

SEFLUC NOTES
June 7th SEFLUC and SFWMD Meeting
2:00 PM – 3:45 PM
SFWMD Bill Storch Room

Participants:

SFWMD

Dean Powell
Deena Reppen
Terri Bates
Carol Wehle
Robert Brown
John Shearer

SEFLUC

Lisa Wilson-Davis
Ron Nunes
Anne Murray
Julie Leonard
Paul Mattausch
Randy Brown

Second meeting was kicked off with general questions. Overall the meeting was very positive and action items were defined. The District was asked if their reorganization was complete and they responded that it was almost done.

Discussed how the District proposed to handle the impacts of SB 550:

CUP compliance report timing

- District will most likely grant the 10-year report timing automatically though a letter modification to each CUP holder generated by the District.
- Those permittees that have submitted reports may be given the option to continue with this 5 year date and have another required report in 10 years or just push the current date out 10 years.
- Staff is currently putting assessing where each permit stands.
- Revocation of delegation of authority from WMD GBs to ED for CUPs

Revocation of delegation of authority from WMD Governing Boards to Executive Director for CUP review and approval.

- Governing Board has flexibility to implement this legislation.
 - Remain with status quo (as is)
 - Bump some permits other than denial up to the Board – at the discretion of Staff
 - Delegate certain permits automatically – some examples
 - By quantity of allocation
 - By location

CUP Compliance Review

District would like to develop consistent policy and requirements for the 10-yr. compliance review report. District is soliciting input the following process was discussed:

- District staff will give a presentation of the issue to SEFLUC members on July 12, 2010 at regular SEFLUC meeting and also to Central Florida group (Possible follow-up at December 13th SEFLUC/FWEAUC meeting);

- SEFLUC Officers will continue to provide District with member input as requested.
- District will hold public workshop
- Discuss at a WRAC meeting (in 6 months?)
- Presentation to Governing Board.

Historical Impact to Wetlands

SEFLUC Officers asked about the SFWMD Governing Board 6/11/10 Meeting Agenda Item #47: Natural Systems: Relationship to Water Use Permitting. Carol responded the item is intended to give the Governing Board an explanation of the issues including wetland harm and salt water intrusion. The presentation will focus on fairness and the District will hold workshops. We discussed concerns as to what would be considered harm or impact, how do you determine impacts – past and future, and how do you determine the degree of impact of all impacts.

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Multiple Source Permitting (Sustainable Use Permitting)

SEFLUC Officers asked about the SFWMD Governing Board 6/11/10 Meeting Agenda Item #46: Overlap in Consumptive Use Permits with More Than One Source of Water. Staff responded the presentation would include an overview of Florida Water Laws, examples of multiple sources, and a schedule. We discussed the challenges of operating utility, the operation constraints, and the maximization of the sources. Operation considerations such as treatment methods, blending, hurricanes, flexibility, water quality, and sustainability were discussed. Also discussed Jupiter’s permit that was currently in-house, staff relayed the permit was only a 5-year permit and required Jupiter to construct wells within that five years and a modification due to a loss of bulk sales. The Jupiter permit is a dual source permit and staff is currently trying to determine how to “consistently” permit multiple sources. To better understand permitting overlapping sources and to help educate District staff, SEFLUC Officers offered to gather and provide specific information from members regarding operational considerations / constraints as well as other utility concerns regarding this topic.

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Tours of Water Treatment/Wastewater Treatment/Reclaimed Water Plants

In order to help the District better understand how a utility operates, SEFLUC Officers offered to provide district staff and Board members tours of the above facilities. Tours will be scheduled with various groups at the WMD and at a variety of locations.