

PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER RESOURCES TASK FORCE MEETING



Lake Worth Drainage District 13081 Military Trail, Delray Beach, FL

April 16, 2009 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was announced and Vice Chair David Levy called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. in the Board room of the LWDD in Delray Beach.

Members Present:

Betty Bingham, David Levy, James Alderman, Jay Foy, John Flanigan, O'Neal Bardin, Patrick Rooney, Todd Wodraska, Steve Wilson, Ted Winsberg (Alt. for Steve Bedner)

Alternates Present:

Cara Jennings, Dan Beatty, John Whitworth, Michael Dahlgren, Albrey Arrington

Members not Present:

Carmine Priore, Commissioner Jeff Koons, Donald Noel, Steve Bedner

Alternates not Present:

Chip Merriam, Commissioner Shelley Vana, Dick Tomasello, David Stewart, Lynne Hubbard, Susan Haynie, Dennis Lipp

County Staff Present:

Brian Shields and Valerie Cintron-Perez

Guests Present:

WRTF Working Group: Ken Todd (Chair), Mike Baker, Peter Kwiatkowski, Linda Brien, Joey Quinn, Darrell Graziani, Juan Guevarez, Kyle Grandusky

Other Guests: Murray Kalish, Ronald Crone, John Mulliken, Rosa Durando, Martha Musgrove, Laura Corry, Jim Fandrey, John W. Bonde, Max Bosso, Bonnie Finneran, Clete Saunier, Alex Larson, Sharon Waite, Carol Connolly

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Todd Wodraska and seconded by Pat Rooney to approve the 2-19-09 and 3-19-09 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Working Group Report Update - Ken Todd, Working Group Chair

The Task Force asked the Working Group to prepare a report noting the issues and concerns that should be addressed in the next level of study for the potential C-51 Reservoir project. After the presentation of that report at the March meeting, the Task Force asked that anyone who had additional comments to send those to the Working Group Chair, Ken Todd. Mr. Todd gave an oral report of those comments received from LWDD, Jay Foy and SFWMD. LWDD, although supportive of the concept, reiterated several issues in the Working Group report. Jay Foy encouraged the use of eminent domain to purchase any lands for the reservoir. SFWMD indicated that several policy decisions needed to be made as a part of the next level of study. Brian Shields, PBC Utilities Deputy Director, suggested that a Phase 2A Scope be done first. This Scope would investigate those items that needed to be known before a lot of money is spent on the system should it move forward. Jay Foy moved that the Utilities Coalition bring back a Phase 2A Scope for approval by the Task Force. It was seconded by Patrick Rooney and it passed unanimously.

IV. Rethinking NPBC Control Elevations – Jay Foy, Task Force Member

Jay Foy made a short presentation on the possibility of having a different control elevation within the northern portions of the county for both the dry and wet seasons in an attempt to conserve water for water supply purposes during the dry periods of the year. After a lot of discussion, it was agreed that the concept should be looked into further. The Task Force asked the Working Group to bring back a preliminary report at the next meeting in July on the feasibility of such a concept for the northern county.

V. 10 Year Facility Plan Update – John Mulliken, SFWMD

John Mulliken of SFWMD made a short presentation on the status of the water supply plans that each municipality is required to prepare as part of their comprehensive planning efforts. John indicated that most municipalities have finished their plans and submitted them to DCA. Those municipalities still working on their plans were encouraged by John to finish them ASAP.

VI. Lake Worth Drainage District Issues – Mike Baker, LWDD Director of Operations

Mike made a presentation on how the LWDD system is operated and some of the challenges associated with operating their system. One specific point Mike made dealt with how their system is set up to handle water deliveries that may come from a new source, such as the C-51 Reservoir. Mike indicated that much of the LWDD is currently recharged from the WCA1 through a pump near Boynton Beach Blvd. The existing canal network is sized to hydraulically move water from west to east because of the natural drop in land elevations. Therefore, moving water east along the C-51 from the potential reservoir site location and introducing it into their system at either SR 7 or Jog Rd. to flow south would probably not work from a hydraulic standpoint. Both he and Ron Crone, LWDD Manager, requested that the group continue to look into moving water along the western edge of LWDD to Boynton Beach Blvd. for any new water deliveries as this will cause the least amount of impacts to their system.

VII. Section 24 and CERP Compliance – John Bonde, Village of Wellington

John Bonde made a short presentation on the STA that the Village constructed adjacent to the WCA1. This STA will remove phosphorous from the Village system, thus providing for better water quality discharged into the C-51 Canal while providing recreational opportunities for the public at the STA site.

VIII. WRTF PROCEDURES

A couple of issues concerning the procedures used by the Task Force were discussed. In an attempt to keep all comments on subject it was discussed that all public comment be limited to 3 minutes. A motion was made by Jim Alderman and seconded by Steve Wilson to amend the procedures requiring all Public Comments be limited to 3 minutes each. The motion passed with an 8 yes to 2 no vote. The Task Force requested that a timer be made available at all future meetings.

There was also discussion as to whether or not all the meetings should be taped. It was mentioned that it is not a requirement to tape meetings as long as minutes are taken. It was also mentioned that there was no budget to provide for taping of the meetings. It was discussed that it would be difficult to tape the meetings since the meetings moved around the County from meeting to meeting which would require specific coordination at each new location. This would be difficult for staff since there was no budget to provide for taping of the meetings. Given there was no consensus, the idea was dropped.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The Joint Meeting of the Palm Beach County Water Resource Task Force and the Broward County Water Resource Task Force is scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Coconut Creek Community Center. There is a \$10 charge for lunch. RSVP will be required.

The next PBC WRTF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Village of Wellington Community Center, Wellington, FL.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Levy adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Next Scheduled PBC WRTF Meeting

July 16, 2009 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Village of Wellington Community Center 12165 West Forest Hill Blvd. Wellington, FL 33414