

**APPROVED
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Green Industry Advisory Committee
Southwest Florida Water Management District
August 28, 2008**

The Green Industry Advisory Committee of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 9:10 a.m., August 28, 2008, at the Tampa Service Office, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida.

Committee Members Present

George Cook, Chair, FL Golf Course Superintendent's Assoc.
Raylena Cather, Landscape Maintenance Assoc.
Gail Huff, FL Irrigation Society
Corinne Olvey, Funeral and Cemetery Alliance
Jack Tichenor, Institute of Food and Agricultural Science

Staff Members Present

Lou Kavouras, Facilitator
Joanne McClellan
Lois Sorensen
Ken Weber

Guest Speaker

Eric Shaw, DEP

Governing Board Member Present

None

Recording Secretary

Teri Hudson

Approved minutes from previous meetings can be found on the District's Web site (www.WaterMatters.org).

The numbers preceding the items below correspond to the order of presentation.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair George Cook called the meeting to order. He welcomed members, staff, and interested persons and asked for member introductions.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning and Board Services, stated due to lack of a quorum, Item 3, *Approval of previous minutes*, and Item 4, *Election of Chair and Vice Chair*, have been moved forward to the next meeting. Item 8, *Enhanced Water Conservation Measures for Water Use Permitting* will be presented by Ken Weber instead of Bobby Lue.

3. Approval of the August 23, 2007 and May 29, 2008 Meeting Summaries

This item was moved forward to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

This item was moved forward to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

5. Reclassification of Alafia River and Tampa Bypass Canal

Eric Shaw, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), stated that DEP received a request from Tampa Bay Water for reclassification of the Alafia River and Tampa Bypass Canal with the intent to preserve and protect the water quality. The DEP can reclassify waters. Reclassification to a higher use does not happen very often; however, this may occur more often as we experience water shortages statewide. To request a reclassification, Mr. Shaw explained an agency is required to petition the Secretary of the DEP. He provided a general overview of the entire process. In reference to Tampa Bay Water, the petition is in review with public workshops planned and he will keep the committee apprised of activity.

6. Hydrologic Conditions/Drought Update

Lois Sorensen, Demand Management Coordinator, stated water restrictions have been extended and are currently set to expire September 30, 2008. Tropical Storm Fay was not as productive in our area; however, the District has received much needed rainfall. Groundwater levels are on the low end of the normal range. Surface water has not recovered and is still below normal. The District remains in a drought. Committee members were advised of structural concerns to Tampa Bay Water's Bill Young Reservoir. Tampa Bay Water has been investigating cracks in the soil-cement layer of the reservoir and is trying to determine how best to do repairs. Ms. Ivana Kajtezovic, Environmental Planner for Tampa Bay Water, stated that Tampa Bay Water is working to evaluate the extent of the problem. The reservoir is expected to be repaired by 2010-2011.

7. Year-Round Water Conservation Measures Rule Revisions and Statewide Consistency

Lois Sorensen said the goal of this rule is to have greater statewide consistency in year-round water conservation. A major interagency coordination effort was initiated among the three largest water management districts to consider the following: consistent days and times for watering; special winter schedule; and a cleaner definition of "one complete application" regarding lawn watering. The water management districts; however, have not been able to reach consistency to date on the topic of reclaimed water conservation. SWFWMD will focus on blends (supplementation); keep situation-specific allowances for blends; and clarify expectations for extra allowances, such as a specified 3-days-per-week schedule or provider-proposed alternative. The District will continue to collaborate with the other water management districts, receive input from the Advisory Committees, and plan to take this to the October Governing Board for consideration.

8. Enhanced Water Conservation Measures for Water Use Permitting

Ken Weber, Water Use Program Director, stated the language for this rule is not yet completed. Mr. Weber provided background information on this rule and stated the Governing Board directed staff to address water use efficiency concerns in the northern portions of the District and enhance public supply conservation Districtwide. The SWUCA conservation strategies will be expanded to the northern District. The next steps are to complete the draft rules, schedule a workshop for September/October 2008, and seek Governing Board approval in October 2008.

9. 20-Year Water Use Permits

Ken Weber presented draft proposed rules regarding 20-year water use permits. Staff is proposing that a 20-year permit would be issued for (1) small general permits under 100,000 gpd, (2) applicants that show exceptional implementation of Alternative Water Supplies (AWS) and conservation, (3) applicants that provide assistance in developing water to meet an MFL that otherwise would not be met, and (4) applicants that provide a significant quantity of AWS that offsets the withdrawal of groundwater. Should a 20-year permit be issued, a five year compliance report would be required to provide continuing, reasonable assurances that conditions for issuance are met. These conditions include the water demand; impacts to environmental features or existing legal users; water quality; water conservation; and alternative water sources development. The next steps are to discuss with the advisory groups and schedule rule workshops, with the intent to bring this item back to the Governing Board this winter.

10. Statewide Uniform Stormwater Rule

This item was moved forward to the committee's next meeting.

11. ERP Mitigation Rule Revisions and Fee Adjustments

This item was moved forward to the committee's next meeting.

12. Other Rulemaking

Ms. Kavouras stated the following three rulemaking items were approved at the August Governing Board meeting: revision of the small General Water Use Permit category; final rule language to formally adopt the FARMS Program; and the final amendments to expand the SWUCA Per Capita requirements

Districtwide. Another rulemaking item to be considered by the Governing Board in September is to Expand Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director for Issuance of ERPs and WUPs.

13. FY2009 GIAC Meetings

The FY2009 GIAC meetings are for 9:00 a.m. in the District's Tampa Service Office on November 20, 2008, February 26, 2009, May 28, 2009, and August 27, 2009.

14. Development of Agenda Topics for the November 20, 2008 Meeting

- Rulemaking Updates
- Landscape Ordinance Review and Evaluation
- Regional Water Supply Plan
- Annual Demand Projections
- Statewide Uniform Stormwater Rule
- ERP Mitigation Rule Revisions and Fee Adjustments
- Water Star Program
- FEMA Map Modernization

15. Announcements and Other Business

Ms. Kavouras asked members to participate in a survey regarding the Agricultural Web Portal by going to www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/survey/. The survey will help staff develop a portal that will be helpful to the industry. Ms. Kavouras also asked for recommendations to add organizations to the membership of the GIAC.

16. Adjournment

There being no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.