



Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force



October 15, 2020

1:30 pm

Webex Online Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order and Introductions | Chip Block, Task Force Chair |
| 2. VOTING ITEM: Consider Approval of a Resolution on Landscape Irrigation | Chip Block, Task Force Chair |
| 3. County Water Resources Manager Update | Jeremy McBryan, Palm Beach County |
| 4. General Task Force Member Comments | Chip Block, Task Force Chair |
| 5. General Public Comments | Chip Block, Task Force Chair |

Proposed 2021 Meeting Dates

January 28, 2021

February 25, 2021

April 29, 2021

July 29, 2021

September 16, 2021

October 21, 2021

Unless otherwise noted, meetings start at 1:30pm and are held at the Clayton E. Hutcheson Agricultural Services Center (Exhibit Hall A) located at 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, Florida 33415.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

RESOLUTION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER RESOURCES TASK FORCE ON LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force (Task Force) was created to identify and evaluate opportunities and impediments to providing future water supply, conservation, wastewater treatment, and reuse or reclaimed water opportunities that are most efficient and cost effective; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Task Force is to work collaboratively to identify and evaluate potential regional and sub-regional water supply strategies and solutions of appropriate water quality to meet countywide future water resources needs and water conservation goals; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Palm Beach County adopted Ordinance Number 85-11 (as amended in 2001 by Ordinance Number 2001-008), providing for local implementation of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Water Shortage Plan and to protect the water resources of Palm Beach County from the harmful effects of overutilization during periods of water shortage; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Palm Beach County adopted Ordinance Number 91-52, known as the Palm Beach County Water and Irrigation Conservation Ordinance (which was thereafter repealed and replaced in its entirety in 1993 by Ordinance Number 93-3), a countywide ordinance imposing permanent restrictions on landscape irrigation and establishing a regulatory framework and guidance document to help ensure consistent water and landscape irrigation conservation throughout Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Water and Irrigation Conservation Ordinance does not authorize landscape irrigation, but restricts landscape irrigation authorized by the SFWMD to the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., and provides for variances and waivers from the ordinance and enforcement of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department potable water demand is one of the lowest in the County at 114 gallons per person per day for the 2012-2016 period; and

WHEREAS, the SFWMD authorizes the consumptive use of water for landscape irrigation by rule and through individual and public water supply permits; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the SFWMD adopted a Mandatory Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures Rule (Chapter 40E-24, FAC) (Landscape Irrigation Rule) intended to ensure the long-term sustainability of the water resources of the region, increase water use efficiency, and prevent and curtail wasteful water use practices through regulatory means for landscape irrigation by all users; and

WHEREAS, the SFWMD Landscape Irrigation Rule: 1) applies throughout Palm Beach County, 2) authorizes landscape irrigation up to three days per week, 3) prohibits landscape irrigation daily between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., 4) provides for variance and waivers from the Rule, and 5) requires local governments to respond to address-specific or location-specific violations of the Rule at the SFWMD's request; and

WHEREAS, the SFWMD Landscape Irrigation Rule encourages each local government to adopt an ordinance that incorporates the Landscape Irrigation Rule so that each local government may enforce the Rule as its own ordinance and grant variances and waivers from the Landscape Irrigation Rule in place of the SFWMD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER RESOURCES TASK FORCE, that the Task Force hereby encourages Palm Beach County to adopt an ordinance incorporating the SFWMD Landscape Irrigation Rule and including variance and enforcement provisions such that Palm Beach County may implement and enforce the SFWMD Rule in place of the SFWMD.

Duly passed and adopted this 15th Day of October 2020

Milton (Chip) Block, Chair
Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force