

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SFWMD)
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION (WRAC)
Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan Regional Workshop
Lee County Estero Community Park Recreation Center
9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard
Estero, FL 32928
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009, 9:30 AM
MEETING SUMMARY

- Item 1. Welcome - Charles Dauray, Governing Board Member**
- Item 2. Kick-off Comments for Plan Update - Mark Elsner, Director, Water Supply Development Division**
Questions were asked and addressed about how information and data in the plans is used by Permitting staff, why the standard of water for a 1 in 10 drought is used, and how Lake Okeechobee issues and regulations will fit into the Lower West Coast Regional (LWC) Water Supply Plan (Plan).
- Item 3. Water Supply Plan Overview – Terry Bengtsson, Regional Coordinator, Water Supply Planning Section**
Comments that were made regarding the Tampa Bay desalination plant, a recent University of Florida study that demonstrated potable water supply has caught up with population because of the slowed growth, and the increased energy required by reverse osmosis (RO) plants and the need to consider carbon footprints in planning.
- Item 4. LWC 2006 Plan Accomplishments – Phil Flood, Director, Lower West Coast Service Center**
- Item 5. LWC 2006 Plan Accomplishments – Clarence Tears, Director, Big Cypress Basin Service Center**
- Item 6. Population and Water Demand Projections – Jim Fleischmann, Senior Planner, HDR**
Comments were made and questions were asked regarding the use of finished water or raw water in calculation of the per capita usage numbers, the difference between ASR booking between the District and FDEP, how conservation will be included in the planning and will reductions in use be included. These were addressed or will be placed on the issues list for future meetings.
- Item 7. Issue Identification/Next Steps – Mark Elsner**
The Goals and Objectives from the previous plan and suggested updates were handed out as homework and participants were asked to consider these and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Item 8.

Public Comment

- Review the Energy and Climate Act and explain how this will affect our alternate water supply objectives.
- Request to understand how will we be working with agriculture in the plan update process?
- Request for an update on the status of the Caloosahatchee River reservation.
- Request to discuss the Regional Water Availability Rule (regarding ability to take water that would otherwise go to tide).

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Adjourn: 11:45



INTERESTED PARTIES – SIGN IN SHEET

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