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

**NPBCID OFFICES
357 Hiatt Dr., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.**



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Jeff Koons called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. at the offices of the NPBCID, Palm Beach

Members Present:

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

Alternates Present:

Dave Stewart, Cara Jennings, Chip Merriam, Dan Beatty, John Whitworth, Ted Winsberg, Dennis Lipp, Albrej Arrington

Members not Present:

Steve Wilson and O'Neal Bardin

Alternates not Present:

Shelley Vana, Lynne Hubbard, Michael Dahlgren, Dick Tomasello, and Susan Haynie

County Staff Present:

Thomas H. Miller, Brian Shields

Guests Present:

WRTF Working Group: Ken Todd (Chair), Mike Baker, Peter Kwiatkowski, Linda Brien, Joey Quinn, Darrell Graziani, Juan Guevarez, Paul Schofield, Kurt Bressner, Rim Bishop

Other Guests: Carol Connolly, Len Lindahl, Karen Brandon, Alex Larson, Sharon Waite, Ron Crone, Steve Lamb, Pat Davis, Pat Martin, Paul Millar, Laura Corry, Max Bosso, John Wodraska, John Bonde, Ken Roundtree, Jupiter H.S. Environmental Academy teacher and students

II. REVISION OF WRTF PROCEDURES:

Chairman Koons shared with the Task Force members a suggestion by the County Attorney's office concerning the wording that establishes a Quorum for the meeting. The suggestion was to revise the wording to say "A quorum for the Task Force meeting shall consist of a majority of the appointed members (or alternates) of the Task Force." The motion to accept this language revision was made by Jay Foy and seconded by David Levy. It passed unanimously.

Chairman Koons also suggested that in case both he and the Vice-Chair were not in attendance to run a meeting the Task Force should elect another member to run the meetings in their absence. David Levy moved that the Procedures reflect this addition and nominated Jay Foy to be the Chair Pro-Temp. The motion was seconded by Todd Wodraska and passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF NEW WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Darrell Grazani was recommended as the Working Group member representing the Health Dept. who was replacing John O'Malley. Todd Wodraska moved to accept this member change and it was seconded by David Levy. It was approved unanimously.

IV. JOINT MEETING WITH BROWARD COUNTY WRTF

The Broward County WRTF has requested a joint meeting with the Palm Beach County WRTF in May. It was agreed by the WRTF to hold a joint meeting with Broward as requested on a Friday morning starting at 11:00 a.m. The Task Force asked Ken Todd to arrange such a meeting with Broward County and to bring back a draft Agenda for review by the Task Force at the next meeting.

V. WORKING GROUP REPORT ON ISSUES WITH C-51 RESERVOIR PROJECT

Ken Todd, Working Group Chair, gave an update concerning the issues that needed to be addressed in the Phase II Study of the C-51 Reservoir Project. A copy of the report was provided to all members of the Task Force prior to the meeting. After much discussion the Task Force asked that anyone who wished to provide additional comments on the issues paper be allowed to do so with those comments being brought back to the Task Force at the next meeting. Comments are to be submitted to the Working Group Chair, Ken Todd. A copy of the C-51 Reservoir Feasibility Report by a coalition of Utilities was also provided to the Task Force for their review.

VI. S-9 PUMP STATION LAW SUIT

Chip Merriam of South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) made a presentation on the S-9 Pump Station law suit. Chip indicated the suit has been sent back to the state courts by the U.S. Supreme Court to look into some facts. A ruling has not yet been made. Chip explained the ruling could have serious implications to all levels of Government as to how water can be moved around from area to area. He encouraged all to continue to monitor the suit.

VII. G-160 STRUCTURE & C-18 CANAL WATER LEVEL ISSUES

Chip Merriam made a presentation of how the G-160 structure was developed and what the SFWMD hoped to achieve in the way of increased water levels in the Loxahatchee Slough. Chip indicated that the District had an agreement with the Florida Dept. of Transportation (FDOT), Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District (NPBCID), South Indian River Water Control District (SIRWCD), and the City of Palm Beach Gardens to raise the water levels incrementally from 15.0' NGVD to 17.5' NGVD in the C-18 Canal over time and monitor the situation. He said that the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection (FDEP) had recently written a letter to SFWMD instructing them to meet the FDEP Permit Conditions within a certain time period.

Dan Beatty provided information that NPBCID had serious flooding concerns in a couple of Developments within NPBCID if the water levels were raised all at once. They felt the water level needed to be raised incrementally and monitored to see if any modifications were needed to alleviate any flooding that may occur. Len Lindahl, speaking on behalf of SIRWCD, said their District was concerned that the Slough area adjacent to their berms that separate the Jupiter Farms community from the slough could possibly be breached at the higher water elevations that were being proposed without any modifications to their berms. David Levy, speaking on behalf of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, also expressed concern about possible flooding within the PGA National community because some of the roads there were only at elevation 17.0' NGVD.

Each of these three entities encouraged the District to continue work within the agreement into which they had all entered. Chairman Jeff Koons also distributed an e-mail to the Task Force members he had received from FDOT about this issue that seemed to indicate FDOT was unaware of the FDEP letter and

still believed the incremental raising of water levels was the plan. Chip indicated the District was very cognizant of the issue and did not want to cause any flooding. He indicated the District would continue to attempt to work out a solution with FDEP that took into account all parties concerns.

VIII. LOXAHATCHEE RIVER ISSUES

Albrey Arrington, Executive Director of the Loxahatchee River District, gave a presentation to the Task Force to familiarize the Task Force with issues concerning the Loxahatchee River. No action was taken.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the offices of Lake Worth Drainage District in Delray Beach.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Koons adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting

**April 16, 2009
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Lake Worth Drainage District
13081 Military Trail
Delray Beach, Fla. 33484**