

Industrial Advisory Committee

MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 11, 2020

LIAISON REPORT – JAMES MURPHY

Planning-Level Groundwater Availability in the Central Florida Water Initiative

- Mr. Brian Starford, Operations, Lands and Resource Monitoring Division director, provided background on the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) and an update on planning-level groundwater availability. In the CFWI, there are some MFLs that are not being met and wetlands that are stressed. Mr. Starford explained current groundwater use (2017) is at about 660 million gallons per day (mgd); projected demand is expected to be about 860 mgd by 2040. Planning-level groundwater availability is between 660 mgd and a maximum of 760 mgd. To meet future water supply needs, conservation efforts are projected to result in about 50 mgd and other project options have been identified that would have the potential to provide at least 514 mgd.
- Ms. Ilia Balcom asked if there is action in place where MFLs were not being met in 2014. Mr. Starford explained the MFLs not being met are in the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA), and the District has a recovery strategy in place for the SWUCA through 2025.
- Members appreciated the Groundwater Availability Team's efforts.

Migration of Environmental Data Portal Update

- Mr. Granville Kinsman, Hydrologic Data manager, provided an update on the Environmental Data Portal (EDP) and walked the committee through the user interface. Mr. Kinsman said the site should be available in the summer and training will be available.
- Members appreciate the availability of data as well as the website's quick responses.

Advisory Committee Outreach Survey Results

- Mr. Michael Molligan, Employee and External Relations Division director, provided results from the advisory committee outreach survey staff conducted in January. He explained staff are working on adding new representatives in the coming months.
- Staff appreciate the presentations and email updates on hydrologic conditions.

Legislative Update

- Mr. Molligan provided a legislative update to the committee, which includes the Clean Waterways Act, reclaimed water definition, Land Acquisition Trust Fund, Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve, waterways restoration, and a change in boundaries for SRWMD to include all of Levy County (currently partially within the District's boundaries).

Governing Board Liaison Comments

- Mr. James Murphy, Governing Board liaison, suggested the advisory committee representatives bring water consumption-related practices from their respective organizations to discuss at the committee meetings so the Governing Board liaison and other committee members can hear from members how water is being used or how projects are benefitting users.