

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD**  
**City of Jacksonville, Florida**  
**Monday, September 16, 2013**  
**4:30 p.m.**

**Water Committee Meeting Summary**

**Members Present:**

Michelle Tappouni, Acting Chair  
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D.

**Members not Present:**

Gary Bowers  
Nick Howland, Chair

**Staff/Resources Present:**

Scott Trebatoski, Acting EQD Chief  
Jody Brooks, OGC  
Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator  
Richard Robinson, Environmental Programs Manager

**Visitor(s):**

None

**Call to Order**

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

**Enforcement**

**Board Cases**

Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator, provided a brief follow up on the enforcement update stating that staff has scheduled a meeting with the SJRWMD and Public Works to look at the Christopher Creek sediment basin that will be dredged.

Ms. Brown asked that the following order(s) be presented to the Board for approval under Consent Order settlements:

- **Church Fellowship Worship Ministries, Inc. (WP-13-14)** – failure to maintain the wastewater collection/transmission system so as to function as intended (2 pumps); failure to comply with design standards; failure to post required information; failure to provide certified operator for monthly maintenance - settlement \$0 due to inability to pay.
- **JEA (WP-13-21)** – failure to comply with erosion and sediment control standards; unlawful discharge to surface or groundwaters MMS4); Exceedance of water quality standards - settlement \$8,690.

By consensus the consent orders are to be forwarded to the Steering Committee.

### **Legislative Update**

- The Governor has pledged 40 million to Indian River Lagoon, Lake Okeechobee, Caloosahatchee River, and the St. Lucy River due to an ongoing situation with freshwater releases. Another \$90 million is pledged for Everglade's projects.

### **Groundwater Resources**

Richard Robinson, Environmental Program Manager reported the following for August 2013:

- 98 well permits were issued
- 1 Well related complaint
- 9 irrigation complaints
- 16 Surficial Aquifer Systems (57%)
- 7 Intermediate Aquifer System - Hawthorn (25.6%)
- 5 Florida Aquifer Systems (18%)

Mr. Robinson shared that the total well permits issued for the fiscal year is 1,167 which compares to last year well permits issued of 1,165.

There was 37% increase in the percentile of water levels District-wide median monthly percentile for the month of August 2013 in comparison to August 2012. In the region there was a 9% increase from July 2013. Rainfall for August was 5.95 inches. There are no drought conditions in Duval County.

### **EPB/Department Report**

- James Richardson, EPB Administrator, shared that Chief Trebatoski sent his apologies that he was not in attendance due to illness.
- One of the two executive secretary positions has been restored to EQD. This will be a hybrid position providing support to the Division Chief and the Board.
- Betsey Deuerling, Environmental Engineer/Scientist will share information at the October Water Committee regarding algae blooms. No real updated information has been reported recently.
- The Board members were unable to view the PowerPoint presentation that staff is presenting to the River Patrol (file is too large). Other alternatives will be explored for the Board to view the presentation.
- Board Member Sonnenberg made an inquiry concerning the funding status of the Manatee Study. Mr. Richardson shared that the funding request for the Manatee Study will go through the Planning Departments budget for this year. A brief discussion ensued regarding possible future funding options, public outreach and educational activities, etc.
- Board Member Michelle Tappouni commended Mr. Richardson and staff on a job well done with the 2013 Environmental Symposium which was enjoyable, well organized and thanked everyone for their support.

### **Old/New Business**

- Treehill Geothermal Project - None
- COJ BMAP Status – Gary Anderson, Chair, Waterways Commission St. Johns River Issues Subcommittee, has invited the Board to participate in their discussions and review of the status of the COJ BMAP.

- Erosion & Sediment Control Issues – Dr. Sonnenberg thanked staff and Jim Robinson, Director of Public Works for the presentation made on the erosion & sediment control issues. The Board made a request to have Mr. Robinson return and to provide an implementation update regarding the construction process and contractor specifications.
- A discussion ensued regarding the river report team covering salinity levels in next year's report and the type of information the Board desires. Jody Brooks made a recommendation to bring the topic before the full Board for verification why salinity levels are being reviewed. Staff will forward the request to Chair Jenkins to be considered as a topic on the Board agenda.

**Comments from the Public**

None

**Items Forwarded to the Steering Committee**

Board Cases listed above.

**Date Scheduled for Next Meeting**

Monday, October 21, 2013

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Water Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I  
Environmental Protection Board