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Minutes of the Meeting

WELL DRILLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE Southwest Florida Water Management District

Tampa, Florida

January 13, 2010

The Well Drilling Advisory Committee of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., January 13, 2010, at the Tampa Service Office.

Board Members Present

Stuart Anderson, Chair
William Toomer, Vice Chair
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Staff Present

Dave Moore
Tony Gilboy
Dave N. Arnold
Deanna Naugler
Loris Sorensen

Recording Secretary

Mary Ellen Fugate

Board Members Absent

Jeff Baker
Dennis Fourqurean
Paul Pope
Todd Parrish

Governing Board Member

Ron Oakley

A list of others who were present and signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files. Compact disks of the audio and copies of the materials and handouts, as set out in full herein, are also filed in the permanent files of the Committee.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Stuart Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Harper called the roll and noted a quorum was not present. (CD 1/Track 2)

Chair Anderson explained that the purpose of the Well Drilling Advisory Committee is to operate as a conduit for communication and education with the industry and the water management district.

Chair Anderson introduced Dave Moore, Executive Director, who gave an update on the unprecedented freeze event, especially in the Dover/Plant City area.

2. Business Items

Chair Anderson reiterated that a quorum was not present but asked if Ms. Harper or the Board had any corrections to the October 14, 2009 minutes. There were no corrections noted. (CD 1/Track 2)

3. **Meeting Items:**

- a. **Water Shortage Update** – Lois Sorensen, Demand Management Program Manager, discussed the climatic pattern and illustrated how based on rainfall amounts, aquifer water levels have been recovering. Ms. Sorensen also discussed the increasing numbers of dry well complaints that the District is receiving as a potential result of increased frost-freeze pumpage in the Plant City/Dover Area. (CD 1/Track 3)
- b. **WMIS Update (Fast Maps)** – Deanna Naugler, Regulation Project Manager, illustrated an upcoming feature to the WMIS well construction permitting process where a new set of GIS maps will replace the older maps. These new maps will significantly reduce the amount of time required for the completion of Well Construction Permit Applications that are submitted to the District. (CD 1/Track 4)
- c. **Demonstration of DEP Contamination Site Locator Map** – David N. Arnold, P.G., demonstrated how to use DEP's Contamination Site Locator Map website to locate contaminated properties. Mr. Arnold noted that this website is an excellent tool that water well contractors should be familiar with since it has fairly accurate locations of contamination and is updated nightly. Mr. Arnold discussed the District's role in providing well construction, lithologic, and hydrogeologic data to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for their assessment of the Arkla Terra Superfund site (Thonotosassa, FL). He provided a map from the U.S. EPA that illustrates the location of groundwater contamination at the Southern Solvents Superfund site (Tampa, FL). The Southern Solvents Superfund site will likely be the next Superfund site to be incorporated into the U.S. EPA – SWFWMD Superfund Site Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). (CD 2/Track 5)
- d. **DEP Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures Manual Update** – Tony Gilboy, P.G., Well Construction Regulation Manager, discussed recent revisions to Florida Statutes 373.333(5)(C) and 373.333(8), and identified proposed revisions to Chapter 62-531, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) – Water Well Contractor Licensing Requirements, the Water Well Contractor Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures Manual, and the Florida Unified Citations Dictionary. These proposed revisions include adding an administrative fine of \$5,000.00 per occurrence for any person found to be practicing water well contracting without a valid Florida water well contractor license, the imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 for each count or separate offense, and changing the license renewal time period for accrual of CEUs from 24 months to 30 months prior to the license renewal deadline. Other proposed revisions to Chapter 62-531, F.A.C. include specifying a meaningful range of designated disciplinary actions based upon severity and repetition of specific offenses, distinguishing minor violations from those violations that endanger public health, safety, and welfare or may contaminate the water resource, and informing the public of likely disciplinary actions that may be imposed for proscribed conduct. (CD 2/Track 6)

- e. **Status Report on the Inland Protection Trust Fund** – Ben Huss was not able to attend the WMIS meeting. In his absence, a video was presented that discussed the large loss in revenue to Florida's Inland Protection Trust Fund (IPTF). The IPTF gets its revenue from taxes and provides a portion of money toward the total cost of assessment and remediation of petroleum-contaminated storage tank facilities throughout Florida that are in one of the State-approved cleanup programs. Due to the large loss in revenue, the video noted that remediation systems and site assessments at these contaminated facilities were placed on hold. The video stated that the Florida Groundwater Association created an environmental committee in the Summer of 2009 which was comprised of consultants, environmental drillers, remediation contractors, laboratories, and interested persons that have interest in the preservation of the Floridan aquifer. Besides creating infomercials and attending political fundraisers, these committee members have been meeting with local legislators and members of the State's Natural Resources Appropriations Committee. The video urges interested parties to contact their legislators and voice their concerns with the lack of IPTF funding prior to the 2010 Legislative Session. (CD 2/Track 7)

4. **Open Discussion:**

Chair Anderson advised that Mr. Gilboy was not given the CEU forms in a timely fashion, but anyone interested in obtaining CEU credits can give Mr. Gilboy their names and contractor number or contact information and he will make sure CEU forms are distributed. (CD 2/Track 7)

5. **Announcements:**

The Florida Ground Water Association meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2010, in the Tampa Bay area. Mr. Gilboy expressed it is very beneficial for everyone to try to attend the meeting, especially since it is being held in the Tampa Bay area. Vice-Chair Toomer reminded everyone that pre-registration is required. (CD 2/Track 7)

The next WDAC meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., Tampa Service Office, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa. (CD 2/Track 7)

6. **Adjournment**

When there was no other business to come before the Committee, Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m. (CD 2/Track 7)

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