

July 21, 2000

Memorandum

TO: Palm Beach County NPDES Permittees
FROM: Alan D. Wertepny, P.E.
SUBJECT: Minutes of NPDES Steering Committee Meeting Held On July 19, 2000
(Our Ref. No. 99022.01)

I. Attendees/Introductions – Approximately 27 of the 40 permittees were represented at the July 19, 2000 NPDES meeting. Steering Committee Members present included: Laurent Van Cott (Chair), Randal Krejcarek (Secretary), Allen Trefry (Member), and Rebecca Travis (Member). The steering committee approved the minutes of the May 17, 2000 meeting. A list of those present at the meeting is available upon request.

II. Administrative Activities/Reports

a. Annual Reports

There are five reports that have not been received: the City of Boynton Beach, the City of Lake Worth, the Village of Royal Palm Beach, the City of South Bay, and FDOT – District 4. These agencies are advised to submit five copies of the finalized annual reports to Mock, Roos & Associates, Inc. as soon as possible, so that they may be incorporated into the August submittal to the FDEP and the EPA.

b. Budget Report

Laurent Van Cott gave an update on the quarterly budget report. Third year budget expenditures are below budget projections. It is anticipated that there will be approximately a \$50,000 amount to be discussed at the September Steering Committee meeting for reallocation or redistribution. The fourth year program expenditures are underway, with the majority of the expenses to date occurring in the Inspector Training Program.

c. Joint Annual Report

A draft of the third year annual report was sent to all municipalities last week in order to provide time for review comments. A few minor comments have been received and will be incorporated into the final report. The Steering Committee approved the third annual joint report, which is scheduled to be sent to the FDEP and the EPA during the first week of August 2000.

d. FDEP Notice of Revisions to NPDES Stormwater

The Steering Committee applauded the efforts of all the municipalities who participated in the FDEP NPDES Rulemaking workshops. Alan Wertepny also was applauded for attending many Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings and working to incorporate the language requested by the Palm Beach County NPDES Steering Committee. The language that was proposed by the Palm Beach County NPDES Steering Committee was adopted as part of the revisions to the proposed MS4 rules. Questions were raised concerning the construction NPDES permit authority transitioning to FDEP. The proposed rules scheduled for implementation in October 2000 reference

new NOI and NOT forms. Alan Wertepny will contact the FDEP to obtain copies of these forms. Once the FDEP has finalized rulemaking, the Steering Committee requested the Staff to prepare an updated NPDES Construction Permit Guidance Manual, incorporating the new NOI and NOT forms and fees. Questions concerning the processing of NOIs and NOTs during the transition period were raised by the Steering Committee. Alan agreed to contact the FDEP. In a subsequent telephone conversation with Fred Noble of FDEP, Fred explained that once the rules are finalized (projected for October 2000), the FDEP will contact the construction NPDES permittees requesting the filing of NOIs and submitting the \$150 permit fee with FDEP. Projects with existing EPA NOIs will be requested to file either FDEP NOIs or NOTs.

e. Resolution No. 00-07 American Public Works Association's Position Statement on the Clean Water Act Resolution

Alan Wertepny gave a brief overview of the resolution passed by the Palm Beach County League of Cities and recommended that each municipality review the resolution and position statement and consider supporting the resolution either with similar resolutions or through direct contact with their congressman or senator.

f. Lake Worth Lagoon Partnership Grant Program

The Florida Legislature appropriated \$3,000,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2000-2001 for the Lake Worth Lagoon Partnership Grant Program. For SFY 2001-2002, another \$3 million is anticipated. Since June 30, 2000, the Lake Worth Lagoon Steering Committee has been soliciting applications for both SFY 2000-2001 and SFY 2001-2002 to use these grant funds for construction projects that make a measurable improvement to the Lake Worth Lagoon. **Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2000.** Contact Ginny Powell, Lake Worth Lagoon Partnership Grant Program (LWLPGP) Coordinator at (561) 233-2512 for more information, or review the website at www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/cnty/erm>. The money is available to local governments (i.e. county, municipalities, drainage districts, stormwater utilities, special districts and school boards) on a minimum 50/50 match basis.

III. Next Scheduled Meeting

Please note on your calendars that the August 16, 2000 Steering Committee meeting is cancelled. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District. Activities to be discussed at the meeting include: the status of the annual report, the Florida TMDL program, and the third and fourth year budgets.

We believe that these minutes accurately reflect the discussions and decisions of this meeting; however, the writer will welcome additions and/or corrections in writing within seven days of the date of these minutes. Should you have any questions, please call me at extension 231.

JCM/ADW:kmm

Copies: Peter L. Pimentel
All Attendees