



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES
TASK FORCE MEETING**



**Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33415**

**January 19, 2017
1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was announced and Chair Jay Foy called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Members Present:

Jay Foy (Chair), Mary Lou Berger (alternate for Paulette Burdick), John Flanigan, Dave Stewart, Jim Shallman, Ted Winsberg, Adrian Salee, Melanie Peterson, Myra Koutzen (Alt. for Jeff Hmara), Jason Haselkorn, Chip Block, Mike Mullaugh

Alternates Present:

Paula Ryan

Members not Present:

Paulette Burdick, Harry Raucher, Scott Kelly

Alternates not Present:

Jonathan Pearce, Jim Alderman, Dick Tomasello, Terence Davis, Rod Braun

WRTF Working Group Present:

Ken Todd (Chair), Pete Kwiatkowski

County Staff Present:

Chris Pettit, Jocelyn Colon, Gustavo Vilchez

Guests Present:

Drew Martin, Andrea Rinne, Laura Corry, Jeff Hiscock, Patrick Martin, Dan Beatty, Sean O'Keefe, Jim Noth, Michael Delcharco, Brian Shields, Karen Brandon, Richard Radcliffe, Pat Edmonson, Lorraine Zimmerman, Chris Marsh, Steve Lamb

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Stewart and seconded by Mike Mullaugh to approve the 10-20-16 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. 2017 WRTF Election of Officers

Jay Foy, Chair

Jay Foy opened up the election for the 2017 officers by first asking for nominations for Chair. Since no one volunteered to be Chair, Chip Block nominated Jay Foy to be Chair for another year. There were no other nominations so by acclimation the nominations were closed. Jay was voted unanimously as Chair for the 2017 calendar year. Jay then opened up nominations for Vice-Chair and Mike Mullaugh nominated Chip Block to be Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations so by acclimation the nominations were closed. Chip was voted unanimously as Vice-Chair for the 2017 calendar year.

Ken also provided the dates for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year. All the meetings will be at the Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall and will start at 1:30 p.m. The meeting dates for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year are as follows:

April 20, 2017, July 20, 2017, and October 19, 2017.

V. HMGP

Gustavo Vichez, PBC Emergency Mgt.

Gustavo gave a presentation on the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program administered by the State Department of Emergency Management. The program provides grants on the basis of a 75-25% match for stormwater projects that reduce flooding or other projects that ensures the safety of the residents, such as hardening of a crucial public building. Gustavo explained the program and how local governments can participate to have their current projects partially funded by the state. When the Governor declares a disaster for a specific area then those governmental entities within that area can apply for a grant. The grants are awarded based on a ranking done by Local Mitigation Strategy members. The ranking is based on a set of specific criteria through a point system. A copy of his Power Point Presentation is available on the WRTF web-site.

VII. CRS Program

Ken Todd, PBC Water Resource Mgr.

Ken Todd gave a presentation on the CRS program. The CRS program is a program by FEMA that allows government agencies to earn discounts to the premiums of NFIP insurance policies. Ken explained that this is done by earning points on various water management activities that: (1) educate the public to flood risks, (2) providing ordinances that encourage buildings to be constructed above flood elevations for that community, and (3) providing flood management projects to reduce flooding in a particular area. When a community joins the NFIP they start out as a Class 10 which makes them eligible for Federal Assistance after a flooding event. However, a Class 10 does not receive a discount. Each class that a community attains after a Class 10 earns a 5% discount. For example, a Class 7 would earn a 15% discount on flood insurance for those policy holders in that community. Ken went on to say that the largest Class within the state of Florida is a Class 5 and there aren't many communities within the state that have attained that classification. In Palm Beach County, there are only three communities who have attained a Class 5 standing in the program. The program is an enormous benefit to the residents of Palm Beach County and all communities are encouraged to consider maximizing the discounts available through greater participation, when feasible.

VIII. C-51 Reservoir Update

Chris Pettit, PBC

Chris Pettit mentioned to the WRTF members that the C-51 Reservoir project was selected by the SFWMD Governing Board to be the designated Pilot Project per the state legislature's bill.

IX. Public Comments

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

Drew Martin thanked the WRTF for scheduling a presentation next meeting for water conservation. He also said he did not support the C-51 Reservoir project.

X. Task Force Member Comments

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

Melanie Peterson of SFWMD commented that \$10 million in cooperative funding was included in the SFWMD draft budget for next year.

XI. Next Meeting Agenda

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

April 20, 2017 is the next scheduled meeting date to for the WRTF at the Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall. Jay asked Ken Todd to arrange to have water conservation as one of the presentations and to have a Loxahatchee River Water Restoration Project update as a second presentation.

XII. Adjournment

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

There being no further business, Chair Foy adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.