

**APPROVED
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Environmental Advisory Committee and
Public Supply Advisory Committee
Southwest Florida Water Management District
August 27, 2007**

The special joint meeting with the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and the Public Supply Advisory Committee (PSAC) of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a special meeting at 2:01 p.m., August 27, 2007, at the District's Tampa Service Office, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida.

EAC Committee Members

Alton Cheatham, Vice Chair
Mitch Almon
Richard Eckenrod
Eileen Hart
Carl Keeler
Keith Renish
Winnie Schreiber
Sharon Terrell

PSAC Committee Members

Marvin Kaden
Steve Adams
Sandra Anderson
Trey Arnett
Greg Boettcher
Frank Coughenour
Norm Davis
Bill Harper

PSAC Committee Members Cont'd

Warren Hogg
Tom Jackson
Robert Knight
Pat Leahman
Keith McGurn
Jan McLean
Andrew Neff
Ray Pilon
Dale Raven
Pam Reynolds
Bob Robertson
Gary Ross
Dave Slovenia
Jennifer Steadman
Richard Voakes
Pam Wright
John Zimmerman
Jack Sullivan via Conference Call

Staff Members

Lou Kavouras, Facilitator
Bruce Wirth
Richard Owen
Tammy Antoine
Brian Armstrong
Rand Baldwin
Mark Barcelo
Yassert Gonzalez
Audrie Liszewski
Joanne McClellan
Lisann Morris
Mikel Renner
Jay Yingling

Governing Board Member Present

Todd Pressman, Chair

Recording Secretary

Adrienne Hirsch

A list of all present who signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the District. Compact disks of the audio and copies of materials and handouts, as set forth in full herein, are also filed in the permanent files of the District.

The numbers preceding the items below correspond with the published agenda.

1. Preliminary Remarks

Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning and Board Services, said the reason for this special joint meeting is to review the changes to the Cooperative Funding Initiative Policy scheduled to go before the Governing Board on August 28, 2007 and neither group would have met prior to that date. Ms. Kavouras thanked all participants for their time and efforts to attend this special meeting.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Ms. Kavouras stated there were no additions or deletions to the agenda and introduced Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management & Development. Mr. Wirth asked for the participants to introduce themselves starting with Governing Board Member, Todd Pressman, who chaired the meeting.

3. Changes to Cooperative Funding Initiative Policy 130-4

Mr. Wirth opened the floor to discuss the proposed changes to the Cooperative Funding Initiative Policy 130-4. Questions arose on how and why the policy was created. Mr. Wirth referred to Florida Statute Chapter 373.

Guideline 3: The PSAC wanted to know how to meet the criteria of the guideline which reads, "including effective conservation oriented water rate structures." They asked what detail would need to be submitted with proposals regarding conservation measures and rates structures; would proposals need to quantify effectiveness of rate structures; would there be incentives, such as lower rates, for Utilities to be conservative and efficient.

Guideline 6: The term "economically feasible" was discussed. The PSAC wanted to know if it meant that a Utility could cover the cost of the project by itself. Mr. Wirth said varied criteria would be used to deem whether or not a proposed project was economically feasible, whether or not District dollars were necessary to assist in making the proposed project economically feasible, and to ensure that the strength of the regional water suppliers were not compromised by any such projects. Discussion ensued on which criteria and comparisons would be used to determine economic feasibility. Mr. Wirth explained that each project would support different criteria based on the nature of its project and proposal. City of Tarpon Springs (CTS) recommended deleting *Policy Guideline 6* due to ambiguity regarding the definition of the term.

Guideline 7b: The PSAC wanted flexibility in creative partnering of projects and funding, therefore it was requested that *Policy Guideline 7b* be changed to read, "primary management" instead of "primary ownership". The City of Tampa objected to the word "primary" and suggested it be replaced with "some element of control" which could be negotiated between the local governments and authorities. Questions arose concerning whether this guideline only applied to "new" quantities of water.

Guideline 8: The CTS recommended modifying the language in this guideline to clarify the definition of "alternative water supply projects" and submitted suggested language.

Guideline 9: The EAC suggested that the District declare a "no well" zone in brackish areas of the aquifer where additional withdrawals would affect fresh groundwater sources. As currently worded, *Policy Guideline 9* precludes the utilities' ability to develop brackish waters. Other suggestions included: 1) Developing a MOU or inter-local agreement between the local government and the water supply authority to ensure rotation and management of the resource; 2) Consider limiting the use of brackish water to meet current demand only, not to support new growth; 3) Controlling the use and management of brackish water through the WUP; 4) Preserving all groundwater (including brackish) by developing alternative sources and encourage conjunctive use. Tampa Bay Water (TBW) said it was not willing to transfer any of its permitted quantities or project funding to a local government for the development of a brackish system to serve that local government. The geology would preclude any brackish water project from being developed. The quantities the City of Tarpon Springs (CTS) is asking for would move TBW about two years into the future, relative to meeting projected demands. The CTS recommended modifying the wording to allow case-by-case evaluation of brackish groundwater cooperative funding requests and submitted suggested language. John Zimmerman made a motion that the PSAC recommend deleting *Guideline 9* from Policy 130-4. Bob Robertson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Dick Eckenrod made a motion that the EAC also recommend deleting *Guideline 9* from Policy 130-4. The motion failed for lack of a second.

4. Rulemaking for the SWUCA Per Capita Requirements

Jay Yingling, Senior Economist, Planning Department, shared the new calculations that would be used to create a consistent approach to per capita reporting. Permittees shall have an adjusted gross per capita daily water use rate no greater than 150 gallons per person per day. Public supply permittees shall be required to annually report residential water use by type of dwelling unit. Reporting data thus far collected is available on-line and will assist in expediting future reporting.

5. Central Florida Coordination Area (CFCA) Proposed Rules

Richard Owen, Deputy Executive Director, Division of Resource Regulation, presented the proposed Central Florida Coordination Area rules. The CFCA initiative is comprised of three main components: Planning, Data and Modeling, and Regulation. The most significant progress has been made with the rulemaking activity. Interim rules have gone to the SFWMD and SJRWMD and is scheduled to go before the SWFWMD Governing Board tomorrow. The key provision limits groundwater availability to December 31, 2013. However, an incentive within the rule is the ability to apply for a 20 year permit if the applicant satisfies the requirements of B.2.a., or b. of the Provision. Mr. Owen stated that the CFCA regulatory component will not apply to SWUCA.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Kavouras reminded members of the subsequent Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on September 12, 2007, and the Public Supply Advisory Committee meeting on October 16, 2007. There being no other discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.