

May 21, 2001

Memorandum

TO: Palm Beach County NPDES Permittees
FROM: Alan D. Wertepny, P.E.
SUBJECT: Minutes of NPDES Steering Committee Meeting Held On May 16, 2001
(Our Ref. No. A0001.01)

I. Attendees/Introductions

Approximately 18 of the 39 co-permittees were represented at the May 16, 2001 NPDES Steering Committee meeting. Steering Committee Members present included: Laurent Van Cott (Chair), John Bonde (Vice Chair), Randal Krejcarek (Secretary), Allen Trefry (Member), Rebecca Travis (Member). A copy of those in attendance is available upon request.

II. Administrative Activities

- a. April 18, 2001 Meeting** – Rebecca Travis moved approval of April 18, 2001 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Allen Trefry and approved by the Steering Committee.
- b. 4th Year Individual Reports** – To date we have received 26 of the 40 Individual 4th Year Reports. These reports are past due and should be submitted as soon as possible to Mock•Roos. All permittees are reminded that five (5) signed originals are needed for the submittal.
- c. Joint Annual Report** – A draft of the Joint Report is scheduled for submittal to the permittees on or before July 10, 2001. The Joint Report will include information on the individual 4th year reports, the re-application of the permit to the State, the water quality monitoring program and the pollutant loading calculations for the major watersheds.
- d. Budget Report** – Financial Reports for the 4th and 5th Year Program with a period of December 6, 2000 and May 11, 2001 were provided to all attendees. The 4th Year Program has a fund balance of \$199,215.08. Currently the 4th Year Program activities are under budget. Current projections indicate that there will be excess funds available for redistribution or credits to the 6th year billing cycle. This issue will be

addressed at the scheduled September 19, 2001 steering committee meeting. The fund balance for the 5th Year Program is \$237,087.49. Copies of billings and disbursement reports are available upon request.

- e. **FASU** – The Florida Association of Stormwater Utilities will have its annual conference in the Florida Keys. Last years conference provided extremely useful information regarding TMDL's and FDEP's delegation of the NPDES program. This years conference will again provide useful information and current progress by the State in the areas of TMDL's/Stormwater Management, NPDES Phase II, TMDL's Case Studies, Pollutant Loading and Erosion Control. Alan Wertepny requested that the Steering Committee consider sending him to the conference. FDEP administrators for NPDES (Phil Coram) and TMDL (Daryl Joyner) will be in attendance. Other municipalities with Municipal NPDES permits will also be in attendance at the meeting. Motion was made by John Bonde and seconded by Randal Krejcarek to pay for the registration fees, hotel accommodations, meals and time. The Board approved the motion.
- f. **Inspector Training** – The next training secession will be June 19, 2001 at Mock•Roos office. A notice will be sent to all permittees recognizing that we can accommodate fifteen (15) trainees. Currently there are five (5) on the list. If anybody is interested in this training program or others, please contact Todd Engle at (561) 683-3113, extension 294.

III. Water Quality Program

- a. Brian Gentry with Palm Beach County ERM provided an overview of the current water quality testing program. Review of the data indicates that trends show an improvement of freshwater water quality moving eastward in the watershed. Given the dry conditions - we are experiencing improved water quality in the Intracoastal and Lake Worth Lagoon is also evident. Sediment sampling has indicated increased levels for some of the parameters. However, we are proposing that this type of sampling be discontinued in the next Phase of the NPDES permit. Proposed changes in the monitoring program include the following:
- Adding Chlorophyll A as a sampling parameter because of its ability to generally assess nutrient levels.
 - Removing the Chemical Oxygen Demand parameter because of the lack of usefulness of this water quality parameter in the brackish waters.
 - Relocation of five (5) to six (6) sampling sites eastward to establish the same sampling point being proposed by South Florida Water Management District

(SFWMD) and Palm Beach County.

- b. The cost for lab work may be increasing; however, the County will strive to keep the cost reasonable. Brian Gentry also requested a meeting be set up between our NPDES Consultants (Mock•Roos and Camp, Dresser & McKee) to review the water quality sampling data and to propose a revised program for insertion in our reapplication of the NPDES Permit. Brian Gentry also indicated that a draft of the water quality sampling program will be available by June 15, 2001. Alan Wertepny will make arrangements for a meeting between the consultants and the County to coordinate the revised water quality monitoring program. Brian Gentry also said that training of the Palm Beach County Staff is underway for the modern Storet, the program used by FDEP to display statewide water quality data. Data generated by our program will be stored into the modern Storet.

IV. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2001, 9:00 a.m. The items of discussion include the review of the draft Joint Report for the 4th Year and our budget.

I 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.

ADW/jeh

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