

SEFLUC NOTES
April 26th SEFLUC and SFWMD Meeting
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM
SFWMD Bill Storch Room

Attendees:

SFWMD

Dean Powell
Deena Reppen
Terri Bates
Carol Wehle
Jim Harmon
John Shearer

SEFLUC

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

Carol requested the meeting because we need to personally discuss issues.

Carol began the meeting saying she had worked with the Central Florida utilities in face-to-face meetings to address specific issues to that region and she felt the process worked very well and wanted to initiate the same type of interaction with the lower east coast.

Numeric Nutrient Criteria: The first issue Carol discussed was the NNC – stating we were on the same side of that issue and the DEP was going to fight the rule.

Principles for Permitting: Carol stated she worked on the premise of three principles for permitting: Protection of the environment/water source(s); Fairness; and Consistency. One of the items she was struggling with was developing a policy (if possible) on consistency. She discussed many pros and cons with consistency and wants input on policies that go before the board. Consistent was defined as same factors = same outcome.

Population: Always turns out higher than predicted. 20 year plans are only good for 15. How do we address this? Carol indicated she felt there may be a better way to project populations since the medium BEBR missed the target and asked if we had any ideas and would we think about it.

Regional solutions: Encouraged by the legislature. Carol stated she wanted to help facilitate regional solutions to supply issues and how can the District create incentives to encourage this. She felt we could focus more on resource solutions vs. individual agencies issues.

Ocean Outfall: Carol stated she wanted to work with utilities to make the ocean outfall reclaimed water use requirement compliance easier and asked what suggestions we have.

Salt water intrusion, Sea level rise: The next issue brought up was salt water intrusion and sea level rise. What type of plant modifications would be necessary and what alternative water supplies would be needed/available? She is looking for our input on this.

Alternative Water Supply: Carol mentioned that the district is moving away from using the term "Alternative Water Supply". It really means using other sources than regular sources and is a misrepresentation of the situation – we are unsure about this.

Carol wrapped up the meeting asking if we would like to meet on a regular basis and keep two meetings scheduled in advance since most of our calendars fill up quickly. We all thought this was a good idea and Lisa will coordinate with Regan Walker.

We all agreed we would keep an "open agenda" but agreed we would do a quick legislative update and discuss 5-year (or 10 if legislation goes through) permit reviews and wetland harm issues at the next meeting.