

PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER RESOURCES TASK FORCE MEETING



PBC WATER UTILITIES 8100 FOREST HILL BLVD, WPB, FL

February 19, 2009 1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Jeff Koons called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. at the PBC Water Utilities, 8100 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33413

Members Present:

Jeff Koons, Betty Bingham, Donald Noel, John Flanigan, Steve Bedner, Jim Alderman, O'Neal Bardin, Jay Foy, Todd Wodraska, Pat Rooney, Steve Wilson, and David Levy

Alternates Present:

Dave Stewart, Susan Haynie, Dave Autrey, Chip Merriam, Michael Dahlgren, Dan Beatty, John Whitworth, Richard Tomasello, Ted Winsberg

Members not Present:

Carmine Priore

Alternates not Present:

Shelley Vana, Lynne Hubbard and D. Albrey Arrington

County Staff Present:

Thomas H. Miller, Brian Shields, Valerie Cintron-Perez, and Dana Ackerman-White for PBC Commissioner Shelley Vana

Guests Present:

WRTF Working Group: Ken Todd (Chair), Chris Helfrich, Kyle Grandusky, Mike Baker, Peter Kwiatkowski, Linda Brien, Joey Quinn, John O'Malley, Juan Guevarez

Other Guests: Bill Gurney, Carol Connelly, Fred Rapach and Michael Cox of Gannett Fleming

II. PRESENTATION ON SUNSHINE LAW

Lenny Berger of the County Attorney's Office made a brief presentation on the Sunshine Law and the responsibilities of the members pertaining to this law. Each member was provided with a booklet concerning Florida's Sunshine Law and all members were encouraged to read the information herein. Mr. Berger informed all present that all meetings held by both the Task Force and Working Group come under the Sunshine Law.

III. ELECTION OF WRTF CHAIR

A motion was made by **O'Neal Bardin** and seconded by **David Levy** to elect PBC Commissioner Jeff Koons to serve as the Chair for the Water Resources Task Force. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ELECTION OF WRTF VICE-CHAIR

A motion was made by **Steve Wilson** and seconded by **Pat Rooney** to elect David Levy to serve as the Vice-Chair for the Water Resources Task Force. The motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF WRTF PROCEDURES:

The Task Force members discussed the draft Procedures of the Task Force as provided by County Staff.

A motion was made by **Jay Foy** and seconded by **Pat Rooney** to amend section (V) OFFICERS (A) ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR **to be changed from** "The tenure of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Task Force shall be for one year or for the duration of the Task Force and shall be automatically extended until the next election", **to say** "The tenure of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Task Force shall be a maximum of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by **Jay Foy** and seconded by **David Levy** to amend section (VII) TASK FORCE MEETINGS (B) **to be changed from** "A quorum for the Task Force meeting shall consist of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total appointed Task Force members (or Alternates), or seven (7) Task Force members (or alternates). " **to say** "A quorum for the Task Force meeting shall consist of seven (7) Task Force members (or alternates). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by **Todd Wodraska** and seconded by **Betty Bingham** to approve the WRTF Procedures with the changes listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION OF MEETING LOGISTICS

- 1. Each meeting will be held on the third Thursday of each month from 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
- 2. The March meeting to be held in Jupiter. All future meetings will be rotated throughout the county. The third meeting will be held at the offices of the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) in Delray Beach.
- 3. Meetings will be held monthly for the first few meetings and then less frequently by the summer. The group will decide then how frequently to meet.

VII. APPROVAL OF THE WRTF WORKING GROUP

Ken Todd, Chair of the Working Group by BCC Resolution, presented the names for the remainder of the Working Group for approval by the Task Force members. A motion was made by **David Levy** and seconded by **Todd Wodraska** to approve the WRTF Working Group Members as listed: Ken Todd, Chris Helfrich, Kyle Grandusky, Mike Baker, Peter Kwiatkowski, Linda Brien, Joey Quinn, John O'Malley, Juan Guevarez, Paul Schofield, Kurt Bressner, Rich Walesky, Rim Bishop, John Fumero, Rebecca Elliott, and Pat Gleason. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. C-51 RESERVOIR PRESENTATION

Albert Carbon, Public Works Director for the City of Ft. Lauderdale, made a brief presentation on the progress made by a coalition of Utilities in investigating the possibility of capturing runoff from the C-51 Canal; storing it in a reservoir for release to the LWDD system for canal and wellfield recharge throughout central and southern Palm Beach County. Broward County could benefit from this by having water originally allocated for Palm Beach County from WCA 1 freed up to be used by Broward County. Ken Todd, Working Group Chair, suggested that the Task Force may want the Working Group to look into the issue and bring back a report at a future meeting. **Jay Foy** moved that the Working Group meet and bring back to the Task Force a Technical Scope for the project (list of items that needed to be looked into in more detail before any entity moves forward with this concept). The motion was seconded by **Todd Wodraska** and passed unanimously.

IX. COUNTY WATER ITEMS FOR FUTURE TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

- 1. SFWMD to give Reuse presentation
- 2. C-51 Basin WRTF Working Group to provide Task Force with a Technical Scope
- 3. SFWMD to make a presentation on the North County Plan, including Mecca Farms Flow-way and water levels in the C-18 Canal and associated PGA Blvd. road elevation
- 4. SFWMD to provide an update on the S-9 Pump Station Law Suit
- 5. Update on status of various 10-water plans submitted to DCA
- 6. Update on EPA Numeric Water Quality Standards and the TMDL issue for Water Bodies
- 7. Update on Federal contribution to CERP
- 8. Update on Utility credit for AWS systems for drought relief during Water Restrictions
- 9. Provide wellfield maps and wellfield protection ordinance
- 10. Interagency cooperation in resource permitting

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Koons adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting

March 19, 2009 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District 357 Hiatt Dr., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.