

June 27, 2002

Memorandum

TO: Palm Beach County NPDES Permittees
FROM: Alan D. Wertepny, P.E.
SUBJECT: Minutes of NPDES Steering Committee Meeting Held On June 13, 2002
(Our Ref. No. A1016.01)

I. Attendees/Introductions

Approximately 25 of the 39 co-permittees were represented at the June 13, 2002 NPDES Steering Committee meeting. Steering Committee members present included: Laurent Van Cott (Chair), John Bonde (Vice Chair), Randal Krejcarek (Secretary), Rebecca Travis (Member), Allen Trefry (Member), and Karen Brandon (Member). A copy of the attendance list is available upon request.

II. Administrative Activities

- a. **Approval of May 15, 2002 Meeting Minutes** - A motion was made by Rebecca Travis and seconded by John Bonde to approve the amended minutes of May 15, 2002. The minutes were revised with respect to comments received by Betsy Burden. The Steering Committee approved the minutes of the May meeting.
- b. **5th Year Report** – To date we have received 37 of the 40 individual 5th Year Reports. We are in contact with the remaining three permittees and anticipate receiving their reports prior to the submittal of the draft of the Joint Report to the permittees. The draft of the Joint Report will be discussed at the July Steering Committee meeting.
- c. **Interim Interlocal Agreement** – Betsy Burden reported that she has received twenty one (21) of the thirty nine (39) Interlocal Agreements. Co-permittees were reminded that the deadline for receipt of the Agreement is July 15, 2002.

III. Lake Worth Lagoon Restoration Partnership Grant Program

Ginny Powell with Palm Beach County Environmental Resource Management, presented information regarding the Lake Worth Lagoon Restoration Partnership Grant Program. Since 1998 the Legislature has funded the Grant Program to the tune of \$7 million dollars. This pass through Grant Program is from the State to local governmental

entities/sponsors. The Grant funds construction projects that will benefit the water quality and habitat in the Lake Worth Lagoon. Local sponsors must provide at least 50% of the total project cost in order to receive funding. Funded projects have included stormwater retrofits, artificial reef construction, habitat restoration, sewer connections and a marina pump out facility. In FY 2002/2003 the State appropriated 1.5 million dollars for this program. In September the Lake Worth Lagoon Steering Committee will be soliciting grant applications for construction projects for the next fiscal year. Completed applications will be due within two months following the request for proposals. If you have any questions about the application process call Ginny Powell, Grant Coordinator, at (561) 233-2512.

Draft Permit – Prior to the Steering Committee meeting the permittees received a draft of the response to FDEP on the draft permit. This draft response was discussed at this meeting and additional comments and revisions were made. The permittees were advised that the response would be e-mailed to FDEP (Michael Bateman) and FDEP's consultant SAIC (Vista Stewart) on the afternoon of June 13, 2002. The response was discussed with Michael Bateman and Vista Stewart in a conference call arranged for 2:00 p.m. on June 14, 2002. Subsequent to the meeting, the permittees received a copy of our response to FDEP and a copy of comments made by FDEP and SAIC during our conference call. On June 17, 2002, a written response to FDEP on the draft permit was submitted.

IV. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2002, 9:00 a.m. at the offices of Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District. Items on the agenda include the following:

- Draft Permit
- 5th Year Joint Report

I believe 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

Copies: Peter L. Pimentel
All Co-Permittees
Ginny Powell