

## **SASJBEP STC Meeting Notes 2/19/2026**

1-2:00pm CT

**Attendance:** SASJBEP Staff (Ryann Rossi, Rose Horn, Jessica Graham, Liz Farmer), Carrie Jones, Cat Fraser, Claire Rosental, Darryl Boudreau, Jessica Black, Joy Brown, Kaylyn Pearce, Megan Christopher, Melanie Kaeser, Phil Smith, Norman Capra, Anastasia Adams, Bill Fisher

**Meeting Summary:** The first STC meeting of 2026 included an overview of upcoming efforts, with future meetings planned around CSTARTS in April and a living shoreline suitability analysis for St. Andrew Bay in August, followed by water quality in October and a year-in-review in December. SASJBEP staff presented progress on subbasin prioritization and project development, outlining how CCMP priority issues, focus areas, and actions will be translated into implementation priorities using a multi-criteria decision analysis framework. Discussion focused on proposed objectives, indicators, datasets, spatial scales (WBID versus finer catchment-level analyses), and how weighting different criteria can influence prioritization outcomes, with STC members providing feedback on data sources, gaps, and practical applications for nutrients, pathogens, sediment, stormwater, flooding, and habitat loss. A live poll indicated wastewater, stormwater/flooding, habitat loss, and nutrients/pathogens as the highest priority issues. Next steps include finalizing criteria layers, running prioritization scenarios based on STC feedback, and refining results with partners, followed by announcements on surveys, outreach events, and partner activities.

Access the meeting recordings [here](#) and meeting materials [here](#).

### **Subbasin Prioritization & Project Ideas Overview and Discussion**

**Summary:** Ryann provided background on the subbasin prioritization project that builds on STC with a recap of the CCMP's 8 priority issues, 4 focus areas, and 28 actions. The goal of the prioritization is to use a Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis framework, to identify high-need areas for project implementation. Staff have been working to pull together different data layers for this effort and presented example prioritizations based on the U.S EPA RPS tool. STC discussed the criteria and data identified by SASJBEP staff and provided feedback on weighting with respect to priority issues.

**Example MDCA Prioritization with the U.S EPA RPS tool:** The STC reviewed an [RPS tool](#) example to illustrate how multi-factor prioritization can work. While the RPS tool used HUC-12 sub-basins, SASJBEP intends to use the catchment scale where possible and feasible. SASJBEP staff ran different scenarios in the RPS tool to show how assigning different weights to criteria can influence the outcome.



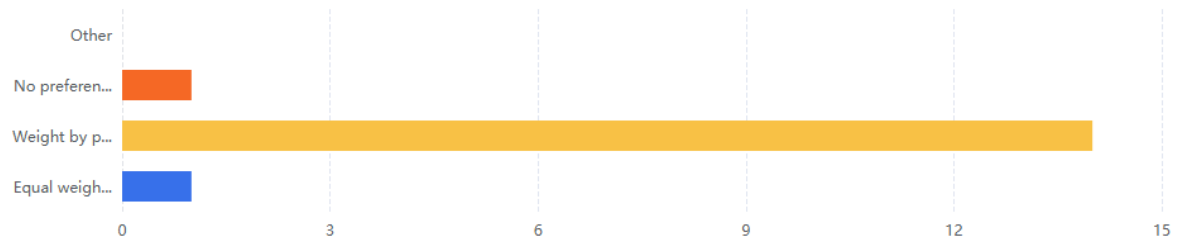


**Criteria and data:** The team walked through a draft matrix of priority issues matched with proposed criteria and available datasets and discussed the scale at which the data will be treated. Most criteria can be analyzed at the catchment scale, providing the finer spatial resolution, however, datasets, such as water-quality parameters, will be at the bay segment.

**Criteria weighting:** The STC participated in a live poll to provide feedback on whether criteria should be weighted and which may be more important. Poll results demonstrated preference to weight criteria by priority issue rather than equally. Nutrients and pathogens were overwhelmingly ranked as the top priority with recreation falling lower in the rankings. STC members also provided some feedback on metrics per priority issue beginning with nutrients and pathogens. STC members suggested focusing first on TN, TP, and fecal data and then using metrics such as number of SSOs, density of septic tanks to providing additional context. For flooding, STC members suggested looking at repetitive loss properties and stormwater infrastructure quality/status if possible.

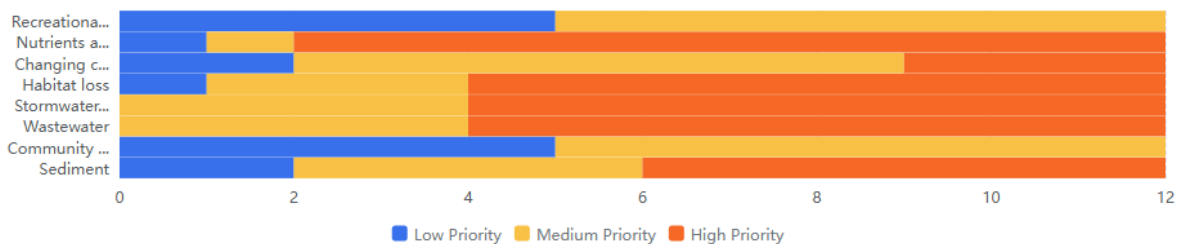
1. Do you have a recommendation for how we should weight criteria? (Single choice) \*

16/16 (100%) answered · 0 skipped



3. If we weight by priority issue, how would you weight each priority issue? Select low, medium, or high priority for each priority issue. (Rank order)

12/16 (75%) answered · 4 skipped



**SASJBEP Announcements**

SASJBEP shared several announcements:

- Flood survey- <https://lnk.bio/s/sasjbep/floodsurvey>
- Tides and Talks 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month





- Outreach Events:
  - March 6-8 Emerald Coast Boat and Lifestyle Show
  - April 10-12 Gulf Coast Salute Air Show
  - April 26 - North Florida Wildflower Festival

**Partner Announcements**

Lake Powell Community Alliance: planning new education and outreach programs

Bay County Audubon: Nature Connection Week is March 21-28 featuring Doug Tallamy with a keynote on native plants, immersive photo exhibit on 3/27 at Bay Arts Center, Owl expert, Scott Rashid will have a presentation on 3/28.

NWFL Sentinel Landscape Annual Partnership Meeting is 2/25-26 in Milton, FL.

**2026 STC Meeting Schedule**

February 19	Subbasin Prioritization and Project ideas
April 16	CSTARS
August 20	Living shoreline suitability analysis for St. Andrew Bay
October 15	Water Quality
December 17	Year in Review

