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## South Florida Water Management District

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### **BIG CYPRESS BASIN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 27, 2010

9:00 AM

City of Naples - City Hall's Council Chamber  
735 8th Street South  
Naples, FL 34102

Members Present:

**Pam Mac'Kie**

**John Sorey**

**Noah Standridge**

**Fred Thomas**

**John Vaughn**

Members Absent:

**Charles J. Dauray, Chair**

**1. Call to Order** - Chair, Big Cypress Basin Board

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair John Sorey at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Sorey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Sorey requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2010 Big Cypress Basin Meeting.

Motion made by John Vaughn, seconded by Pam Mac'Kie to Approve the following item(s): 3

Vote called. Voting yes: John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge, Fred Thomas. Motion passed.

**4. Agenda Addendum**

No Addendum to the August 27, 2010 Board Meeting.

**5. Abstentions by Board Members from Items on the Agenda**

No Abstentions by Board Members for August 27, 2010 Board Meeting.

## New Business/Workshop

### **Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects**

6. **Update on Collier County settlement proposal regarding Case No. 097419-CA Collier County vs. South Florida Water Management District and Big Cypress Basin** (John Dunnuck, Director, Business Services, Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects, Ext. 6995)

Mr. Tears gave an update on the subject settlement proposal and a background of the case. He reported that in June 2003, the District requested Collier County to vacate 267 miles of road in Southern Golden Gate Estates (SGGE). Under the terms of that agreement, the District was required to provide a 640-acre parcel for ATV recreation. To date, an appropriate parcel has not been found to meet the settlement.

Mr. Thomas indicated that if we made a deal, we need to honor it with lands in Collier County so that part of the revenues stay in Collier County. Mr. Vaughn agreed that it should stay in Collier County, he couldn't see paying for something in Hendry County.

Public comments: Caitlin Weber, representing The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, stated how imperative it is to find a 640-acre parcel for purchase to meet the legal obligations. She also supported the Basin Board's 2011 budget to be discussed later in the meeting.

### **Executive Office**

7. **Presentation on District's Business Performance Management Reports.** (Rich Sands - Director, Business Performance Management Office, Ext. 2902)

Mr. Rich Sands, Director, Business Performance Management Office, presented an informational briefing of a District reporting system that monitors the budgeted expenditure against the progress of District's projects and operational Business Plan. The following year's projects are initially developed by end of second quarter, then Decision Packages are developed through each of the four resource areas. By target date of April 15th, 85% of projects' revenue are expected to be encumbered. Rules must be followed. Mr. Sands reviewed Basin reports that were prepared specifically for the Basin Board meeting.

Mr. Paul Dumars added that the District has been as efficient as possible by monitoring burn rates, deliverables and time spent on projects.

The Basin Board members unanimously requested that it be arranged for them to receive the weekly report for the Basin portion of the District's Business Performance Management Report.

Public Comment: Mr. Dennis Vasey requested that the District provide a report available to the Public that tracks tax \$\$ generated and spent in the County.

8. **Presentation on District Investments and Reserves.** (Paul Dumars, Chief Financial Officer, Ext. 6212)

Mr. Frielich, District Treasurer, presented a short overview on the District's investments and reported that investments are carefully monitored through quarterly Audit and Finance reviews. Funds are backed by government agencies. Investments are triple-rated and the finance committee keeps them in line with SEC guidelines.

9. **Presentation on the Small Business Enterprise process and the Procurement process.** (Jessica Flathmann, Department Director, Procurement Department, Ext. 6043)

Ms Jessica J. Flathmann, Director of the Procurement Department, presented an overview of the Districts' procedures on the Small Business Enterprise process. Procurement follows the District Policy & Procedures under Chapter 155 that outlines how procurement activities will be carried out to ensure best use of taxpayer dollars. The legal processes, thresholds and standards for competition and General Procurement are respectfully maintained. Procurement has a formal website for vendors to register.

Basin Board members requested a copy of the Vender Master List which Ms. Flathmann provided at the end of her presentation.

#### **Regulatory and Public Affairs**

10. **Presentations on the status of local projects funded by South Florida Water Management District/Big Cypress Basin in Fiscal Year 2010** (Local government projects - Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612; Capital Improvement projects - Ananta Nath, Chief Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7607)

Mr. Guerra gave an overview of the Basin's funding distribution of projects through partnerships with local governments. The FY 2010 Local Alternative Water Supply and Stormwater construction projects consisted of 6 for Collier County; 2 - City of Naples; 3 - City of Marco Island; 2 - City of Everglades City in a total amount of \$5,043,000. The FY 2011 Local Alternative Water Supply and Stormwater construction projects consisted of 3 for Collier County; 3 - City of Naples; 4 - City of Marco Island; and 1 - City of Everglades City totaling \$4,975,000. Total funding of non-construction projects in FY 2011 is \$1,298,000.

Mr. Vaughn asked, "how is the breakdown of funding determined throughout the Basin?"

Mr. Sorey explained that at the February Basin workshop the representatives from the local governments had the opportunity to present their requests; a compilation of projects was reviewed by District staff; and final decision was made at the April 2010 Basin Board meeting.

11. **Consideration for Adoption of Final Big Cypress Basin Strategic Plan 2010-2015.** (Clarence Tears, Director, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7601)

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by Pam Mac'Kie to Approve the following item(s): 11

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge, John Vaughn. Motion passed.

12. **BCBB-2010-800 A Resolution of the Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District submitting the Big Cypress Basin Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011, to the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District for inclusion in the District Budget, and requesting the Governing Board levy ad valorem taxes within the Basin for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to fund Basin functions, as set forth in the Budget.** (Clarence Tears, Director, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7601)

Mr. Sorey commented that as the Basin Board looks at the FY 2012 Budget, he would like to see this Board get more involved in the Basin's priorities next year. He also mentioned that the Basin Board members should have more input when reviewing the Strategic Plan and Budget process; not just receive reports.

Mr. Thomas requested from District staff what the proposed millage rate is for the Okeechobee Basin compared to the Big Cypress Basin's millage rate. District Staff reported that Okeechobee Basin's proposed millage rate for FY 2011 is .2797 mills.

Motion made by Pam Mac'Kie, seconded by Fred Thomas to Approve the following item(s): 12

Vote called. Voting yes: Pam Mac'Kie, Fred Thomas, John Sorey, Noah Standridge, John Vaughn. Motion passed.

13. **BCBB-2010-801 A Resolution of the Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District requesting the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to levy ad valorem taxes within the Big Cypress Basin to finance Basin functions contained in the 2011 Basin Budget, approving the millage rate for the Big Cypress Basin of the South Florida Water Management District for Fiscal Year 2011, providing an effective date.** (Clarence Tears, Director, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7601)

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 13

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

14. **Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with Collier County for the North County Water Reclamation Facility (NCWRF) - Pond Liner Phase 2 project, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget.** (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 14

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

15. **Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with Collier County for Stormwater Improvement Projects: Northwest Royal Wood - Whitaker Road project and Northern Golden Gate Estates Flowway Restoration Plan in an amount not to exceed \$775,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget.** (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 15

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

- 16. Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with City of Naples for the Aquifer Storage Recovery Well #3 and Well #4 project in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget. (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)**

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 16

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

- 17. Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with City of Naples for the Surface Water Intake Structure at Golden Gate Canal project in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget. (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)**

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 17

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

- 18. Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with City of Naples for the Basin III Stormwater Drainage, Water Quality and Flood Mitigation Improvements project in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget. (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)**

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 18

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

- 19. Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with City of Marco Island for the Reclaimed Water Production Facility (RWPF) Expansion - Phase III project in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget. (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)**

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 19

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

- 20. Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with City of Marco Island for the Finished Water Storage Tank - Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant Expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget. (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)**

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 20

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

- 21. Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with City of Marco Island for the Island Wide Stormwater System Improvements project in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget. (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)**

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 21

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

- 22. Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with City of Marco Island for the Collier Boulevard Outfall project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget. (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)**

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 22

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

- 23. Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with City of Marco Island for the Septic Tank Replacement Program - Construction of Gulfport and East Winterberry Sewer Districts in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget. (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)**

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 23

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

- 24. Consideration to authorize entering into a one (1) year Cooperative Agreement with City of Everglades City for the Water Management System Master Plan Implementation project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are subject to adoption of the FY 2011 budget. (Max Guerra, Senior Engineer, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7612)**

Motion made by Fred Thomas, seconded by John Vaughn to Approve the following item(s): 24

Vote called. Voting yes: Fred Thomas, John Vaughn, Pam Mac'Kie, John Sorey, Noah Standridge. Motion passed.

### Standard Business

- 25. Public Comment**

## Staff Reports

### **26. Contract Account Report**

### **27. Financial Reports**

### **28. Hydrologic Report**

### **29. Staff Activity Report**

1). Mr. Tears gave an update on the amended/restated River of Grass purchase/lease agreement of 180,000 acres of agricultural land for the Everglades Restoration project.

Mr. Thomas asked what is actually being purchased and Mr. Dumars reported that only the land in portions of Hendry County and Palm Beach County are being purchased, not the processing plant.

Mr. Bartolone added that in light of the continued economic impacts, the Governing Board approved the purchase of 73,000 acres in an initial acquisition of \$536 million, with options to purchase the remaining 107,000 acres during the next ten years.

2). Mr. Tears demonstrated the step by step process to view the Big Cypress Basin's Real Time Hydrologic Monitoring and Modeling site that is now included on the Basin's homepage through the District's external website.

3). A revised Big Cypress Basin Board Meeting Calendar was included in Agenda package which includes new workshop dates, topics and venues.

### **30. Board Comment**

Mr. Standridge wanted to thank the Basin and District for their support of the registration fee covering his attendance at the GEER Conference held in Naples this year. It was well attended by all levels of people in various functions, such as members of boards to communities, scientists and land managers. There was great participation from the various attendees.

Mr. Vaughn wanted to thank the District and Mr. Tears for the tour of the various District sites and was very appreciative and amazed at Mr. Tears' knowledge of the District's history.

## Adjournment

**31. Adjourn**

**The next Big Cypress Basin Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at Collier County Government Center, Commission Chamber, Building F, 3rd Floor, 3301 Tamiami Trail N., Naples, Florida 34112.**

**There will also be a Big Cypress Basin Board Workshop on Friday, October 22, 2010 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. held at the Big Cypress Basin Service Center, 2660 Horseshoe Drive N., Naples, Florida 34104.**

Please note that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the above cited meeting or hearing, it will be necessary to provide a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made by a certified court reporter. Persons with disabilities who need assistance may contact Kathleen M. Tetrault, (239) 263-7615, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting to make appropriate arrangements. Those persons desiring more information or those wishing to submit written or physical evidence may contact Kathleen M. Tetrault, Big Cypress Basin, 2660 Horseshoe Drive N., Naples, Florida, (239) 263-7615.

In Mr. Sorey's absence, Noah Standridge, Basin Secretary, adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

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John F. Sorey, III,  
Big Cypress Basin, Vice Chair

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Noah Standridge,  
Big Cypress Basin, Secretary

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