

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
City of Jacksonville, Florida
Monday, March, 18, 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
Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator
Terry Carr, Environmental Program Supervisor

Visitor(s):

Ted Mikalsen, Interested Citizen

Call to Order

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

Staff Reports

Board Cases

Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator requested that the following orders be presented to the Board for approval under Consent Order settlements:

- **National Retail Properties, LP... Camping World RV Sales (WP-12-30)** - for construction or modification of wastewater collection/transmission systems without a permit; failure to comply with design standards; failure to post required information; failure to provide operator maintenance – settlement fee \$6,400.
- **YES Communities, Inc. d/b/a Crystal Springs Estates and YES Communities Companies LLC (WP-12-32)** -for failure to maintain; unlawful discharge; failure to comply with sewerage design standards; failure to post required information; failure to notify EQD of a release or discharge of wastewater – settlement fee \$6,400.
- **Rosa L. Wilcox and Moncrief Center, LLC (WP-12-04)** - for failure to maintain; unlawful discharge of sewage or other untreated waste or wastewater; failure to have an OMR Agreement meeting requirements; failure to post required

information; failure to secure; failure to provide operation maintenance - There is no settlement fee, due to a demonstrated inability to pay.

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

Legislative Update

Ms. Brown informed the Committee she attended a stakeholders meeting in Tallahassee, FL with Representative Jimmy Patronis and reported:

- HB999 will preempt local governments from regulating well construction and will change the Title V fee structure. The bill will clarify how fees are assessed against pollution sources. A brief discussion occurred regarding wells 6 inches or less, permitting, well construction, water levels, etc.

Groundwater Resources

James Richardson, EPB Administrator reported in the absence of Kevin Hayes the following for February 2013:

- 109 well permits were issued.
- 6 irrigation complaints
- 19 Surficial Aquifer Systems (59%)
- 10 Florida Aquifer Systems (31%)

Rainfall for February was 1.52 inches. 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 Waterways Commission, Rules, Finance, TEU and PHS and will be before the full council next week.
- The Kennedy Community Center ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2013 at 10 am and all board members are encouraged to attend.
- Save the Date: August 23, 2013 for the Environmental Symposium. Staff has issued a call for papers to determine the presentation topics.

Department Report

Vince Seibold shared the following:

- The Board has one vacant position in the medical field to replace Dr. Rice.
- Staff maintains the fish kill hotline and there were 267 reports from Southwest Florida with the red tide including numerous information requests regarding mullet, sea trout, catfish, pinfish, grouper that have been observed dead. Staff provided a general explanation regarding the red tide status.
- 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 regarding the parameters of the project.
- **Committees Focus Areas**- Mr. Richardson provided a draft of the categories refined by Chair Howland that prioritize the Water Committees priority list: (1) Surface Water quality and quantity, (2) Groundwater quality and quantity, (3) Hazardous Materials and (4) Legislative. Chair Howland asked the Committee to review the refined priorities list and forward all suggestions, changes or interested focus areas to James Richardson. Michelle Tappouni suggested removing Tree Hill Nature Center (under Groundwater quality and quantity) and Zoo Living Shore Line (under Surface Water quality and quantity) and placing both under education as a topic. Water Committee made inquiries regarding the meth lab cleanup, petroleum cleanup program, spills, assessment status of the basin, creeks, tributaries, and requested to have future presentations before the Committee.
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reached an agreement on the new nutrient numeric criteria.
- Dr. Lucinda Sonnenberg requested an update on the fecal coliform issue in the tributaries.
- A white paper has been prepared to educate the City Council about the MS4 or stormwater permit. A Walk the Water Body exercise is scheduled for March 21, 2013.

Comments from the Public

Ted Mikalsen, Interested Citizen made an inquiry regarding the Waterways Commission duties and clarification on the monitoring of the potentic metric services in the aquifer.

Items Forwarded to the Steering Committee

Board Consent Order previously listed

Date Scheduled for Next Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2013

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I
Environmental Protection Board