

MINUTES OF MEETING

CENTRAL FLORIDA WATER INITIATIVE SOLUTIONS TEAM

JANUARY 17, 2014

The Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Solutions Team held a meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2014. The meeting was available via teleconference and WebEx so team members and others may participate and view presentations remotely.

Team Members Present

Robert Beltran, SWFWMD
Woody Boyton, SJRWMD
Len Lindahl, SFWMD
Jim Fletcher, IFAS Osceola County
Gary Fries, Polk County Utilities
Michael Minton, Attorney, Dean Mead
Bob Dallari, Seminole County Commission
Andy Neff, Seminole County Environmental Services
Tom Beck, DEP
Ray Scott, FDACS

Alternate Team Members Present

None

Other Attendees

Colleen Thayer, SWFWMD
Ken Herd, SWFWMD
Jason Mickel, SWFWMD
Other Webex attendees list can be requested through Lori Manuel, SWFWMD

Administrative Support

Lori Manuel

1. Call to Order and Approval of November Minutes

Robert Beltran called the meeting to order. Roll was called, attendees are indicated as above. The December 2013 minutes were approved.

2. Steering Committee Update

Mr. John Shearer was not in attendance. The CFWI Draft RWSP and associated appendices have been finalized and posted to the CFWI website, which will allow for public comments until January 31, 2014. The next Steering Committee Meeting is on February 28, 2014 at the TOHO Water Authority. All meeting information is posted to the CFWI website.

3. Communications Team Update

Ms. Colleen Thayer provided a summary regarding the status of the Communications Team activities. She presented a draft of the Strategic Communications Plan. Any comments or suggestions should be sent directly to Ms. Thayer (Colleen.Thayer@swfwmd.state.fl.us).

4. Legislative Update

Ms. Thayer provided a legislative update on proposed water legislative funding. She indicated Senator Simmons has introduced springs legislation with substantial funding associated with the bill. She mentioned Senator Simpson has introduced a bill regarding study of reuse on reclaimed water and a companion bill has also been introduced by Representative Bray.

5. CFWI Regulatory committee Update

Mr. Len Lindahl gave an updated on the regulatory committee. He indicated the water management districts are reviewing the Niagara permit associated with SJRWMD and the Polk permit associated with SFWMD. Both permits will be issued.

Mr. Andy Neff discussed concerns from utilities regarding rule consistency as related to the Water Use Caution Areas (WUCAs) by all the districts. Mr. Tom Beck stated there is a guidance memo that was issued to the Districts. He will forward it to Mr. Neff.

6. SWUCA Update

Mr. Mark Hammond, SFWMD, provided a presentation on the SWUCA.

Mr. Pat Leahman, Executive Director, Peace River Manasota Water Supply Authority (Authority) also provided a presentation on the Authority's role as related to the SWUCA.

7. 2035 Water Resources Protection & Water Supply Strategies Plan

Mr. Ken Herd provided an outline for the 2035 Water Resources Protection & Water Supply Strategies Plan document. The document outline is based on the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) Five-Year Assessment document, which is available at: http://www.swfwm.state.fl.us/projects/swuca/assets/SWUCA_Recovery_Strategy_Assessment_2013.pdf. Discussion ensued.

8. Sub-Team Update

Mr. Beltran announced that Mr. Dean Powell, SFWMD, will be the team member to replace Mr. John Zahina. Mr. Zahina has accepted a job outside of the SFWMD.

Mr. Herd suggested that there should be a central area to for the sub-team group to house its documents, etc. It was agreed the sub team should have the information on the Solutions Team page. Mr. Woody Boyton stated he would follow up on accomplishing this and see what resources are required.

Discussion was also brought up on providing guidelines for responding to cost/benefits analysis. It was indicated that Mr. Hal Wilkening is currently working on an analysis. Mr. Herd indicated he would contact Mr. Wilkening.

9. Solutions Team Schedule

Mr. Beltran presented a revised monthly Solutions Team schedule. Discussion ensued. It was agreed all dates would be added to the master schedule and sent to Mr. John Shearer each Friday to update the web information. The next Solutions Team meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m.

10. Environmental/Agriculture Stakeholders Update

No update was given at this time. Ms. Nancy Prine indicated the group has a phone conference scheduled.

11. Open Discussion

No items were discussed.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting scheduled is a face to face meeting on February 13 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the SJRWMD office at 601 South Lake Destiny, Maitland.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.