

# SOUTH MIAMI DADE WATERSHED STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Thirty

March 24, 2005  
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Report of Proceedings

#### WELCOME/CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was held at the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department Douglas Road facility in Miami, Florida.

Roger Carlton, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked the facility for their continued generosity in sponsoring the meetings every other month and thanked member, William Losner, for continuing to sponsor breakfast.

Mr. Carlton made the following comments and announcements:

- ✓ The Organizational Committee met to discuss a request from a member of the public that the public be allowed to ask questions during the meetings and receive immediate answers whenever possible. It was decided that, in order to ensure the work of the Committee set for each meeting is accomplished and that the responses are properly researched, this request can not be accommodated. The public will continue to have a variety of ways to provide input to the Committee or to have questions answered:
  - Orally during public comment period
  - By filling out Observer comment cards (all comments so received are included in the Reports of Proceedings prepared subsequent to each meeting and posted on the web)
  - Sending email requests or questions to the Project Manager, John Hulsey
  - Posing questions or posting comments on the Idea Parking Lot flipchart provided at every meeting (all comments are included in the Reports of Proceedings prepared subsequent to each meeting and posted on the web)
  - Asking a Committee member to pose questionsAll questions posed by the public are considered by the Organizational Committee and/or the Project Manager and the Project Manager responds to such requests either directly to the individual or in public at the next scheduled meeting.
- ✓ Frequently asked Questions (FAQs) will be posted on the web by the end of May, 2005. If anyone has questions they would like answered, please send to Project Manager, John Hulsey at [hulseyj@sfrpc.com](mailto:hulseyj@sfrpc.com).
- ✓ At the February meeting, the subject of member's requesting materials be distributed to the rest of the Committee was added to the list of items to be discussed by the Organizational Committee. A final decision was promised at this meeting; however, Mr. Carlton would like another month to carefully consider this matter before a final decision is made.
- ✓ Mr. Carlton met with Commissioner Natasha Seijas, Chair of the Infrastructure and Land Use Committee (ILUC) which was slated to consider a Resolution exempting the Committee from certain provisions of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance. The ILUC moved the Resolution and recommended that the full Commission approve the Resolution. It will be on the County Commission agenda on April 5, 2005.
- ✓ Mr. Carlton met with Mayor Carlos Alvarez to give him an update on the work of the Committee.

- ✓ Rick Clark, Director of Resources Management, Biscayne National Park, has been nominated by the Park to replace Linda Canzanelli who resigned last month to take a new position with the national park service out of state.

Mr. Carlton asked everyone to introduce themselves to Mr. Clark.

Mr. Carlton turned the meeting over to the facilitator, Janice Fleischer.

Members present:

Roger Carlton, Chair  
Humberto Alonso, Jr., South Florida Water Management District  
Gerald Case, Florida Lime & Avocado Committee  
Rick Clark, Biscayne National Park (prospective member)  
Guillermina Damas, At Large member  
Jeff Flanagan, Chamber South  
John Fredrick, Dade County Farm Bureau  
Dick Frost, Tropical Audubon Society  
April Gromnicki, National Audubon Society  
Robert Johnson, Everglades National Park  
Louise King, Redland Citizens' Association  
William Losner, Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce  
Bennie Lovett, Florida City  
Reed Olszack, Miami-Dade Agricultural Practices Board  
Mark Oncavage, Sierra Club (prospective member)  
Lawrence Percival, Kendall Federation of Homeowner Associations  
Bonnie Roddenberry, Sunny South Acres Homeowner's Association  
Jorge Rodriguez, Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department  
Jane Spurling, Florida Nurserymen and Grower's Association  
Charles Thibos, Tropical Everglades Visitor Association  
Julia Trevarthen, South Florida Regional Planning Council

There were 14 Observers who signed the register.

## **AGENDA REVIEW/GUIDELINES**

Janice Fleischer, Facilitator, reviewed the Agenda for the day (**Exhibit A**). This would be a half day meeting with the majority of the time spent on mandatory Ethics Training provided by Robert Myers, Executive Director, Commission on Ethics and Public Trust.

All Reports of Proceedings of the Committee, Discussion Guidelines and Committee related information, can be found on the SFRPC website at [www.sfrpc.com/institute/watershed.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com/institute/watershed.htm).

## **PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT**

John Hulsey, Project Manager, delivered the Project Manager's Report. (**Exhibit B**). Mr. Hulsey reminded the members of the context for the Test Scenarios. The three Test Scenarios are only to be used to test the three policy options described in the scope of work. They are not land use maps from which to choose the future of the Study Area. The impact assessments will be used to inform the Committee when designing the fourth preferred scenario.

At the end of the PM Report, the following comment was made:

1. Water consumption chart and Water contaminants request have not been received
  - a. This will be done
  - b. However, Draft reports rather than raw data will be distributed.
  - c. Org Committee will discuss this matter

## CONSULTANT PRESENTATION: TASK 2.2 DRAFT FINAL WORK PRODUCT

Michael Davis, VP, Keith and Schnars, and Project Manager for the Study gave a presentation on the methodology for formulating test scenarios 1, 2 and 3. (Exhibit C)

## MAP REVIEW

Immediately following the presentation, members and observers were invited to review revised poster-size maps for all test scenarios, depicting the scenario results for the years 2025 and 2050.

Following the presentation and review of the maps, members asked the following:

1. Somehow designate the land needed for water retention on the maps
2. Labeling on maps is important so as not to imply preference; don't use the words "smart growth" as a label on Scenario 2
  - a. Org Committee to discuss resolution
3. Need to show enlarged maps; streets on maps as an overlay
  - a. Org Committee
    - i. Website
    - ii. Mylar
4. Why less single-family residential units in 2050 than in 2025; doesn't seem to be correct
5. Suppose the numbers being assumed are wrong; will this Plan take that into account and be able to accommodate?
  - a. Certain assumptions need to be made to do the Study
  - b. This is an iterative active Plan; needs to be checked periodically and updated
6. I believe growth will be exponential not as shown or assumed now
7. Don't call the test scenarios anything; just say "test scenario 1, 2, or 3"
8. This study is about giving the county commission a set of tools to use as population grows and issues come up about where to put the growth
9. Final product needs to be updated as much as possible; new developments are on the ground that are not on the maps
  - a. Consultant will note on maps to reflect changes of which they are aware
10. REMI (Regional Economic Model, Inc.) economic model was used to forecast changes in the economy.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was invited at this point in the meeting so as to allow Observers who did not wish to attend the Ethics Training to make their comments and leave. Two (2) members of the audience addressed the Committee.

Note: Public comment is not recorded. If anyone from the public desires to have his/her comments appear in the Report of Proceedings, they can submit their comments in writing on the comment cards provided at each meeting or email the Facilitator, Janice Fleischer ([janice@flashresolutions.com](mailto:janice@flashresolutions.com)) within the first week following the meeting.

## MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING

The County Commission recently passed a resolution making it mandatory for all members of Boards or Committees of the County to receive a 1.5 hour ethics training. Upon completion of this training, individuals are given a certificate verifying their attendance.

Robert Meyers, Executive Director, Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, conducted the training for the Committee. At the conclusion of the training session, members who had RSVP'd were given Certificates of Participation.

Committee members who missed this opportunity for training can go to the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust website at [http://www.miamidade.gov/ethics/ethics\\_training.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/ethics/ethics_training.asp) for information on additional training sessions.

## MEMBER FORUM

Members were invited to make announcements or bring up topics to be discussed at future meetings. This is a regular part of the Committee's meetings.

## ADJOURN

The meeting was then adjourned.

## MEMBER COMMENT CARDS:

*"Please have some salt water intrusion analyzed as part of water quality presentation"*  
*-anonymous*

*"Assume that gasoline prices are rising; see Hubbert's "peak oil theory". What assumptions on rising prices are made for 2025 and 2050 scenarios? If price rises exceed assumptions will corrections to scenarios be published?"*  
*-Mark Oncavage*

## OBSERVER COMMENT CARDS

*"Each meeting: the public should be provided with complete definitions of the 3 scenarios so we can make meaningful public comment. Dick Frost made a good point-all the scenarios should be identified with a descriptive paragraph, 'smart growth' is meaningful to only some people. The description should be more exact."*  
*-Nancy Lee*

*"Roger: I have never gotten a response to any of my letters or comments submitted."*  
*-Ed Swakon*

*"How does the public get copies of the draft work products to comment on before the final action is taken?"*  
*-Ed Swakon*

*"It's still difficult to hear, as an Observer. I know people are making their best efforts, but some committee members' remarks are still hard to hear! Consider using microphones please"*  
*-Truly Burton, BASF*

*"Do the dwelling unit numbers presented in 2b/3b, 2a/3a take into consideration the number of units displaced as a result of redevelopment (densification) of parcels?"*

*How can the presentation assume that development is not sequential-2025 and 2050 can't be separate! (note by author: This was addressed)*

*-Ed Swakon*

*"We still cannot hear from the audience!"*

*-Gloria Valazquez*

## **IDEA PARKING LOT**

No comments