

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
City of Jacksonville, Florida
Monday, May 20, 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:

Scott Trebatoski Acting Division Chief
James Richardson, Program Administrator
Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary
Jason Teal, OGC
Jody Brooks, OGC
Kevin Hayes, Environmental Programs Manager
Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator

Visitor(s):

Ted Mikalsen, Interested Citizen

Call to Order

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

Enforcement

Board Cases

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

- **YES Communities, Inc. d/b/a Crystal Springs Estates and YES Communities Companies LLC (WP-12-32)** - for failure to maintain the wastewater collection/transmission system; unlawful discharge of wastewater; failure to comply with sewerage design standards; failure to post required information; failure to notify EQD of a release or discharge of wastewater- no settlement fee due to a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP).
- **Kimco Regency Plaza 207, Inc. (WP-12-19) Modification to Compliance Plan** – for unlawful discharge; failure to maintain system; failure to post sign with required information; failure to comply with design standards; failure to notify EQD of unlawful discharge- an extension of the Compliance Plan is requested from May 19th to June 30, 2013.

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 reported:

- Funding in the amount of \$10 million for the St. Johns River made it through the Governor's veto pen. Committee inquired if a list exists of proposed projects. Ms. Brown indicated that the SJRWMD would be coordinating the projects. Following a call to their offices, Ms. Brown shared with the committee the anticipated list to be vetted by the SJRWMD Board of Directors.

Groundwater Resources

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

- 150 well permits were issued.
- 13 irrigation complaints
- 34 Surficial Aquifer Systems (74%)
- 6 Florida Aquifer Systems (13%)

Michelle Tappouni requested that staff prepare a spread sheet to track and compare monthly and fiscal year data showing # of wells permitted, complaints, surficial systems and Floridan systems, if possible.

Mr. Hayes shared that the District-wide median monthly percentile for the month of April 2013 was 54% of median in comparison to last year which was 9%. Rainfall for April was 3.06 inches.

James Richardson, EPB Administrator shared that at last month's meeting there was some discussion of the Aquifer levels in the region and if there was any reason for concern. Staff has made an inquiry to have SJRWMD make a presentation before the Water Committee at a future meeting.

EPB Administrator Report

EPB Administrator James Richardson shared:

- The proposed date for the EPB Retreat is Monday, August 19, 2013. Further details will be provided at a later time.
- JAX2025 Vision Report was released the weekend and there are a couple of areas that may be important to the Board. All were encouraged to review the report. The website is www.jax2025.org.
- EPB Membership Vacancy for the Medical Profession – Dr. Mobeen Rathore affiliated with UF & Shands is interested in being considered for the appointment by the Mayor's Office. If any board members know anyone interested in the open vacancy for the Professional Engineers, please refer them to Mr. Richardson.

Department Report

Scott Trebatoski Acting Division Chief informed the Committee that he, Jim Robinson, Public Works Director, EPB Chair Steven Jenkins, and Cleveland Ferguson III, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer participated in a conference call discussion regarding the final version of the Mayor's Phase II Reorganization. Chair Jenkins will share the status of the meeting.

Chief Trebatoski also mentioned that the Phase II Reorganization was before the Rules Committee with no action taken and was deferred.

Board Member Tappouni requested to have Chair Jenkins provide an update before the June Board Meeting regarding the final Phase II Reorganization discussion.

Funding Request – EPB Community Outreach Budget

Mr. Richardson presented a proposed 5 year Education and Outreach Budget to the Committee (copies of proposed budget were distributed). After a review and discussion, the committee expressed some support, however they were more comfortable with a shorter time frame so as to not commit future EPB members. A recommendation was made to forward the proposal as a 2 year appropriation request and waiver for consideration to which Mr. Richardson agreed would be feasible.

Chair Howland entertained a motion to forward the 2 year budget proposal to the Steering Committee, which was properly seconded and approved.

Old/New Business

- **Riverside Duck Pond Maintenance** – None.
- **Tree Hill Geothermal Project** – A presentation will be made at the June Board Meeting.
- **Committees Focus Areas-** Board will review at EPB Retreat.
 - EPB metrics – Air Committee inquired if possible metrics could be presented which the board might use to measure its effectiveness. Staff will email information to the full board for review at the retreat.

Comments from the Public

Ted Mikalsen asked how far along is the agenda for the Environmental Symposium. Mr. Richardson stated that this year staff has solicited abstracts to help plan the agenda. A team will review the abstracts within the next couple of weeks. Please email all thoughts to Jrichard@coj.net.

Items Forwarded to the Steering Committee

- EPB Education & Community Outreach Funding Request

Date Scheduled for Next Meeting

Monday, June 17, 2013

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I
Environmental Protection Board