

Memorandum

DATE: JULY 2, 2008
TO: Palm Beach County NPDES Permittees
FROM: Alan Wertepny
REF. NO. A7043.01
SUBJECT: Minutes of NPDES Steering Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2008

I. Attendees/Introductions

Approximately 33 of the 41 permittees were represented at the June 18, 2008 NPDES Steering Committee meeting. Steering Committee members present included: Laurent Van Cott (Chair), Jay Foy (Vice-Chair), Karen Brandon (Member), Bonnie Finneran (Member), Dan Beatty (Member), and Angela Bailus (for Randal Krejcarek - Secretary). A copy of the sign-in sheet is available upon request.

II. Administrative Activities

- a. **Approval of April 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Jay Foy to approve the minutes, seconded by Dan Beatty, and approved by the Steering Committee.
- b. **Steering Committee Representation** – Laurent Van Cott discussed keeping members of the Steering Committee intact because of their knowledge of the NPDES permit program and longevity with the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee approved switching Karen Brandon as a representative of a small municipality (Town of Juno Beach) to the Steering Committee's representative for a special district (South Indian River Water Control District) and Jay Foy representation of a Special District (Indian Trail Improvement District) to the representative for a small municipality (City of Atlantis).
- c. **Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Fishery Studies** – On May 21, 2008, representatives of the NPDES MS4 co-permittees (Alan Wertepny, Ken Todd, Bonnie Finneran, and Brian Gentry) met with FFWC staff to discuss ongoing studies in Palm Beach County. FFWC annually collects and compiles data on fisheries in canals and lakes within Palm Beach County. Some of this data has been used to delist the Boynton Canal as an impaired water for low dissolved oxygen level. FFWC staff have been impressed by the abundance and variety of fishery communities in Palm Beach County's manmade canals. Their studies indicate that these canals appear to be more productive than other water bodies

throughout the State of Florida. This information could be another tool utilized in determining if water bodies in Palm Beach County are impaired. Bonnie Finneran noted that although FFWC studies indicate a productive fish population, this may not be sufficient to delist a water body impaired for nutrients. Alan Wertepny indicated a more complete report of the meeting with FFWC staff will be presented at the July 2008 Steering Committee meeting. Jay Foy requested that the presentation include information on a list of impaired waters and the parameters of concern.

- d. **Inspector Training** - On May 21 and 22, 2008 a 2-day inspector-training course was held at Jupiter Community Center. Approximately 100 people participated in this training program and all passed the exam to receive their State Certification. Many thanks to the Town of Jupiter and David Rotor for allowing us to use their facilities.
- e. **Collection of the 5th Year RAIs from Co-Permittees** - To date, we have received fourteen (14) of the fifteen (15) responses. All of these are posted on our website. The only remaining response needed is from the City of Belle Glade, which they have indicated will be submitted to the State at the end of the month.

III. FDEP's Consultant's Annual Presentation – Robert van den Akker (SAIC)

A copy of Robert's presentation will be posted on the website.

IV. Next Steering Committee Meeting

The next steering committee meeting will be held July 16, 2008, 9:00 a.m., at Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District. The purpose of the meeting to discuss a countywide educational program and information on fisheries studies by FFWC.

I believe these minutes accurately reflect the discussions and decisions of this meeting; however, additions and/or corrections will be accepted in writing within seven (7) days of the date of these minutes.

If you have any questions, please call me at 683-3113, extension 231.

ADW:jeh

Copies: All Permittees
Christine Garrow