



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



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

**July 20, 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 1:34 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Alternates Present:

Dick Tomasello, Terence Davis

Members not Present:

Melanie Peterson

Alternates not Present:

Jim Alderman, Mary Lou Berger

WRTF Working Group Present:

Ken Todd (Chair), Brian Shields (Vice-Chair), Paul Schofield

County Staff Present:

Chris Pettit, Doug Wise, Jocelyn C. Marseille

Guests Present:

Richard Radcliffe, Michael DelCharco, Steve Lamb, Beth Kacvinsky, Scott Thourot, Drew Martin, Sean O'Keefe, Dan Beatty, Patrick Martin, Adrien Rinne, Jeff Vollat, Christine Hemphill

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the 4-20-17 meeting minutes as presented by Dave Stewart and seconded by Harry Raucher. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Meeting Dates For 2018 Ken Todd, PBC Water Resource Manager

Ken Todd presented two sets of meeting dates for consideration by the WRTF for the coming year (2018). The first set was for dates that tract the established months the WRTF has historically met. The second set revised the months the WRTF would meet to help with vacation schedules. Paulette Burdick requested the WRTF keep the historical month schedule and all agreed. Therefore, the meeting dates for 2018 are as follows:

January 18, 2018
April 19, 2018
July 19, 2018
October 18, 2018

Ken will work with IFAS to secure a reservation for Exhibit Hall A on these dates at the Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall.

V. Legislative Update Chris Pettit, PBC Water Utilities

Chris Pettit made a presentation that updated the legislative activities of the Florida Legislature for this past legislative session, specifically those bills that dealt with water issues.

VII. LRWRP Update Beth Kacvinsky, SFWMD

Beth Kacvinsky provided an update of the Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project. Beth indicated that the modeling sub-team SFWMD was working to address concerns based on recent modeling results and as a result the Scheduled has slipped. She indicated that the Project team hoped to have a schedule update by the end of the month. She said the modeling team has modeled five alternatives and are developing three hybrids. The team is continuing refine project costs and water quality analyses for each alternative. Beth was asked when a Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) would be recommended to Corps headquarters. Beth thought it would probably be sometime early next year. Once the TSP is selected, it would have to go through a review process in the Corps' chain of command and that would take about a year.

IX. FEMA Map Update Doug Wise, PBC Building Dept.

Doug Wise provided an update on the FEMA Maps and explained how they are utilized by the Building Department. Doug indicated that FEMA, on April 5, 2017, sent out a Letter of Final Determination. However, the County and the municipalities did not received the maps until July 2, 2017. The maps will take effect on October 5, 2017.

Doug then gave a brief explanation of how the Building Departments utilize the maps during the review of building permits. He explained several concepts that are addressed as part of their review: lowest floor, substantial improvement and substantial damage. If the existing building has had an improvement of more than 50% cost than the entire building must be brought up to current code. The same concept applies to repairs to a house from flood damage. He provided some real life examples to help explain the concepts.

He finished his presentation by letting all know that the maps are substantially better than they were in 2000 when first sent to the governmental entities and from the 2014 version of the maps after FEMA had redone them in their map modernization process. He said this was due mainly because of the work done by all in providing better information to FEMA during the map modernization process. He noted, although the maps are much better now, they still are not perfect. County staff has identified about six areas within the unincorporated area of PBC that they will be working with FEMA to improve the maps for those areas.

IX. Public Comments

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

Drew Martin commented that discharging water from Lake Okeechobee into the C-51 Reservoir would affect the water quality for the surrounding water bodies. He said he would like the Task Force to look into Water Quality issues in addition to water quantity issues.

X. Task Force Member Comments

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

Paulette Burdick asked if the WRTF could have a presentation on water quality for the next meeting. Jay Foy said he would work with Ken Todd to have a presentation developed.

XI. Next Meeting Agenda

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

The next meeting for the WRTF is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2017 and will be held at the Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall.

XII. Adjournment

Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair

There being no further business, Chair Foy adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.