

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
City of Jacksonville, Florida
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
4:30 p.m.

Water Committee Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Nick Howland, Chair
Michelle Tappouni
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D.

Members not Present:

Gary Bowers, M.D.

Staff/Resources Present:

James Richardson, Program Administrator
Cherry Shaw, OGC
Vince Seibold, P.E., Chief
Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary
Kevin Hayes, Environmental Programs Manager
Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator

Visitor(s):

None

Call to Order

Chair Nick Howland called the Water Committee meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Staff Reports

Enforcement Monthly Report

Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator, reported that there were no citations or other enforcement items.

Board Cases

Ms. Brown requested that the following orders be presented to the Board for approval under Consent Order settlements:

- **San Miguel Management, LP/CH B Caroline Square, LLC (WP-12-27)**-for unlawful discharge of sewage or other untreated waste or wastewater to surface or groundwaters, failure to maintain the wastewater collection/transmission system so as to function as intended, and failure to notify EQD of a release or discharge of wastewater – settlement fee \$2,370.

Chair Howland entertained a motion to forward the consent order to the Steering Committee, which was properly seconded and approved.

Legislative Update

Ms. Brown reported:

- There are concerns regarding a bill that will decrease the number of inspections for aerobic treatment septic tank systems. If the mechanical parts are not inspected regularly it's possible to have mechanical failures, overflows, backups, etc. There are 300 permitted aerobic treatment units (not all active systems) which is a small impact in Duval County, as well as performance based treatment systems,

Groundwater Resources

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

- 108 well permits were issued.
- 7 Surficial Aquifer Systems
- 5 Florida Aquifer Systems (33%)

Rainfall for January was 1.02 inches which is low. The drought monitor for Duval County is in the moderate range. North Florida area water levels in December 2012 was 60% of the median and January 2013, 61% of the median. He also indicated that the District-wide median monthly percentile for the month of May has the lowest percentile and October has the highest.

EPB Administrator Report

EPB Administrator James Richardson shared:

- The State of the River Report funding request was approved by the Mayor's Budget Review Committee (MBRC) and will be introduced to City Council for approval.
- The Water Education Festival at the Museum of Science and History (MOSH) on Saturday, February 2nd was very successful with over 3,000 people attending. Board Member Michelle Tappouni inquired whether expenditures from the EPB Trust could be used to help fund the Riverkeeper boat tours as educational outreach.
- Save the Date: August 23, 2013 for the Environmental Symposium. Staff has issued a call for papers to determine the presentation topics.

Department Report

- The Kennedy Community Center ribbon cutting is scheduled for April 19, 2013 at 10 am and all board members are encouraged to attend.
- A white paper is being prepared to educate the City Council about the MS4 or stormwater permit. A walk the water body exercise is tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2013.
- The Mayor's Office has a Phase II reorganization proposal which will move EQD and Mosquito Control from the Neighborhoods Department into the Public Works Department.

Old/New Business

- **Riverside Duck Pond** - no updates.
- **Tree Hill Geothermal Project** –Staff is working with Tree Hill to develop a scope for a study in March or April.
- **Committees Focus Areas**

Mr. Richardson provided the committee with priorities approved in 2012 along with the EPB's approved areas of interest. He asked for the committee to review them and possibly update the committee priorities. A brief discussion occurred regarding various sections of the rules and recommendation for the Committee to review: JEPB Rule 3: Water Quality, JEPB Rule 7: Hazardous Material, JEPB Rule 8: Groundwater and Chapter 365. The categories to prioritize the Water Committees priorities list: (1) Surface Water quality and quantity, (2) Groundwater quality and quantity, (3) Hazardous Materials and (4) Legislative.

Comments from the Public

None

Items Forwarded to the Steering Committee

Board Consent Order previously listed

Date Scheduled for Next Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2013

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I
Environmental Protection Board