



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



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

**May 3, 2018
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 1:35 p.m.

Members Present:

Jay Foy (Chair), Paulette Burdick, John Flanigan, Dave Stewart, Chip Block (Vice-Chair), Adrian Salee, Myra Koutzen, Jason Haselkorn, Paula Ryan, Melanie Peterson, Scott Kelly, Ted Winsberg

Alternates Present:

Rachelle Litt, Greg Block, Don Magruder, Dick Tomasello, Jeremy McBryan

Members not Present:

Harry Raucher, Greg Shafer

Alternates not Present:

Jim Alderman, Mary Lou Berger, Terrence Davis, Greg Shafer

WRTF Working Group Present:

Ken Todd (Chair), Patrick Painter, Brian Shields (Vice-chair)

County Staff Present:

Verdenia Baker, Chris Pettit, Bonnie Finneran, Danna Ackerman-White, Brian Gentry, Dave Gillings

Guests Present:

Richard Radcliffe, Drew Martin, Adrien Rinne, Jeff Koons, Sharon Trost, Steve Lamb, Jonathan Ricketts, Bill Lynch, Anne Cox, Ernie Cox, David Brown, Rich Walesky, Karen Marcus, Lisa Interlandi, Dan Beatty, Greg Weiss, Jennifer Leeds, Don Mathis, Karen Brandon, Alan Wertepny, Laura Corry

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the 1-18-18 meeting minutes as presented by Dave Stewart and seconded by Adrian Salee. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Water Quality Monitoring

Brian Gentry, PBC ERM

Brian gave an informative presentation that described where Palm Beach County does water quality monitoring and the results of the monitoring program.

IV. Lox River Watershed Restoration Plan Update

Ken Todd, PBC

Ken gave an update on the status of Lox River Watershed Restoration Plan PDT process. There was discussion concerning the four alternatives that were studied in detail by the ACOE. The local stakeholders would like to see Alternative 10 be the Tentatively Selected Plan as it provides the best opportunity to promote the originally agreed upon five goals for the County's waterways. Those goals are as follows:

- (1) Provide restoration flows to the Lox River
- (2) Enhancing the Lox Slough thru connectivity of the north county wetland areas
- (3) Reduce freshwater flows into the Lake Worth Lagoon
- (4) Enhance water supply for various utilities
- (5) Improve flood protection for the western communities

Ken was asked to provide options for the lead agency in implementing the components the local stakeholders would like to see added to the TSP, if they aren't already included in the TSP. He said the lead agency could be the SFWMD, but could also be a local government. He said he believes the best option is having the SFWMD be the lead agency as the effort is truly a multi-jurisdictional effort and Chapter 373.705, F.S. indicates the Water Mgt. Districts are the appropriate agencies to be in charge of water resource development. He provide the lengthy list of components to the Task Force indicating that the local stakeholders believed these components would provide for all the goals mentioned above. Finally, Ken provided options for funding of the components. He also stated that a coalition of stakeholders who were policy makers should ultimately be established to work with the ACOE/SFWMD to work together in establishing the best plan for all involved in implementing the TSP and local components not a part of the TSP.

Ken also mentioned that the ACOE is having a PDT meeting on May 9th giving the local stakeholders an opportunity to provide input on the four alternatives. Melanie Peterson indicated that the SFWMD will also be working with the ACOE in determining what the TSP would be that is to be sent to ACOE District Offices in Jacksonville for approval in September.

V. Public Comments

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

Drew Martin commented that the municipalities are considering using seawalls along the Intracoastal Waterway to protect the shoreline from erosion due to sea level rise. He believed they should be promoting a natural shoreline with vegetation instead.

VI. Task Force Member Comments

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

There were no WRTF member comments.

VIII. Next Meeting Agenda

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the WRTF is Thursday, July 19, 2018 and will be held at the Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall.

IX. Adjournment

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

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