

Central Florida Water Initiative

TOHO Water Authority
951 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Kissimmee, Florida 34741

Friday, December 2, 2011
10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes:

1. Introductions

- Self introductions of Steering Committee (SC) and audience
- Call in number provided for interested parties to listen to discussion

2. Previous Meeting Summary

- Minutes accepted as presented

3. Issues (presentation material at cfwiwater.com)

a. CFWI Operating Document

- Reviewed and approved proposed updates to draft document dated 12/2/2011

b. CFWI Schedule update

- Overview of master schedule; no changes anticipated at this time
- FDEP restated maintaining the schedule is their highest priority

c. Agriculture Water Demands

- Camilo Gaitan presented overview on how agriculture water demands are calculated; uncertainty projecting future water demands due to high number of uncontrolled variables; importance of maintaining flexibility in regulations to account for uncertainty
- General concern with lack of current agriculture water use data; reliance on National Ag Statistics Service (NASS) as sole data source for agricultural land use and irrigation information, and science-based peer-reviewed techniques to estimate specific agricultural commodity water needs.

- Request for DACS to develop means to improve information to be used in the water supply plans including impact of biofuels or other new agriculture opportunities
- Request for an update to agriculture water use at a future CFWI SC meeting

d. Reference Condition(s) Process

- Chris Sweazy provided an overview of the process proposed to develop the reference condition
- General discussion of schedule and importance of meeting timelines
- Provide update at next SC meeting

e. Groundwater Availability Team (GAT)

- Dave Fisk introduced as the Team Leader for GAT
- Reviewed language in CFWI Guidance document which details the scope of this effort
- GAT finalizing membership and will schedule kickoff meeting in late December; report progress at next CFWI SC meeting
- Issue for SC will be to identify remaining groundwater available for beneficial use; the original CFCA Action Plan used a date certain (2013) based on water use projections but other approaches may be warranted

f. Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) for CFWI

- Tom Bartol introduced as the Team Leader to develop a single RWSP for CFWI area (instead of 5 separate plans); this will address CFWI Goal #6 for “one coordinated recovery and prevention strategy (to be achieved through the CFWI RWSP process) of a single water supply plan”
- The RWSP is not currently a formal part of the CFWI process; the RWSP operates under statutory guidelines subject to extensive public workshops and a different time horizon from CFWI.
- SC requested the Management Oversight Committee (MOC) review and recommend how best to incorporate the RWSP into the CFWI process; provide update at next SC meeting

4. Technical Collaborative Teams- progress report

a. Hydrologic Analysis

- Akin Owosina, HAT Team Leader, presented progress
- General discussion of achieving task milestones on schedule
- USGS “technical transfer” protocol is critical to near term schedule; minor slippage in delivery date
- SC expressed concern potential for further schedule modifications and the need for realistic schedule expectations; SC also recognized that HAT schedule depends on the USGS meeting schedule obligations. HAT requested an opportunity to revisit the schedule in light of the current slippage to review schedule and make a realistic assessment of effort. HAT noted that successful outcome of the technology transfer exercise (scheduled to start in January, 2012) and HAT acceptance of the USGS model for CFWI application was critical to developing a firm schedule that achieves the SC specified completion dates.
- SC expressed concern over potential for further schedule modifications and the need for unrealistic schedule expectations;
- SC reinforced that the model is primarily a planning tool to fulfill CFWI Guiding Principals

b. Environmental Measures

- Robert Fewster, EMT Team Leader, presented progress
- Field work is underway with 21 of 34 site evaluations completed
- Effort is on schedule

c. MFL's & Reservations

- Marty Kelly, MFL Team Leader, presented progress report
- White Paper on MFLs within the three water management districts (WMD) reviewed
- Effort is on schedule

d. Data, Monitoring, and Investigations

- Mary Thomas, DMIT Team Leader, presented progress report
- DMIT requested WMD regulatory staff be added to team; SC referred to MOC

5. Open Discussion

- a. Need for a presentation from “myregion” at a future SC meeting to showcase their effort on developing regional water supply for Central Florida. (“Myregion” area larger than CFWI- includes Lake, Brevard and Volusia Counties).
- b. General discussion on the importance of maintaining schedule; keeping schedule realistic and no surprises
- c. Andy O’Reilly from USGS spoke to Steering Committee; expressed USGS commitment to supporting the CFWI initiative; invited to attend future SC meetings

6. Public Comments

- a. Joe Barossa- referred Steering Committee to DOAH website for technical background to his comments [DOAH 10-3334](http://www.doah.state.fl.us/DocDoc/2010/003334/10003334M-100611-09060006.PDF)
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- b. Ralph Bowers- Fruitland Park City Manager made a general statement

7. Next meeting

- a. January 27, 2011; TOHO Water; 10:00 AM

8. Adjourn @ 12:29 PM