

Central Florida Water Initiative

Toho Water Authority
Tuesday October 15, 2019

Meeting Summary

(All presentations made to the Steering Committee have been posted on www.cfwiwater.com)

1. Introductions

Steering Committee members present: Stephen James (FDEP), Todd Swingle (TOHO Water), James Murphy (SWFWMD), Susan Dolan (SJRWMD), Chris Pettit (DACS). Jen Smith appeared on behalf of SFWMD.

2. Consent Items

On Motion by Mr. Pettit and a second by Ms. Dolan, the January 17, 2019, Meeting Summary was approved.

3. Management Oversight Committee Membership Changes

On Motion by Ms. Dolan and a second by Mr. Murphy, Angela Chelette was approved as the FDCAS Representative and Jill Creech was approved as the SFWMD Representative.

4. Regulatory and Regional Water Supply Team Membership Changes

On Motion by Mr. Swingle and a second by Mr. Pettit the proposed membership changes to the Regulatory Team and Regional Water Supply Team were approved.

5. Regional Water Supply Plan Team Update

Tammy Bader gave a presentation on the RWSP development. A copy of the presentation may be found in the meeting agenda packet on the CFWI website.

6. Regulatory Team Update

Kristine Morris gave a brief update on the status of the Department of Environmental Protection's CFWI rulemaking.

7. Conservation Team Update

Morgan Westberry gave a presentation on the development of the Implementation Strategies. A copy of the presentation may be found in the meeting agenda packet on the CFWI website.

Mr. Pettit asked for a clarification on the irrigation ordinance. The ordinance is only applicable for domestic and other self-suppliers.

Mr. Swingle commented that the utility ordinance is enforced through code violations. As we move forward, government outreach and implementation are important. Utilities will have a crucial role.

Mr. Pettit asked how many golf courses in the region are on reclaimed water. 114 permitted in the region.

Mr. Swingle noted that the consensus of the interested parties was developed over time with the available data.

Public Comment: Mr. Gore provided comments regarding the hydrology of the region and his belief that the committee did not understand the system. Mr. James noted the numerous meetings by staff with Mr. Gore and their continued disagreement with his suggestions.

Action Item:

- On motion by Ms. Dolan and a second by Mr. Murphy the proposed Implementation Strategies were approved.

8. Water Resource Assessment Team Update

Brian Starford gave a presentation for the WRAT update. A copy of the presentation may be found in the meeting agenda packet on the CFWI website.

Ms. Dolan inquired as to the eleven minimum flows and levels that were already showing as not being met and whether recovery strategies had been implemented. Most, but not all, have been implemented. SWUCA implemented in 2006 and 2 have been in SJRWMD.

Ms. Dolan also express her concern about the predicted tripping of the MFLs for the Outstanding Florida Springs.

Mr. Swingle was concerned about the number also. But he wanted to remind the Committee that the model was only a planning tool and should not be used for permitting. Planning needs to maintain flexibility.

Mr. Murphy wanted to make sure that the strategies were implemented to protect wetlands before the loss of the wetlands.

Mr. Pettit pointed out that any decisions that are made will have economic impacts that will affect some more than others. He wanted to make sure that these different economic impacts were considered with all other facts during the decision-making process.

Mr. Starford announced that he was leaving the WRAT to pursue his new duties in his new position at SWFWMD.

9. Communications Team Update

Robyn Felix gave a brief update for the Communications Team. The next newsletter should be issued shortly. They continue to prepare for the 2020 Plan update outreach.

10. Open Discussion

11. Public Comments

No additional public comments were given.

12. Next SC meeting

- a. Due to the upcoming holidays, the next date was not set to allow the members enough time to determine their plans. An email proposing dates in January/February will be sent in late November.

13. Adjourn