

**APPROVED
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Industrial Advisory Committee
Southwest Florida Water Management District**

The Industrial Advisory Committee of the Southwest Florida Water Management Water District met at 9:10 a.m. on January 16, 2007, at the Tampa Service Office, 7601 Highway 301 North. The following individuals were present:

Committee Members Present

Patricia West, Chair
Denise Corrales
Fred Crabill
Laura Crouch
Mark Hurst
Stefan Kataras
Jeff Stewart
Robert Yarbrough

Staff Members Present

Lou Kavouras, Facilitator
Don Ellison
Marty Kelly
Joanne McClellan
Richard Owen
Lois Sorensen

Governing Board Liaison Present

Jennifer Closshey

Recording Secretary

Tonya Parker-Rimes

A list of all present who signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the District. Tape recordings have been used to record these proceedings and are on file in the permanent files of the District, as well as copies of the materials and handouts provided at the meeting.

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

1. Call to Order, Introduction and Announcements

Patricia West, Chair, called the meeting to order. Introductions were made and Lou Kavouras informed the Committee that she would now be facilitating the meetings as Richard Owen had received a promotion to Deputy Executive Director for the Regulation Division. Everyone congratulated Mr. Owen and thanked him for his work and dedication to the Committee. There were no other announcements at this time.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Ms. Kavouras stated that there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. Approval of the July 18, 2006, Meeting Summary

Following consideration, a motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 18, 2006, Meeting Summary as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Rule Making Update

a. Committee Member Issues

The Committee did not request discussion on any other rule making updates.

5. Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Kavouras discussed the District's Strategic Plan 2007-2016 and reviewed the document with the Committee. She encouraged the Committee to use the document to expand their knowledge of what the water management is and what the District plans to achieve. Ms.

Kavouras explained the involvement of the Governing Board, Basin Boards, advisory committees and District staff to identify priorities within various programs and activities of the District. She explained that the Strategic Plan is a communication tool that lists each priority, the stated goal, strategies, milestones and funding sources described to achieve success. She stated that committee members should use this publication as a way to educate themselves and others of the District's goals.

6. ASR and Arsenic Issues

Don Ellison provided an overview of ASR including the significance of using ASR to meet water supply demand. There are several arsenic issues surrounding ASR and the District is working on resolving these through the monitoring of ASR wells, arsenic studies. He also explained how the EPA and DEP are looking at the arsenic issue. Mr. Ellison gave information on a pre-treatment degasification system that will be used to help eliminate and/or reduce arsenic so that EPA arsenic levels can be maintained when using water supplied from ASR wells. Mr. Ellison informed the Committee about a pre-treatment project site in the City of Bradenton that will be funded by a number of cooperators.

Mr. Owen expanded on the importance of ASR to the District as stated in the Regional Water Supply Plan. ASR is key to maximizing the capture and storage of seasonally available surface water and reclaimed water to help meet growing water supply demand.

7. Demand Management Activities

Lois Sorensen stated that following a public hearing on January 9, the Executive Director had declared a Modified Phase II Water Shortage for the entire District. She also presented various weather indicators and stated staff is waiting to see what the full impact may be as well as the predicted El Nino event before recommending a level of water restrictions appropriate to conditions. She advised the Committee that local governments have been addressing their water supply issues based on local conditions. Ms. Sorensen also discussed aquifer levels, reservoir levels, river flows and rainfall and drought conditions. She briefly explained the restrictions associated with the water shortage order while focusing on the restrictions for Industrial/Commercial entities.

Ms. Kavouras advised the Committee that permit holders as well as individuals could apply for a variance from the restrictions if necessary. Ms. Sorensen stated that the Petition for Variance is located in the District's website and each petition is considered on a case-by-case basis.

8. SWUCA Water Use Permitting Forms

Ken Weber gave a presentation on the new SWUCA application and supplemental forms and distributed them. He explained the differences in the new supplemental forms and gave examples of when each different supplemental form would be used. The forms guide the applicants through the application process and requests information that is required based on the types of uses and types of activities of the permittee. The forms were created to require most necessary information needed in an attempt to minimize the need to request additional information. Mr. Weber stated that the District would like Committee to review the new forms and provide any feedback or comments by the end of February 2007.

9. Lower Hillsborough River MFLs

Marty Kelly discussed the development of minimum flows and levels for the lower Hillsborough River. The challenge of the lower Hillsborough River is a no-flow problem that can last approximately 180 days out of the year versus a customary no-flow problem of 60

days on other rivers. This study not only looked at flows but also the salinity of the water, water quality and shoreline vegetation indicating low salinity habitat as well as other supporting biological data. These indicators support proposed minimum flows and levels to address the restoration of flow conditions. The recovery strategy for the lower Hillsborough River is to obtain an acceptable balance in flows and levels while addressing the issue of a sustainable habitat.

10. Development of Agenda Topics for the April 17, 2007 Meeting

- Presentation by Brad Krohn, president of US Envirofuels suggested by Stefan Katzaras

11. Announcements and Other Business

There were no announcements or other business to come before the Committee.

12. Adjournment

Chair West thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.