



Agenda

**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting**

February 06, 2014, 9:00 AM
District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AGENDA

FINAL

- 1. Call to Order - Tim Sargent, WRAC Chairman**
- 2. Staff Reports**

Summary

This agenda item allows SFWMD staff to provide brief verbal reports regarding the status of key agency projects and initiatives.

- 3. WRAC Member Issues**

Summary

This agenda item allots WRAC members time to share pertinent information with other members and the public. Comments should be kept brief. If extended time is needed, please consider requesting the topic be added as an agenda item at the next meeting.

- 4. Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area - Charlie Pelizza, Project Leader, Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Summary

Established in January, 2012, the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area proposes to conserve approximately 150,000 acres within the Kissimmee River Basin. Conservation easements will be the primary tool used to protect wildlife habitat, wetlands, and working ranchlands within the upper

watershed of the Everglades ecosystem. Funding levels, acquisition progress, and partnership opportunities will be discussed.

5. C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir Reservation - Beth Lewis, Office Chief, State Policy and Coordination, Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects Bureau, Everglades Policy and Coordination Division, SFWMD

Summary

The South Florida Water Management District (District) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jointly implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir Project is a CERP project, which is anticipated to be authorized by a Water Resources Development Act in the near future.

As a prerequisite to the Corps' execution of a Project Partnership Agreement to cost-share construction, the District must legally protect the water for the natural system as identified in the Project Implementation Report. The District elected to use its water reservation authority described in Section 373.223(4), F.S., to reserve all of the water contained within and released from the Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir for the protection of fish and wildlife found in the Caloosahatchee River. The District is proposing to amend several rules in Chapter 40E-10, F.A.C., adopt definitions, describe the reservoir and reservation, and adopt implementing provisions. The District is also proposing an amendment to Rule 40E-2.091, F.A.C., to incorporate consumptive use permitting review criteria relevant to the reservation in the Basis of Review for Water Use Permit Applications (or Applicant's Handbook). This presentation will provide a summary of major findings and conclusions of the workshop and will also go before the Governing Board on February 13, 2014 in Ft. Myers.

6. Central Florida Water Initiative Update - Len Lindahl, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Regulatory, SFWMD

Summary

The Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Draft Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) was jointly developed by the St. Johns River, South Florida, and Southwest Florida water management districts in coordination with stakeholders. The CFWI planning area includes southern Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Polk counties. The Draft RWSP was released for public review in late November. The RWSP purpose is to identify programs and projects to ensure that adequate and sustainable water supplies are available to meet future water supply needs while protecting the environment and water resources. This update will provide a summary of comments received on the draft RWSP and will explore the roles of the various technical sub-teams that have been created to support the CFWI.

7. General Public Comment

8. Adjourn