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## South Florida Water Management District

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

October 22, 2010

1:30 PM

Big Cypress Basin Service Center  
2660 Horseshoe Drive N  
Naples, FL 34104

Members Present:

**Charles J. Dauray, Chair**

**Pam Mac'Kie**

**John Sorey**

**John Vaughn**

Members Absent:

**Noah Standridge**

**Fred Thomas**

1. **Call to Order** - Charles Dauray, Chairman, Big Cypress Basin Board

The workshop was called to order by Vice Chair John Sorey at 1:42 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Charles Dauray, Chairman, Big Cypress Basin Board

Mr. Sorey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Agenda Addendum**

No Addendum to the October 22, 2010 Workshop Meeting.

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

No Abstentions by Board Members for October 22, 2010 Workshop Meeting.

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

5. **Water Quality and Restoration Five Year Outlook** (Clarence Tears, Director, Big Cypress Basin, Ext. 7601)

Mr. Tears presented an overview of the Big Cypress Basin's Five Year Outlook indicating that this workshop will focus on Water Quality and Environmental Restoration through the strategic planning process. The Water Quality and Restoration Strategic priorities are: monitoring of surface and groundwater quality; support local government's stormwater improvement projects; improve water control structure operation to meet water quality standards; restore historic flowways; improve water storage capacity and complete construction of existing key restoration projects.

He also reported that Lake Trafford was a unique restoration project that is on the road to recovery and on February 12, 2011 BCB/SFWMD, along with other partners will be celebrating the completion of the dredging project by holding a BBQ-style celebration.

Mr. Sorey requested that the city officials be invited to the celebration and Mr. Tears confirmed that all the officials within the Basin area will be invited.

Mr. Tears reported that some of the Water Resource issues in Naples Bay have to do with the nutrients, red tide, low dissolved oxygen, water clarity, increased drainage areas, TMDLs. There are also issues with the City's and County's antiquated stormwater outfalls. He also indicated that future improvement actions and efforts are to redirect and reduce point source discharge, Henderson Creek Diversion, coordinate structure operation, determine viability of restoring Horsepen Strand/North Golden Gate Estates flowway, data assessment and collection in Rookery Bay and simulate flows in the Bay.

Ms. MacKie asked about the water reservation established in this area; is it the first one and if there was a pattern? Ms. Bates answered yes, its the first one and reported that they are all unique, there is no pattern.

Ms. Bates also reported that if an allocation was for 10 million gallons a day (mgd), but the area only used 8 mgd, 8 becomes the base condition.

Mr. Sorey reported that an advisory committee periodically meets regarding the dredging in the Wiggins Pass area and it might be good to get feedback from the meetings. Mr. Tears stated that he received newsletters from SAVE THE BAYS that kept him abreast. Mr. Sorey indicated that he would have Gary McAlpin add Mr. Tears to the list.

Ms. Mac'Kie suggested that a 5 year plan be created to solve problems in Naples Bay. Mr. Tears reported that these issues are covered in the SWIM Plan.

Mr. Sorey suggested an alternative to eliminate beach outfalls by drilling ASR wells along the coast and move stormwater for short term storage into the ASR wells.

Mr. Sorey recommended that Naples Bay/Henderson Creek Diversion be our top priority and at the December meeting with the Board's consent have a completed staff plan on the Naples Bay/Henderson Creek Diversion project, what would it take to complete it such as permitting, timeframe, funds allocated, etc.

Ms. Mac'Kie wanted to know the total budget on the local government partnerships and Ms. Bates reported that \$3.5 million was approved in the budget at the last governing board meeting for all local partnership projects.

Ms. Mac'Kie would like to know what the next step is in the process.

Ms. Bates indicated that the first step was to focus on the Basin's strategic plan, the next step is to look at all the projects involved, discuss which ones are going to be top priority. When the budget is developed in February, the Board will be able to move in the right direction. The District and Basin staff will work together to get the Annual Work Plan and 5 Year Plan in place.

**6. Public Comment**

**7. Board Comment**

**8. Adjourn**

**The next Big Cypress Basin Board Workshop is scheduled to follow the Retreat held Friday, December 10, 2010 at the Big Cypress Basin Training Center, 6089 Janes Lane, Naples, Florida 34109.**

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Mr. Dauray adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

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Charles Dauray,  
Big Cypress Basin Chairman

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Noah Standridge,  
Big Cypress Basin Secretary

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