

**APPROVED  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Public Supply Advisory Committee  
Southwest Florida Water Management District  
October 21, 2008**

The Public Supply Advisory Committee (PSAC) of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for its regular meeting at 1:10 p.m., October 21, 2008, at the District's Tampa Service Office, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida.

**PSAC Committee Members**

Marvin Kaden, Pasco County Utilities, Chair  
Warren Hogg, Tampa Bay Water, Vice Chair  
Trey Arnett, The Villages  
William Beasley, Polk County Utilities  
Mario Cabana, Hillsborough County WRS  
Brian Fagan, Sarasota County Utilities  
Seth Kohn, City of Bradenton  
Robert Knight, Citrus County  
Chuck Lewis, Hernando County Utilities  
Phoenix McKinney, City of Tampa Water Dept.  
Rich McLean, Pinellas County Utilities  
Andy Neff, Marion County Utilities  
Bob Robertson, City of Tarpon Springs  
Gary Ross, City of Lakeland Water Utilities  
Richard Voakes, City of St. Petersburg  
Vicky Zimarino, Manatee County Utilities

**Staff Members**

Lou Kavouras, Facilitator  
April Davis  
Granville Kinsman  
Bobby Lue  
Joanne McClellan  
Lois Sorensen  
Ken Weber  
Karen West

**Governing Board Member**

Todd Pressman

**Recording Secretary**

Teri Hudson

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

**1. Call to Order, Introductions and Announcements**

Chair Marvin Kaden called the meeting to order. He welcomed members, staff, and interested persons, and requested member introductions.

**2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, indicated there were no additions or deletions to the agenda as printed.

**3. Approval of the July 8, 2008 Meeting Summary**

Following consideration, it was moved and seconded to approve the July 8, 2008 meeting summary as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Drought Update**

Lois Sorensen, Demand Management Coordinator, informed the committee that staff continues to monitor hydrologic conditions, as well as ground and surface water conditions. Rainfall predictions indicate below-normal rainfall patterns and the District is just beginning the dry season. Ms. Sorensen stated Water Shortage Order SWF 07-02 first declared January 9, 2007 has been extended and is currently set to expire February 27, 2009.

**5. Year-Round Water Conservation Measures Rule Revisions and Statewide Consistency Update**

Lois Sorensen stated the focus of consistency of this rule was on year-round lawn watering schedules and consensus was reached by South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) on major points but also allowed for some variations due to regional differences. Proposed updates staff is seeking Governing Board approval on are: no special winter schedule; clarify only one complete application of 0.50

inches to 0.75 inches when lawn watering; clarify District review of proposed ordinances. Water conservation measures for reclaimed water use were also discussed. The Governing Boards of SFWMD and SJRWMD have approved their staff's recommended consistency measures, and the SWFWMD Board discussion is set for October 28, 2008. There was considerable discussion among the committee members regarding including the 0.50 inch to 0.75 inch application amount in the rule for lawn and landscape irrigation. Vicky Zimarino made a motion that was seconded by Keith McGurn that the proposed rule language for maximum application of 0.50 inches to 0.75 inches for lawn and landscape irrigation is not practical and unenforceable. Recommendation is to change this part of the rule from a requirement to a guideline. The motion passed unanimously. There was also considerable discussion about the requirement to have local ordinances that differ from the year-round measures approved by the District. Some of the members thought the need for approval was unnecessary, especially if the local measures being proposed were more strict than those adopted by the District. Some committee members took exception to the need to request a variance if a utility ran into a reuse disposal issue and could not meet the 3-day allowance for reclaimed water. A suggestion was made to exempt the days and hours during the rainy season when most utilities would be faced with an excess. A utility stated they have long-term contracts with some customers to take reclaimed water and those contracts may not be adjustable to days of the week and hours of the day. It was suggested the District wait on DEP's revisions to 62-40, reclaimed water provisions, before finalizing year-round measures. Finally, a question was asked whether the District has done research on the benefits of supplementation, and it was stated the other water management districts refer to a percentage of allowed supplementation in their rule.

**6. Enhanced Conservation Rulemaking Update**

Bobby Lue, Brooksville Regulation Director, provided background information to this rulemaking and explained the enhanced water conservation included in each water use type. Mr. Lue stated the draft rule language is available. A workshop is scheduled for November 12, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Tampa Service Office. It was stated that wholesale permit information should be listed in the rule as well as in the Basis of Review.

**7. 20-Year Water Use Permit Rulemaking Update**

Ken Weber, Regulation Program Director, provided an overview of current and proposed permit duration rules including enhancements added to the rule such as: assistance in providing water to meet a minimum flow and level (MFL) that otherwise would not be met; and provision of significant quantity of alternate water supply (AWS) that offsets the withdrawal of ground water. Mr. Weber asked for committee input. Comments from the committee included: a map should be developed that shows MFL's not meeting levels to assist public suppliers in developing a way they can help; conservation should be considered an alternative source; and consider 20-year permits for wholesale permits with water supply authorities.

**8. ERP Mitigation Rule Revisions and Fee Adjustments**

Karen West, Deputy General Counsel, explained rule language regarding mitigation for impacts to wetlands and other surface waters. On March 31, 2008, EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued revised regulations governing compensatory mitigation that includes: improved performance and success of compensatory mitigation projects; equivalent standards for all forms of mitigation; science-based and results-oriented standards; and watershed-based decision making. Staff will have discussions with ERP Advisory Groups, Governing Board Advisory Committees, and will schedule public workshops.

Karen West discussed the initiation of rulemaking to increase the ERP permit fees and the establishment of new fees to include a consistent basis of upward adjustments according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based on when the fee was originally established or revised. Staff will work with DEP and other Water Management Districts to establish a consistent basis for inflation adjustments to permit fees, discuss proposed fee revisions with ERP Advisory Groups and Governing Board Advisory Committees, hold public workshops, and return to the Governing Board for adoption of new permit fees.

**9. Other Rulemaking**

Lou Kavouras stated the Per Capita Expansion rule was approved by the Governing Board and was published with no challenges or objections.

**10. Resource Data Capability of WMIS**

Granville Kinsman, Hydrologic Data Manager, provided a brief overview of hydrologic data access using WMIS and GIS. Mr. Kinsman demonstrated how WMIS could be used to search for sites at which data have been collected or permits issued, and download hydrologic, water-quality, and atmospheric data and permit-related information. It was stated the system is user friendly and intuitive.

**11. Orthophoto Program**

April Davis, GIS Analyst, provided a brief history of the Orthophoto program and how orthophotos have become completely integrated into the District's business processes. She demonstrated various types of mapping from baseline maps to aerial mapping and to a refined orthophoto mapping that is a valuable tool when generating accurate measurements.

**12. FY2009 PSAC Meetings**

The remaining FY2009 PSAC meetings are set for 1:00 p.m. in the District's Tampa Service Office on January 6, 2009, April 14, 2009, and July 14, 2009.

**13. Development of Agenda Topics for the January 6, 2009 Meeting**

- Drought Update
- Rulemaking Update
- Private well issue from regulatory standpoint
- FEMA Map Modernization
- Enhanced Conservation Rule Update and Reporting Features
- 20-Year Permit Update
- Legislative Preview
- Springs Protection
- Landscape/Irrigation Ordinances

**14. Announcements and Other Business**

Lou Kavouras reminded members and alternates about the State of the Water Resources Workshop at the Intercontinental Tampa Hotel on November 21, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

**15. Adjournment**

There being no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.