



Agenda
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting

August 07, 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 – James J. 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. Dispersed Water Management Update –
Beth Lewis, State Policy Chief, Office of Everglades Policy and Coordination, SFWMD**

Summary

Since 2005, the South Florida Water Management District has been working with a coalition of agencies, environmental organizations, ranchers and researchers to enhance opportunities for storing excess surface water on private and public lands. In addition to utilizing regional public projects, the Dispersed Water Management Program encourages property owners to retain water on their land rather than drain it, accept and detain regional runoff, or do both. Holding water on these lands is one tool to reduce the amount of water flowing into Lake Okeechobee during the wet season and discharged to coastal estuaries for flood protection. Shallow water retention also provides valuable groundwater recharge, opportunities for water quality improvement and rehydration of drained systems. This presentation will provide an update on the current status of the Dispersed Water

Management program types: Public Lands, Private Lands, Water Farming, and Northern Everglades - Payment for Environmental Services projects.

**4. Draft Lower Kissimmee Basin Water Supply Plan –
Cynthia Gefvert, Section Leader, Water Supply Planning Unit,
Water Resources Division, SFWMD**

Summary

The Lower Kissimmee Basin Draft Water Supply Plan is being developed for the Lower Kissimmee Basin (LKB), which includes portions of Okeechobee, Highlands, and Glades counties, which formerly was included in the Kissimmee Basin Water Supply Plan. The Draft Plan was released for public review in mid-June and is currently scheduled for approval in September. The purpose of the water supply plan is to identify options for an adequate supply of water to meet existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses while protecting the environment and water resources. This presentation is for information only and will provide an overview of the Draft LKB Water Supply Plan.

**5. C-51 Reservoir Update – Jeff Kivett, P.E., Director, Operations, Engineering
and Construction Division, SFWMD**

Summary

The C-51 Reservoir project is a public private project being investigated for use as an alternative water supply source for utilities in the Lower East Coast. This presentation will provide an updated status of the project and activities currently underway.

6. 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.

7. General Public Comment

8. Adjourn