

Joint Broward County Water Advisory Board (BC WAB) and Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force (PBC WRTF) Workshop

Friday May 9, 2025, 10:00 to Noon

Broward County Governmental Center East RM 430

115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33301

Meeting Minutes

<b>Water Resources Task Force Members</b>				
<u>Seat ID</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Organization</u>
1	Malise Sundstrom	Town of Jupiter	Vacant	City elected official
2	Joaquin Almazan	City of Belle Glade	Vacant	City elected official
3	Reinaldo Diaz	City of Lake Worth Beach	Vacant	City elected official
4	DD Halpern	Town of Juno Beach	Vacant	City elected official
5	Karen Lythgoe	Town of Lantana	Vacant	City elected official
6	Greg Langowski	City of West Lake	Vacant	City elected official
7	Gregg Weiss (Chair)	Palm Beach County Mayor	Vacant	Palm Beach County Commissioner
8	Poonam Kalkat	City of Boynton Beach	Vacant	Water/Wastewater Provider Official
9	Tommy Strowd	Lake Worth Drainage District	Vacant	Lake Worth Drainage District
10	Vacant		Vacant	Drainage/Water Control District elected official
11	Jay Steinle	South Florida Water Management District	Mark Elsner	South Florida Water Management District
12	Rachelle Litt (Vice Chair)	Former Council Member City of PBG	Vacant	Environmental Representative
13	Robert Shorr	Town of Loxahatchee Groves	Vacant	Agricultural Representative
14	Michael Johnson	Indian Trail Improvement District	Greg Shafer	Indian Trail Improvement District

The following notes are a summary of the information provide at the discussions of the Joint BC WAB and PBC WRTF. This summary is not a transcript of the meeting. The following link provide access to a vimeo recording of the meeting.

<https://vimeo.com/event/5072129> [vimeo.com]

Roll call was taken with sufficient attendance for quorum. During roll call there were nine of twelve appointed seats. Seat 2 was vacated by Reinaldo Diaz as he lost his reelection and Seat 10 remains unfilled. The members attending are listed below:

- DD Halpern – Seat 4
- Gregg Weiss – Seat 7
- Tommy Strowd – Seat 9
- Joaquin Almazan – Seat 2
- Greg Langowski Seat 6
- Poonam Kalkat – Seat 8
- Marl Elsner for Jay Steinle – Seat 11
- Rachelle Litt – Seat 12
- Michael Johnson – Seat 14

The following three members were absent.

- Malise Sundstrom - Seat 1
- Karen Lythgoe – Seat 5
- Robert Shorr – Seat 13 ?

Senator Steve Geller, Broward County WAB lead the meeting with opening remarks followed by PBC Commissioner and Chairman of PBC WRTF Greg Weiss. The following presentation were made:

Central and Southern Florida System Resilience Update by Colonel Brandon L. Bowman, District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District.

C&SF Flood Resiliency Studies Integrated Strategy and Overall District Resiliency Initiatives in Broward and Palm Beach Counties by Dr. Carolina Maran, Chief of District Resiliency, South Florida Water Management District.

Palm Beach County Water Resource Initiatives by Paul F. Linton, PE (5p) Palm Beach County Water Resource Manager

Broward County Resilience Initiatives by Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Deputy Director and Chief Resilience Officer, Broward County Resilient Environment Department.