

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
City of Jacksonville, Florida
Monday, April 15, 2013
4:30 p.m.

Water Committee Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Michelle Tappouni
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D.
Gary Bowers, M.D.
Bobby Baker, P.E.
Steven Jenkins

Members not Present:

Nick Howland, Chair

Staff/Resources Present:

Scott Trebatoski Acting Division Chief
James Richardson, Program Administrator
Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary
Cherry Shaw, OGC
Jim Robinson, Director of Public Works
Kevin Hayes, Environmental Programs Manager
Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator
Betsy Deuerling, Environmental Engineer Scientist

Visitor(s):

Douglas Speed, Interested Citizen
Kim Newmann, JEA
Merritt Partridge, Partridge Well Drilling
Ted Mikalsen, Interested Citizen
Steve Patterson, Media
Pat Partridge, Partridge Well Drilling

Call to Order

Acting Chair Michelle Tappouni called the Water Committee meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Enforcement

Board Cases

Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator reported that there were no consent orders to be presented to the Board for the month of April.

Legislative Update

Ms. Brown reported:

- There are no more concerns with the language of HB999 in the well construction permitting section.
- With the exception of funding for Petroleum Tanks, there are no issues of concern to have arisen out of the 2013 legislative session.

Groundwater Resources

Kevin Hayes, Environmental Program Manager, reported the following for March 2013:

- 109 well permits were issued.
- 7 irrigation complaints
- 13 Surficial Aquifer Systems (50%)
- 5 Florida Aquifer Systems (19%)

District-wide median monthly percentile for the month of March 2013 is 53% of median in comparison to last year which was 13%. Rainfall for March was 3.07 inches. Currently the drought conditions are Moderate as of March 26th.

There was some discussion of the Aquifer levels in the region and if there was any reason for concern. It was suggested that staff from the SJRWMD come to a future meeting.

EPB Administrator Report

EPB Administrator James Richardson shared:

- Over 1400 entries were submitted from public, private, catholic schools, home school and community centers.
- The Jacksonville Harbor Deepening Project will release their final draft report May 6, 2013 for public review and comments.

Department Report

Scott Trebatoski - none

Old/New Business

- **Riverside Duck Pond Maintenance** –Parks Maintenance Plan is still being developed.
- **Tree Hill Geothermal Project** – A presentation will be made at the June Board Meeting.
- **Committees Focus Areas**- Deferred until next month.

Comments from the Public

None.

Items Forwarded to the Steering Committee

None.

Date Scheduled for Next Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2013

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I
Environmental Protection Board