

## Summary Agenda

### Southwest Florida Water Management District Basin Board Land Resources Committee

9:30 a.m.

July 13, 2009

Green Swamp West Meeting Facility  
13645 Ranch Road  
Dade City, Florida

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1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Albert Joerger, Chair

2. **March 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Presenter: Albert Joerger, Chair

See Exhibit

3. **Report on Multiple Use Management**

The District has taken great strides when purchasing land with public dollars to expand public recreational use opportunities, while balancing these opportunities with the purposes for which the lands were acquired. In addition to balancing public use, the District also looks to balance other, non-recreation uses on its lands. Where it is lawful and the use is compatible, the District has a reasonable responsibility to reduce management costs by generating revenue from land use activities that have a public demand and benefit.

Through a multiple-use management strategy, money generated from compatible revenue-generating activities is channeled back to support future management of District lands. To date, revenue generation on District lands has occurred primarily through its silvicultural program and cattle or hay leases. These activities are administered in the Land Resources Department.

The Basin Board Land Resources Committee requested staff to review and evaluate multiple uses on District lands to determine if we are maximizing the potential for revenue generation on District lands under current limitations and constraints. An initial analysis of current and potential revenue generating activities on District lands has been conducted and staff will be presenting a summary of this review and its findings.

Presenter: Stephanie Green, Sr. Land Management Specialist

4. **Review of Land Use Stakeholders Meeting**

As a major land holder in Southwest Florida, the District is charged with fulfilling its role as a water management district, while making lands available for public benefit. While responsible for the management of over 339,000 acres of District lands in the region, we find ourselves entering a new era that holds both opportunities and challenges. As we move forward, our ability to balance the public use while protecting the natural resources will directly impact the general perception of our success as a public agency.

Our overall challenge, simply stated, is addressing the major changes that Florida has experienced over the past 20 years. Increased urbanization, changing demographics, an uncertain economy and many other factors have made it difficult to keep up with the changing public interest and use of publicly owned lands. Our goal is to create a communication conduit with our stakeholders such that we are at the forefront of addressing public expectations with regard to lands under our ownership.

A Land Use Discussion Workshop with diverse stakeholders was assembled on June 4, 2009, to address this issue. Representatives of our cooperators, other public agencies, recreation and user groups, environmental organizations, and others were asked to participate in a discussion regarding major challenges faced by the District. The workshop was valuable to staff as we realized great value in listening to our stakeholders' voices, their thoughts and perspectives. Staff will present a summary of the workshop at the meeting.

Presenter: Chuck Lane, Sr. Land Use Specialist

5. **Florida Forever and Water management Lands Trust Fund Funding Status**

Since the early 1980s, the State has provided funding to the District for land acquisition and land management. Due to severe economic conditions with declining state revenues, no new state funding was allocated in fiscal year 2010 for the Florida Forever Trust Fund or the Water Management Lands Trust Fund. Because the District has utilized a pay-as-you-go business practice and has closely monitored expenditures, the District has remaining funds from prior year allocations to continue its acquisitions and essential land management activities for fiscal year 2010. We hope that as economies improve, funding will be available along with leveraging partner dollars to achieve District priorities.

Presenter: Eric Sutton, Land Resources Assistant Director

6. **Fiscal Year 2010 Meeting Dates**

The District is required to follow Florida Statute Chapter 189 concerning meeting notices. The Statute requires that the District submit an annual meeting calendar to all Clerks of Court in the District by September 15 of each year. The Statute further requires that if a meeting date, time or location changes after the annual calendar has been sent to the Clerks of Court, the District or Basin is required to place a legal advertisement in area newspapers to notice the change from the originally published calendar. Therefore, it is important to review this meeting calendar closely before it is published.

The following are proposed meeting dates and locations for fiscal year 2010:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thursday, December 3, 2009	9:30 a.m.	Nature's Classroom, Tampa
Wednesday, March 17, 2009	9:30 a.m.	Starkey Environmental Education Center, New Port Richey
Thursday, July 16, 2009	9:30 a.m.	Green Swamp West Meeting Facility, Dade City

Presenter: Albert Joerger, Chair

7. **December Committee Meeting Agenda**

Presenter: Albert Joerger, Chair