



Agenda
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting

May 06, 2014, 9:00 AM
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center
151 Civic Center Way
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AGENDA

FINAL

1. Call to Order - Jim Moran, WRAC Chairman

2. 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.

3. Everglades Restoration Project Prioritization Part 3 - Temperince Morgan, Director, Office of Everglades Policy and Coordination, SFWMD

Summary

The Governing Board has requested a review of the various restoration projects that are being implemented or considered for implementation to provide recommendations regarding obligations and priorities. Multiple presentations have been given over the course of the last several months to provide background information relevant to this discussion. This is a continuation of Part 3 of this exercise and will focus on a completed prioritization table, initial staff ranking of projects and WRAC member comments.

4. Adaptive Protocols Update - Susan Gray, Chief Environmental Scientist, Water Resource Division, SFWMD and Cal Neidrauer, Chief Engineer, Operations, Maintenance and Construction Division, SFWMD

Summary

The Adaptive Protocols for Lake Okeechobee Operations describes how the South Florida Water Management District (District) staff and Governing Board make recommendations to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) concerning 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS) and the Water Control Plan (USACE 2008) provisions while considering the District's multiple statutory objectives and responsibilities outlined in Chapter 373 Florida Statutes. The adaptive protocols are used when the Lake stage is in the Low, Baseflow and Beneficial Use subbands to provide guidance to water managers for discretionary releases for ecosystem benefits or to improve conditions related to the Central and Southern Flood Control Project purposes.

Specifically, the Adaptive Protocols describe a process to do the following:

- Identify opportunities for water resource improvements in the operations of 2008 LORS.
- Provide scientifically-based recommendations on releases in the Low, Baseflow, and Beneficial Use subbands of 2008 LORS through weekly operations discussions with the USACE.
- Conduct semi-annual public workshops at the start of the wet and dry seasons to receive public comments, review regional operations, gather and present recent information, and discuss operations, issues and opportunities for the next six months.
- Identify additional information needed to evaluate and refine the protocols in the future.

This discussion will focus on the 2013/14 dry season operations and provide a forum to discuss operations, issues and opportunities for the upcoming 2014 wet season.

5. Invasive Species Management in the South Florida Water Management District - Dan Thayer, Bureau Chief, Land Stewardship, Field Operations and Land Management Division, SFWMD

Summary

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the South Florida Water Management District's invasive plant and animal management efforts. A review of priority species of concern, the techniques for managing these threats, and the District's history of managing invasive species and future challenges will be discussed.

6. Final Central Florida Water Initiative Regional Water Supply Plan - Len Lindahl, Assistant Executive Director, 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 2013. The purpose of the RWSP 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.

7. Staff Reports

Summary

This agenda item allows South Florida Water Management District staff to provide brief verbal reports regarding the status of key agency projects and initiatives.

8. General Public Comment

9. Adjourn