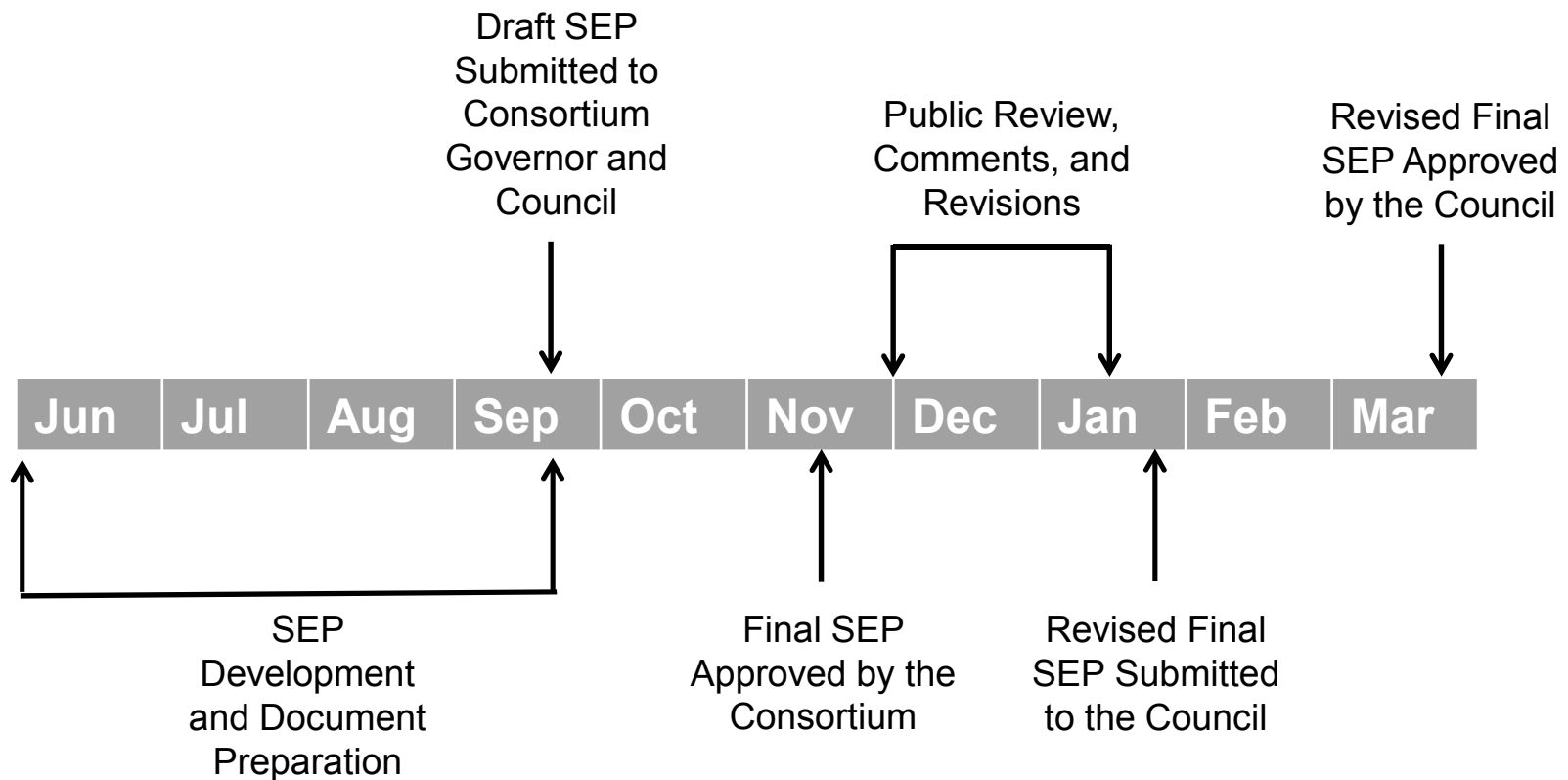
- It is in the best interest of the Gulf Consortium to now accelerate the development and approval of the SEP
- Conceptual design and feasibility studies for individual projects should be conducted post-SEP approval – not concurrent with SEP development
- The SEP should include a separate project that encompasses conceptual design, feasibility studies, and grant writing for all other projects described in the SEP

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- The SEP should provide a vision for the entire 15-year payout, and include descriptions of the projects proposed by all 23 counties, regardless of their stage of development
- The SEP should provide a detailed Work Program which describes project development needs, and outlines the anticipated sequencing of future implementation grant applications
- The Work Program should be used to secure leveraged funding commitments from DEP and others for the entire payout period

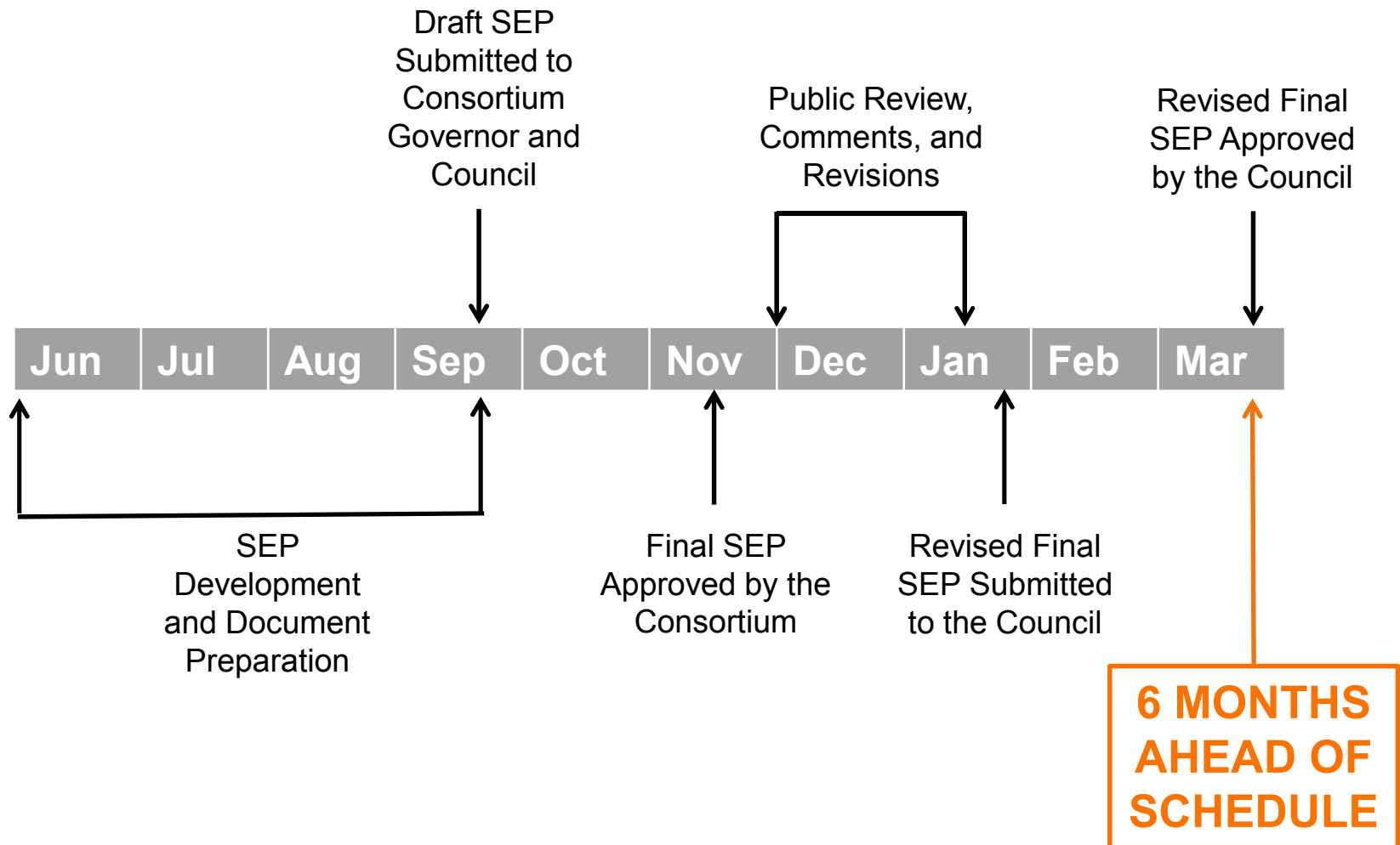


# Proposed Accelerated Schedule

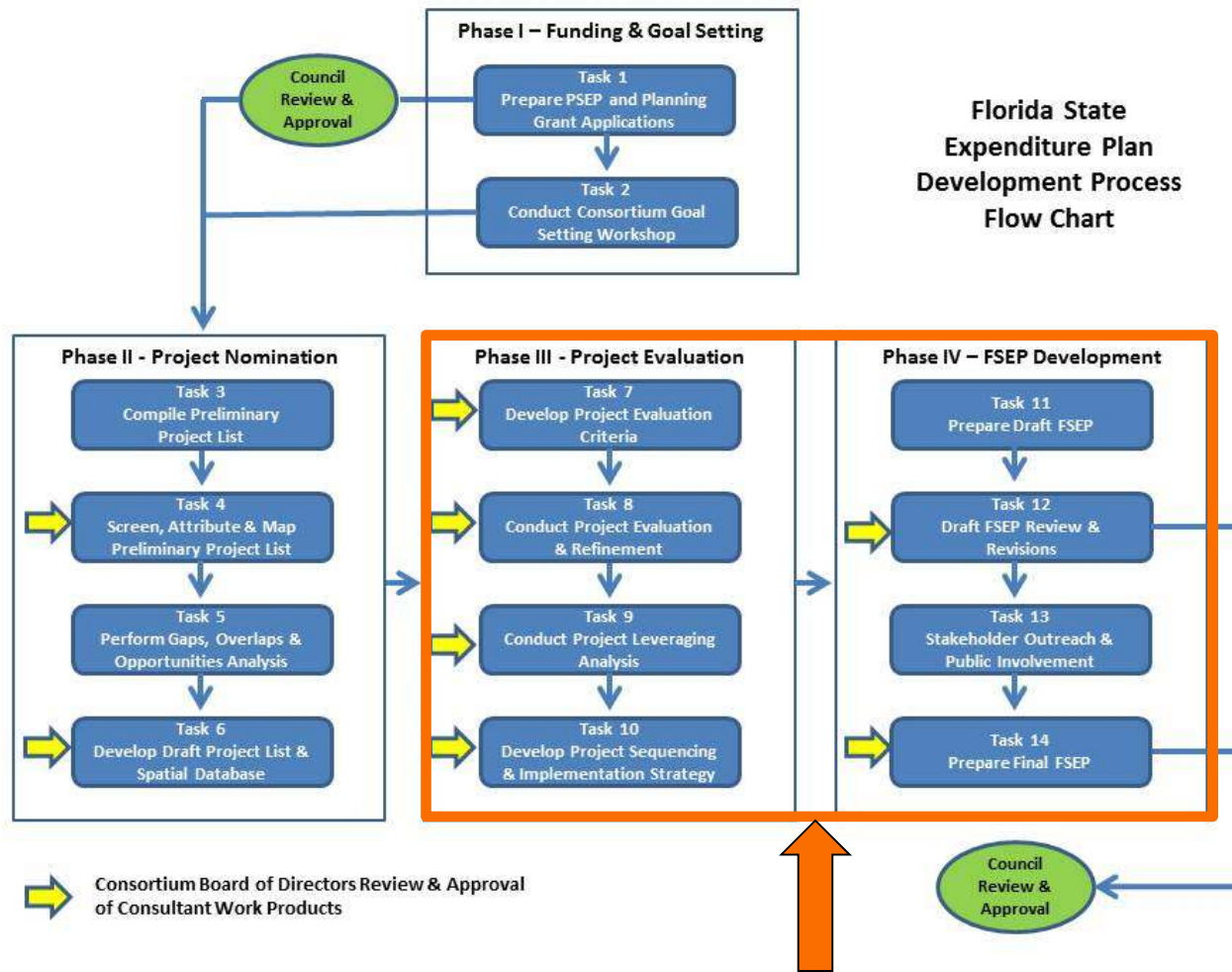




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Phases III and IV Completed by January 2018



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- Need all 23 counties to formally approve their proposed projects no later than the June 28, 2017 Gulf Consortium meeting
- ESA consultant team will work closely with each of the counties throughout the summer to define projects to the greater extent possible with existing information
- Request authorization of Work Order #8 (Tasks 9 and 10) at this meeting, and Work Order #9 (Task 11) at the June 28, 2017 meeting