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GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TAMPA, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) met for its regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. on September 24, 2013, at the District's Tampa Service Office. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

Carlos M. Beruff, Chair
Michael A. Babb, Vice Chair
Randall S. Maggard, Secretary
Jeffrey M. Adams, Treasurer
Bryan K. Beswick, Member
Thomas E. Bronson, Member
David W. Dunbar, Member
Wendy Griffin, Member
George W. Mann, Member
Todd Pressman, Member
H. Paul Senft, Member

Staff Members

Robert R. Beltran, Executive Director
Kurt P. Fritsch, Inspector General
Laura J. Donaldson, General Counsel
David T. Rathke, Chief of Staff
Mark A. Hammond, Division Director
Alba E. Más, Division Director
Kenneth L. Frink, Division Director

Board's Administrative Support

Cara Martin, Board & Executive Services Manager
LuAnne Stout, Administrative Coordinator

A list of others present who signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent records of the District. This meeting was available for viewing through Internet streaming. Approved minutes from previous meetings can be found on the District's Web site (www.WaterMatters.org).

PUBLIC HEARING (Video – 00:00)

1. Call to Order

Chair Beruff called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing.

At this time, the order of consideration was altered slightly to honor former Board members.

4. Ceremony to Honor Jennifer E. Closshey for Her Service on the Governing Board

Chair Beruff thanked Ms. Closshey for her eight years of service. Ms. Closshey said it has been an exciting time, and expressed her appreciation to the District's incredible staff and to the public for attending meetings to speak on issues. Mr. Beltran presented Ms. Closshey with a plaque and framed resolution to honor her service from April 2005 to July 2013, as well as a plaque for her Basin Board service. Messrs. Senft and Pressman thanked Ms. Closshey for service as a Board member. (Track 1 – 00:00/05:00)

5. Ceremony to Honor Albert G. Joerger for His Service on the Governing Board

Chair Beruff thanked Mr. Joerger for his five years of service. Mr. Joerger said he is proud of the District's land deal with Sarasota County and reducing the District's budget by 40 percent. Messrs. Senft and Pressman expressed appreciation for Mr. Joerger's knowledge of land management and conservation issues. Mr. Beltran presented Mr. Joerger with a plaque and framed resolution to honor his service from February 2008 to May 2013, as well as a plaque for his Basin Board service. (Track 1 – 05:00/09:00)

The order of consideration returned to the published agenda.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mr. Rathke offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Maggard noted a quorum was present. (Track 1 – 09:00/10:08)

Public Hearing

Chair Beruff introduced each member of the Governing Board. He noted that the Board's meeting was recorded for broadcast on government access channels, and public input was only taken during the meeting onsite.

Chair Beruff stated that anyone wishing to address the Governing Board concerning any item listed on the agenda or any item that does not appear on the agenda should fill out and submit a speaker's card. To assure that all participants have an opportunity to speak, a member of the public may submit a speaker's card to comment on agenda items only during today's meeting. If the speaker wishes to address the Board on an issue not on today's agenda, a speaker's card may be submitted for comment during "Public Input." Chair Beruff stated that comments would be limited to three minutes per speaker, and, when appropriate, exceptions to the three-minute limit may be granted by the Chair. He also requested that several individuals wishing to speak on the same issue/topic designate a spokesperson.

3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda** (Video – 03:51)

Section 120.525, Florida Statutes, allows the District to change the published agenda for good cause shown, as determined by the presiding officer.

Mr. Beltran noted that there are no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Mr. Senft moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 2 – 00:00/02:53)

6. **Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda**

Chair Beruff noted that no one submitted a *Request to Speak* card.

CONSENT AGENDA

Regulation Committee

7. **Individual Water Use Permits (WUPs) Referred to the Governing Board** – None

Operations & Land Management Committee

8. **Declare Land Surplus – Lake Pretty Project, Lakes Horse, Raleigh, and Rogers Recovery, SWF Parcel No. 14-009-119S**

Staff recommended the Board declare the parcel identified above is (1) no longer needed for District purposes, (2) no longer needed for conservation purposes, and (3) is surplus property.

Resource Management Committee

9. **Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program**

Staff recommended the Board authorize staff to submit the proposed Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for review.

10. **Marion County Toilet Rebate Program – Phase 2 First Amendment Scope Change (N411)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the first amendment to the agreement with Marion County to extend the contract period, expand eligible participants to all retail water customers, and revise the reporting requirements for the Marion County Toilet Rebate Program – Phase 2; and authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute the amendment.

11. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) – Brooksville Ridge Blueberries, LLC – Amendment (H628), Hernando County**

Staff recommended the Board (1) approve the Brooksville Ridge Blueberries, LLC project amendment with a decrease in the not-to-exceed project reimbursement from \$247,260 to \$177,000 (\$70,260 decrease); and (2) authorize Executive to execute the amendment.

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

12. **Budget Transfer Report**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Budget Transfer Report covering all budget transfers for August 2013.

13. **Fiscal Year 2012-13 Board Designated Encumbrance Request**

Staff recommended the Board approve the encumbrance of \$1.3 million to roll into FY2013-14 for staff merit increases and one-time bonuses for Strong or Top Performers.

14. **Approve Resolution No. 13-16, Reallocating Encumbrances for Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budgeted Funds within the Water Management Lands Trust Fund (WMLTF)**

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution No. 13-16, Reallocating Encumbrances for FY2012-13 Budgeted Funds within the Water Management Lands Trust Fund.

General Counsel's Report

15. **Administrative, Enforcement and Litigation Activities that Require Governing Board Approval**

a. **Approve Revisions to District Policies – 160-1, District Legal Services; 160-2, Defense of Civil Suits and Indemnification; 160-3, Proposal of Settlement in Civil Cases; 160-4, Delegation of Authority to General Counsel for Certain Administrative Hearing Matters; 160-5, Legal Counsel Roles, Responsibilities and Reporting Authority; 160-6, Delegation of Authority to Executive Director for Approval of Certain Consent Orders; and 160-7, Delegation of Authority to Executive Director for Approval of Certain Consent Orders Involving Water Use Permits to Ensure Consistency and Update to Current District Practices**

Staff recommended the Board approve revised Board Policies 160-1 through 160-7 as included in the Board's meeting materials.

b. **Revised Consent Order – Peter A. Geraci – Unauthorized Construction – Manatee County**

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed Consent Order Modification to Consent Order No. SWF 12-010 and authorize the initiation of litigation against Peter A. Geraci, if necessary, to obtain compliance with the Consent Order Modification.

c. **Approve Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-1.604, F.A.C. (Bonds) as Required by Section 120.745(9)(b), Florida Statutes (F.S.)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the completed Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-1.604, F.A.C., for submission to Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform (OFARR).

d. **Approve Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-2.621, Florida Administrative (F.A.C.) (Water Conserving Credits) as Required by Section 120.745(9)(b), F.S.**

Staff recommended the Board approve the completed Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-2.621, F.A.C., for submission to OFARR.

- e. **Approve Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-22.401, F.A.C. (Year-Round Irrigation Restrictions Enforcement) as Required by Section 120.745(9)(b), F.S.**

Staff recommended the Board approve the completed Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-22.401, F.A.C., for submission to OFARR.

- f. **Approve Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-80.073, F.A.C. (Comprehensive Environmental Resources Recovery Plan for the Northern Tampa Bay Water Use Caution Area, and the Hillsborough River Strategy) as Required by Section 120.745(9)(b), F.S.**

Staff recommended the Board approve the completed Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-80.073, F.A.C., for submission to OFARR.

- g. **Approve Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-80.074, F.A.C. (Regulatory Portion of Recovery Strategy for the Southern Water Use Caution Area) as Required by Section 120.745(9)(b), F.S.**

Staff recommended the Board approve the completed Cost and Impact Estimate Questionnaire for Rule 40D-80.074, F.A.C., for submission to OFARR.

- h. **Authorize the Governing Board Chairman to Execute Letter on Behalf of the Governing Board Certifying Completion of the Economic Estimate for Rules Identified by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform (OFARR) Pursuant to Subsection 120.745(9)(b), F.S.**

Staff recommended the Board authorize the Board Chair to execute the letter to the JAPC on behalf of the Governing Board certifying completion of the economic estimate for rules identified by OFARR pursuant to Subsection 120.745(9), F.S.

16. **Rulemaking**

- a. **Initiation and Approval of Rulemaking to Amend Chapter 40D-1, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Procedural, and Form No. Leg-R.42.00-058 (09/28/10), Petition for Variance, to Provide for Substantive, Clarification, Conforming, and Technical Changes**

Staff recommended the Board initiate and approve Rulemaking to Amend Chapter 40D-1, F.A.C., Procedural, and Form No. Leg-R.42.00-058 (09/28/10), Petition for Variance, to Provide for Substantive, Clarification, Conforming, and Technical Changes.

- b. **Initiation and Approval of Rulemaking to Amend Chapter 40D-22, F.A.C., Year-Round Water Conservation Measures, to Provide for Substantive, Clarification, Conforming, and Technical Changes**

Staff recommended the Board initiate and approve Rulemaking to Amend Chapter 40D-22, F.A.C., Year-Round Water Conservation Measures, to Provide for Substantive, Clarification, Conforming, and Technical Changes.

- c. **Approve Initiation of Rulemaking to Allow the District to Suspend a Contractor from Working with the District when the Contractor has Materially Breached its Contract with the District**

Staff recommended the Board approve initiation of rulemaking to allow the District to suspend a contractor from working with the District when the contractor has materially breached its contract with the District.

Executive Director's Report

17. **Approve Governing Board Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2013**

Staff recommends the Board approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Dunbar moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 3 – 00:00/00:38)

Chair Beruff relinquished the gavel to Regulation Committee Chair Mann who called the Committee meeting to order.

REGULATION COMMITTEE (Video – 05:40)

18. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** – None
19. **Denials Referred to the Governing Board** – None

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

20. **Overpumpage Report**
21. **E-Permitting Metrics: Online vs. Paper Applications**
22. **Individual Permits Issued by District Staff**
23. **Resource Regulation Significant Initiatives** (Track 4 – 00:00/00:28)

Committee Chair Mann adjourned the Committee meeting, and relinquished the gavel to Operations & Land Management Committee Chair Maggard who called the Committee meeting to order.

OPERATIONS & LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Video – 06:10)

Discussion Items

24. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** – None
25. **Hydrologic Conditions Status Report**

Mr. Granville Kinsman, Manager, Hydrologic Data Section, said regional rainfall totals for August, the third month of the four-month annual wet season, were normal throughout the District, with most hydrologic indicators showing improvement. Rainfall during the month was scattered, regionally variable, and associated with several sub-tropical waves interacting with sea breeze and convective (afternoon/evening) rain showers. District-wide, the provisional 12-month and 24-month cumulative rainfall deficits worsened slightly to 4.3 inches and 4.9 inches, respectively, below the long-term historic averages. Changes to hydrologic indicators in August were mixed due to inconsistent rainfall. Groundwater and lake levels showed modest improvement during the month, although regional lake levels remain below-normal in the Northern, Polk Uplands and Lake Wales Ridge regions. Streamflow conditions improved in the northern region, while there were some declines in the central and southern regions. The U.S. Drought Monitor (as of August 27) continues to show normal moisture conditions throughout the District. NOAA climate forecasts predict above-normal rainfall during September, while predicting equal chances for normal or above/below-normal rainfall for the composite three-month period of September through November. Normal rainfall during the remainder of the wet season will be needed to maintain current hydrologic conditions, while above-normal rainfall will be needed for improved regional lake level conditions in the Northern, Polk Uplands and Lake Wales Ridge regions of the District. (Track 5 – 00:00/07:30)

This item was presented for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

26. **Consideration to Acquire and Exchange Property within the Weekiwachee Preserve Project**

a. **Acquire SWF Parcel No. 15-773-144**

Mr. Steven Blaschka, Real Estate Services Manager, Operations and Land Management Bureau, said the purpose of this item is to request the Board to accept public comment and consider a real estate transaction as part of the District's Weekiwachee Preserve Project. The purchase involves approximately 91.32 acres around Boat Springs from Fleamasters Food Service of Ft. Myers, Inc. The property is bisected by the Hernando and Pasco county line at the location of Boat Springs, a second magnitude spring and spring run flowing into Hammock Creek and the Gulf of Mexico.

The acquisition of the Boat Springs tract would be contingent upon approval of the Governing Board and both of the Boards of County Commissioners of Hernando and Pasco counties. Both counties have provided the District letters stating their support for a partnership to acquire this property. The final approval of this acquisition would also be is predicated on entering into an Inter-local Agreement related to the ownership and management of the property:

- The District and Counties would contribute proportionally to the purchase price of the property.
- The District and Counties would share title to the property proportionally.
- The responsibility for land management would include consideration of jurisdictional issues related to the location of the property.
- The District and Counties would share management costs proportionally.

Following consideration, **Chair Beruff moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, for staff to proceed. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 5 – 07:30/22:25)

b. **Exchange of Real Estate Interests, SWF Parcel No. 15-773-203C**

Mr. Steven Blaschka, Real Estate Services Manager, Operations and Land Management Bureau, said the purpose of this item is to request the Board to accept public comment and consider a real estate transaction as part of the District's Weekiwachee Preserve Project. This transaction involves the exchange of real estate interests involving approximately 820 acres with Mr. George Southworth.

This is proposed as an exchange of interests with the District conveying encumbered fee title (the District would retain a conservation easement) on 413 acres in return for a conservation easement over 407 acres owned by Mr. Southworth within the Weekiwachee Preserve. The District lands proposed to be exchanged were acquired through six separate transactions between December 1998 and July 2002 for a total of \$511,874 with 244 acres of the total obtained through a donation related to mitigation required by an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP). The use of the property acquired through mitigation is very restricted. Nearly all of the upland communities located on existing District property are intact and actively managed by mechanical means and the use of prescribed fire. Consolidating ownership interests will provide buffer to the District's remaining ownership and ensure the linkage of larger natural landscapes can be maintained. Mr. Southworth will gain additional lands that will make the control of his boundaries and management of his property more efficient.

Discussion ensued regarding fee title versus easement, District's benefit, and property management.

Following consideration, **Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Senft, for staff to proceed. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 5 – 22:25/35:55)

Submit & File Report

The following items were submitted for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

27. **Land Management Team Review Evaluations – Deer Prairie Creek Preserve and Chito Branch Reserve**
28. **Recreation Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

29. **Structure Operations**
30. **Significant Activities** (Track 5 – 35:55/36:12)

Operations & Land Management Committee Chair Maggard adjourned the Committee meeting, and relinquished the gavel to Resource Management Committee Chair Babb who called the Committee meeting to order.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Video – 23:50)

Discussion Items

31. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion**
32. **Budget Transfer and First Amendment Scope Change – Braden River Utilities/City of Bradenton Reclaimed Water Interconnect (N336)**

Mr. Hammond said the Board approved \$750,000 in fiscal year 2011-12 through the Cooperative Funding Initiative cycle and another \$4,950,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 for an \$11,400,000 project to construct an interconnect between Braden River Utilities irrigation system and the City of Bradenton's reclaimed water system. In July 2013, the City of Bradenton contacted Braden River Utilities with an offer to increase reclaimed water supplies from 4.0 mgd to 5.0 mgd.

Mr. Hammond said there has been a change in the staff recommendation provided in the Board's meeting materials. He said this project is under construction and there are cost increases. He said staff is working through the cost information and has not completed the review to request the Board approve the increase at this time.

Mr. Hammond said staff is recommending the Board authorize the transfer of \$1.3 million in available fiscal year 2012-13 FARMS funds to increase the project budget, and (2) approve encumbrance of funds to roll into fiscal year 2013-14.

Chair Beruff moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve the staff recommendation as presented. (Track 6 – 00:00/02:40)

Discussion ensued regarding scope of work and cost overruns due to additional water, road construction and utility improvements.

Committee Chair Babb called the question and the motion carried unanimously.
(Track 6 – 02:40/07:45)

33. **Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Overview**

Mr. Hammond said the CFWI is a collaborative water supply planning effort among the state's three largest water management districts, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and regional water utilities. The CFWI region covers five counties, including Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and southern Lake. The boundaries of St. Johns River, South Florida and Southwest Florida Water Management Districts meet in the area.

Mr. Hammond provided an overview of the CFWI mission to help protect, develop, conserve and restore central Florida's water resources by collaborating to develop a unified process to address central Florida's current and long-term water supply needs. The CFWI established three guiding principles:

- (1) Identify the sustainable quantities of traditional groundwater sources available for water supplies that can be used without causing unacceptable harm to the water resources and associated natural systems.
- (2) Develop strategies to meet water demands that are in excess of the sustainable yield of existing traditional groundwater sources.
- (3) Establish consistent rules and regulations for the three water management districts that meet their collective goals, and implement the results of the CFWI.

Mr. Senft noted that he has been involved for over seven years and attended numerous meetings. He said this initiative is on the cutting edge and a white paper is being developed to include the science. He commended staff for their tremendous work. Mr. Senft said he wants the Board to be comfortable with the District's representation and the process.

Discussion ensued regarding pumping; public supply; economic growth; springs; regional water supply plans; ridge withdrawals and recovery; consensus of technical teams for science on results for modeling, methodology, minimum flows and levels, and planning levels; and project costs divided among the water management districts and local governments. (Track 6 – 07:45/45:00)

This item is presented for the Committee's information, and no action is required.

Submit & File Report

The following item was submitted for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

34. **Minimum Flows and Levels Priority List and Schedule Update**

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

35. **Watershed Management Program and Federal Emergency Management Agency Map Modernization**

36. **Significant Water Supply and Resource Development Projects**

(Track 6 – 45:00/45:07)

(Mr. Pressman left the meeting.)

Resource Management Committee Chair Babb adjourned the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee Chair Adams who called the Committee meeting to order.

FINANCE/OUTREACH & PLANNING COMMITTEE (Video – 90:13)

Discussion Items

37. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** – None

38. **Investment Strategy Update**

a. **Revise Board Policy 130-3, District Investment Policy**

Mr. Daryl Pokrana, Finance Bureau Chief, said this item revises the Board's policy to expand the District's investment options as recommended by the District's investment advisors. The current District Investment Policy, effective May 1, 2003, includes a list of authorized investments. The District's investment advisors have recommended revising the policy to expand the District's investment options. Recommended investment instruments that are not specifically listed in Subsection 218.415(16), F.S., requires Governing Board authorization, by resolution, to invest in such investment instruments.

Mr. Richard Pengelly, representing PFM Asset Management LLC, provided a brief overview of revisions using a slide presentation. He said the updated District Investment Policy will establish a short-term portfolio with greater liquidity and enhanced cash strategy, and a core portfolio with a longer investment horizon for a total return active management. He said the updated Policy will diversify investments to reduce risk and enhance return, increase competitiveness of security purchases, and establish performance benchmarks to monitor portfolios. (Track 7 – 00:00/18:30)

Mr. John Grady, representing Public Trust Advisors, used a slide presentation to review the current portfolio and initial strategy. He said his firm worked with District staff to determine allocation of current securities and cash, and recommendations for the updated portfolio. He noted the approved investment policy will allow for further diversification within the Public Trust managed portfolio and the District's overall investment program. (Track 7 – 18:30/26:50)

Following clarification and discussion, **Mr. Dunbar moved to approve the revisions to Board Policy 130-3, District Investment Policy, and with the revision to section X(d): maturity limit reduced to five years and maximum allocation limit reduced to 50 percent; and adopt Resolution No. 13-08, Adoption of Updated District Authorized Investment Instruments. Chair Beruff seconded the motion.** (Track 7 – 26:50/30:10)

Following further discussion, **Committee Chair Adams called the question and it carried unanimously.** (Track 7 – 30:10/31:33)

b. **Adopt Resolution No. 13-08, Adoption of Updated District Authorized Investment Instruments**

Mr. Daryl Pokrana, Finance Bureau Chief, said this item authorizes the District to invest and reinvest any surplus funds in its control or possession in the authorized investment instruments listed in Subsection 218.415(16), F.S., and Section X of Board Policy 130-3, *District Investment Policy*, approved September 24, 2013.

Following consideration, **Mr. Dunbar moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to adopt Resolution No. 13-08, Adoption of Updated District Authorized Investment Instruments. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 7 – 31:33/32:15)

Chair Beruff suggested that, at future meetings, this Committee be placed on the agenda as the first committee for consideration when the District's investment advisors will be presenting.

39. **Approve the Strategic Plan**

Mr. Rathke reviewed the objectives for the updated Strategic Plan included providing clear guidance to stakeholders and staff, providing focused priorities and strategies for future decision-making, and providing key success indicators for measuring progress.

Staff recommended the Board approve the final draft of the FY2014-2018 Strategic Plan.

Following consideration, **Mr. Maggard moved, seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve the final draft of the FY2014-2018 Strategic Plan. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 7 – 32:15/39:30)

Mr. Rathke said this was a team effort and he thanked staff for their commitment.

Submit & File Report

The following items were submitted for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

40. **Legislative Update**

41. **2013 Districtwide Public Perception Survey Results**

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

42. **Treasurer's Report and Payment Register**

43. **Monthly Financial Statement**

44. **Monthly Cash Balances by Fiscal Year**

45. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Related Reviews**

46. **Development of Regional Impact Activity Report**

47. **Significant Activities** (Track 7 – 39:30/40:00)

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee Chair Adams adjourned the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Chair Beruff.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (Video – 101:02)

Discussion Items

48. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** – None

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

49. **Litigation Report**
50. **Rulemaking Update** (Track 8 – 00:00/00:30)

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS (Video – 119:22)

51. **Other Committee/Liaison Reports** – None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Video 126:29)

54. **Executive Director's Report**
- Mr. Beltran thanked the Board for its trust in appointing him as the District's Executive Director (beginning September 11, 2013). He thanked staff for their hard work and focus on the core mission. He briefly spoke regarding future challenges such as the CFWI, SWUCA and springs which are outlined in the Strategic Plan.
 - Mr. Beltran welcomed Mr. Jason Hopp as the Operations & Land Management Bureau Chief. (Track 8 – 00:30/03:15)

CHAIR'S REPORT (Video – 129:51)

55. **Chair's Report**
- a. **Employee Milestones – July/August 2013**
This item provided a list of employees who have reached five-year increments in service to the District. This item was provided for the Board's information, and no action was required.
- b. **Other**
- Chair Beruff noted that Mr. Mike Holtkamp is retiring as the District's Division Director of Operations, Maintenance & Construction on September 30. He thanked him for his 37 years of service.
 - Mr. Rathke noted that Mr. Pokrana is also retiring on September 30 and thanked him for his service. (Track 8 – 03:15/04:55)

Chair Beruff recessed the public hearing.

Chair Beruff announced that, following this meeting at 5:01 p.m., the Final Budget Hearing is scheduled in the Tampa office.

Mr. Adams said he attended the Safety Review Summit in Orlando this month. He noted that water was one of the five topics considered an important area for the future of Florida. He said the District is already out in front of the areas discussed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Chair Beruff moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Babb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.** (Track 8 – 04:55/08:12, Video – 136:10)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.