

SOUTH MIAMI DADE WATERSHED STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Thirteen

June 26, 2003
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Report of Proceedings

CHAIR'S WELCOME/AGENDA REVIEW

The meeting was held at the Kendall Village Center Civic Pavilion in Miami, Florida. Committee Member, Lawrence Percival, representative on the Committee from the Kendall Federation of Homeowner Associations, was thanked for sponsoring the day's refreshments and providing the facility.

Roger Carlton, Chair of the Committee, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting by introducing prospective new member Jorge Rodriguez from the Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department, after which all Committee members introduced themselves.

Members Present:

Roger Carlton, Chair
Richard Alger, South Florida Potato Growers Exchange
Daniel Apt, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Linda Canzanelli, Biscayne National Park
Carlos Espinosa, Miami Dade DERM
Jeffrey Flanagan, Chamber South
Dick Frost, Tropical Audubon Society
April Gromnicki, National Audubon Society
John Hall, Florida Engineering Society
Robert Johnson, Everglades National Park
Reed Olszack, Miami-Dade Agricultural Practices Board
Thomas MacVicar, Florida Lime & Avocado Committees
Lawrence Percival, Kendall Federation of Homeowner Associations
Roy Phillips, At Large
Lee Rawlinson, Miami Dade Planning and Zoning Department
Bonnie Roddenberry, Sunny South Acres Homeowner's Association
Claudio Rosario, Florida Nurserymen & Grower's Association
Charles Thibos, Tropical Everglades Visitor Association
Julia Trevarthen, South Florida Regional Planning Council

The Chair reminded members to mark their calendars for the 4th Thursday of every month for upcoming meetings, with the exception of July, during which time there would be no meeting. The Chair reminded members of the importance of attending the meetings regularly and indicated that he would be sending letters to those members who have missed 5 or more meetings to encourage them to attend or find a replacement. If needed after that, the Chair would send a follow-up letter to their constituent groups asking to have them replaced with someone who could attend regularly.

Mr. Carlton reminded members to submit their financial disclosure forms by the July 1 deadline. Cindy Dwyer with the Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning (DP&Z) indicated members who have already submitted forms for another County committee need not submit another form.

The Chair led the Committee in thanking member Lee Rawlinson of DP&Z for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Committee's work, and wished him well in his approaching retirement from government service.

Mr. Carlton then turned the meeting over to the Facilitator, Janice Fleischer, who went over the day's agenda.

The objectives of the meeting:

- Project Manager's Report
- Consultant Report
- Scope of Services Clarification
- Schedule of Task 1 Relevant Presentations to Committee
- Technical Review Committee Update
- Water and Wastewater Plans presentations

A copy of the Objectives and Agenda are attached as Exhibit A.

Ms. Fleischer quickly went over the contents of the meeting packet, and reviewed the Committee's Discussion Guidelines, consensus rules, and process for public comment. 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.htm "Projects", then "The South Miami Dade Watershed Study Advisory Committee".

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

The meeting was then turned over to Project Manager, John Hulsey, who provided committee members with an updated Project Manager's Report (Exhibit B).

CONSULTANT REPORT

Following Mr. Hulsey's presentation was a Report by the Consultant, Keith & Schnars. Eric Silva and Carey Sirianni brought notebooks for each Committee member containing information on the progress of the Plan. These notebooks will be updated regularly. The report itself centered around a website created by the Consultant for the project. The website was not yet viable, but will be found at <http://www.southmiamidadewatershed.com/> when it is online.

SCOPE OF SERVICES CLARIFICATION

Members had received a copy of the consultant's Scope of Services at the May meeting for their information. Mr. Hulsey went over a quick clarification of the scope and encouraged Members to read the document and address any questions for clarification to him at hulseyj@sfrpc.com or 954-985-4416. The Scope of Services is not included here as an exhibit to conserve paper, but can be accessed at the Council's website: www.sfrpc.com ->Institute ->Projects ->South Miami-Dade Watershed Study ->Scope of Services.

FUTURE PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Hulsey and Mr. Silva led a discussion on potential presentations to be given to the Committee during the course of Task 1 activities. (Exhibit C)

Subsequent to the presentation, the committee made the following suggestions and other comments:

- Cape Sable (Interim Operations for the Modified Waters Delivery Plan for the L-31)
- Biscayne National Park General Management Plan will have public comment period this Fall so it should appear sooner than Task 3 time period (Sept./Oct.)
- Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Assessment Report is complete; add it to list
- For those on the Committee who are involved with any studies, etc., they should prepare summaries to be delivered to Committee members
- Should municipal incorporation studies be considered? Parts of them might be relevant.
- Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) L-31 N Seepage Management (related to Task 3)
- Miami-Dade County Transit: Busway land-use/transit study, related to Task 2

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC) UPDATE

Mr. Hulsey then gave an update on the potential makeup of the Technical Review Committee (TRC). He announced that the first TRC meeting would take place July 31 & August 1, 2003. The topics of discussion for the first TRC meeting will be the data and methodology assumptions proposed by Keith and Schnars to be used for sub-tasks 1.1-1.7. of the Scope of Services. Keith and Schnars will be presenting this information to the Advisory Committee, reflecting their responses to the TRC's comments, at the next meeting on August 28th.

Mr. Hulsey made a point to highlight the following items:

- The TRC has a more formal conflict of interest process – more information is needed from potential members; therefore, if Committee members are suggesting names, keep this in mind
- Meeting dates of TRC will appear on website(s)
- Members encouraged to contact John if they have questions re: conflict of interest & TRC members
- TRC meetings will be open to the public

At this point, the committee took a short lunch break.

WATER & WASTEWATER PLANS PRESENTATIONS

Following lunch, presentations were given on water and wastewater plans by Jim Jackson, Project Manager for the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan of the South Florida Water Management District, and Jorge Rodriguez, Assistant Director for Water, and John Chorlog, Assistant Director for Wastewater, of the Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department (Exhibit D- 1, 2, & 3- these are **abbreviated** versions of the powerpoint presentations).

Following the presentations, committee members raised the following issues:

- Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) vs. outflow efficiencies and permitting possibilities
- Post-911 terrorism preparations
- Planning horizons coordination... 2020 vs. 2050
- Projections related to consumption seem to be increased and conservation has not
- Incentives in plans
- Percentage of water into re-use
- How does Miami-Dade County compare in consumption to other counties around the state?

- What is the flexibility of plans and limiting water permits
- Construction along the Bay – wells or sewer/who picks up cost (owner?)
- Salt water intrusion: new building is affecting those to the West of those homes going up on East (suggested that this be made part of Consultant's duties to review)
- Reverse osmosis as a process.
- EPOC (Emerging Pollutants of Concern)
- Pilot projects and technology uncertainty
- Coordination with local and county plans; any requirements for compatibility of plans?

NEXT STEPS

Ms. Fleischer thanked members for their participation and asked them to turn in their Evaluation Forms. She reminded members that the next meeting would be on August 28, 2003. Robert Johnson volunteered to have the meeting at the new National Park Services office in Homestead. Committee member Charles Thibos volunteered to provide the refreshments.

Ms. Fleischer reminded Committee members to send their website addresses to her for inclusion on the Institute website.

ADJOURN

The meeting was then adjourned.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

- If Broward and Dade County are both drawing from the same water source – The Biscayne Aquifer – both are using it up. Why should Dade County pay less for the water than Broward (since Dade uses the most water of any other county)? Isn't it about time we looked at water regionally? And charged regionally? Dade is the biggest user but has the 3rd lowest water bills in the state.
- Put Committee members' organizations' website links on the Committee's and/or Consultant's website so general community gets a better understanding of groups that are involved.