


South Miami-Dade Watershed Plan Advisory Committee

Date: May 2, 2006
From: Roger Carlton, Chairman 
To: Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members
Subject: Subcommittee Charge

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee that I established at the April 27 Watershed Plan Advisory Committee meeting. As you know, my action was in response to the submittal of resolutions submitted by the Agri-Council; Farm Bureau; Florida, Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association; Greater Homestead-Florida City Chamber of Commerce; Potato Growers Exchange and the Builders Association of South Florida expressing concerns regarding the Watershed Study and Plan process. The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the subcommittee's charge.

By way of background, please remember that an open invitation has been extended to all Committee members for the project consultant to meet with their organization, in order to provide additional opportunities for input. Several meetings with both individual members and their organizations have been held toward that end. An extraordinary effort has been made on the part of the Project Management Team to meet with Committee members and address their concerns. Please also remember the Committee's adopted guidelines to give a solution when stating a problem, and explain reasons behind statements. Keeping this in mind, your charge is to convert any well-defined concerns that your organization has about this project into clear, concise, specific suggestions about how these concerns can be addressed.

A subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium at the Fruit and Spice Park, in order to consolidate and precisely define the contents of the resolutions. Specifically, I am requesting that this subcommittee focus on concerns going forward for our meeting of May 25, 2006. Please list approximately 10 concerns, if necessary, and your specific recommendations to resolve those concerns. Statements like "we don't like this stuff" or "we are not complying with the scope of work" are not acceptable. Each concern must be accompanied by a specific solution. Cindy Dwyer will serve as your staff for the meeting, as will Project Manager Bob Daniels. Please plan to take as much time as needed at this meeting in order to fully address your charge and provide recommendations. If you are unable to attend the May 22 subcommittee meeting, please provide your organization's specific, concise written recommendations to Project Manager Bob Daniels no later than close of business on Wednesday, May 17, 2006. I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you for helping to resolve these concerns, and particularly to thank Carter McDowell for chairing the subcommittee.