

# Central Florida Water Initiative

TOHO Water Authority  
Friday, October 25, 2013

## Meeting Summary

*(All presentations made to the Steering Committee have been posted on [cfwiwater.com](http://cfwiwater.com).)*

### 1. Introductions

- a. Drew Bartlett, FDEP Deputy Secretary for Water Policy & Ecosystem Restoration, opened the meeting and introduced himself as the new Chair of the Steering Committee replacing Greg Munson who left the FDEP.
- b. Self introductions of Steering Committee (SC): Dan O'Keefe (SFWMD), Carlos Beruff (SFWMD), John Miklos SJRWMD), Drew Bartlett (FDEP), Brian Wheeler (TOHO Water), Rich Budell (DACs).
- c. Members of the audience introduced themselves and the sign in sheet for those in attendance have been posted to the website.

### 2. Consent Items

- a. The August 18, 2013, CFWI Meeting Summary was approved as presented along with the CFWI schedule update.

### 3. Regional Water Supply Plan Team

- a. Tom Bartol provided the following update to the RWSP:
  - First draft comments consolidated and are now being integrated in to the RSWP by the technical editor
  - Second draft of the RWSP is expected to be released in early November
  - All activities to complete the draft RWSP are on-schedule for the document's public release on November 26.
  - The draft RWSP will be posted on the CFWI website for online review and comment
- b. Tom briefed the SC on the ongoing activities of the Groundwater Availability Team:
  - The Team will continue to review the RWSP and accompanying technical documents
  - Members of the GAT will attend appropriate public meetings to address questions related to addressing Guiding Principle #1
  - The GAT members are also planning on attend meetings of the Solutions Planning team as necessary

- The GAT is also discussing the need for additional technical documents that might be necessary to document the team's effort and assure understanding by future stakeholders who would have a need to use their work products.
- c. Also, Tom indicated the Hydrologic Analysis Team is:
- Providing technical support to RWSP team for the draft plan and review the chapters in the plan
  - Developing stand-alone ECFT model documentation
  - Recommending adjustments to ECFT model and set-up processes prior to use for Solutions Planning Team
- d. Public participation in the RWSP process is critical to ensure the plan reflects the needs and issues of the people that live in the region. The tentative time frame for public participation in the RWSP is:
- November 7- Technical Methods workshop in Kissimmee
  - November 26- the 45-day public comment period on the draft RWSP starts when the RWSP is posted to the CFWI website.
  - December 12- a public workshop on the draft RWSP will be held in Clermont. This workshop occurs within the 45 day public comment period window.
  - The WMDs will take the draft RWSP to GBs during the 45 day public comment period.
  - The public comment period ends on Jan. 10, 2014.
- e. Draft RWSP as information item to the District Governing Boards are scheduled as follows:
- Dec 10- SJRWMD
  - Dec 12- SFWMD
  - Dec 17- SWFWMD
- f. The Final Regional Water Supply Plans will be presented to the District Governing Boards for approval based on the tentative schedule in 2014:
- April 8: SJRWMD
  - April 10- SFWMD
  - April 29- SWFWMD
- g. Carlos Beruff asked how effective the public participation has been. Tom Bartol said he was pleased with public involvement.
- h. Paul Senft provided to the members of the CFWI Steering Committee a hard copy of the report titled *“Creating a Regional Water Civic Architecture for*

*Central Florida*” that was approved by the Congress of Regional Leaders on November 4, 2011. Mr. Senft urged the CFWI to engage the Congress and asked if some of the recommendations in this report have been acted upon. John Shearer responded that the work product of this report was the foundation upon which much of the CFWI effort was based and in fact the impetus to consolidate the numerous Regional Water Supply Plans in the central Florida region into a single RWSP came from the efforts of the Congress. *(Copies of three related CRL Reports are posted on the CFWI website under CFWI Resources)*. Mr. Bartol explained that coordination of the effort between the CFWI and the Congress will be discussed further in Agenda Item #7.

- i. Drew Bartlett requested that an expanded RWSP presentation be given at the next SC meeting to review the Plan in more detail including an explanation of the various components such as the organization, format and conclusions of the RWSP.

#### **4. Data Monitoring and Investigations Team**

- a. Mary Thomas provided the following update to the work of the DMIT:
  - The data inventory has been developed and continues to be updated
  - The DRAFT of the “Water Use/Consumptive Use Permits, Wetlands/Surface Waters Monitoring Plan Guidelines” is under review; portions of this document will be utilized in minimum standard for data collection.
  - A spatial monitoring redundancy evaluation performed and draft observations will be presented to the MOC after review by other technical initiative teams.
  - The work of the Team has been coordinated with MFLRT, HAT, and EMT for input to be incorporated into recommendation
- b. Mrs. Thomas requested the following changes to the DMIT task completion schedule:
  - Establish Minimum Standards for Data Collection (D4) - December 31, 2013
  - Develop Recommendations for Regional Monitoring (D5) - March 1, 2014
  - The Steering Committee approved the date changes by unanimous consent.
- c. The upcoming work of the Team include:
  - Continue coordination with Sub-teams, Solutions Planning and Regulatory Teams
  - Complete redundancy evaluation

- Complete minimum standard for data collection
  - Continue to develop monitoring plan recommendation; present outline to Steering Committee
  - Develop priority activities for recommendation
- d. Brian Wheeler asked how the data collected would be updated and distributed. Also, who will be responsible for the maintenance? Mary Thomas said they would be working through the MOC to make recommendations for the Steering Committee to consider as part of their effort.

## 5. Solutions Planning Team

- a. Robert Beltran presented an update on the efforts of the Team and reviewed the proposed Scope of Work. Included in the scope were the establishment of six Sub-Teams:
- Surface water
  - Groundwater
  - Reclaimed water
  - Conservation and Other Management Strategies
  - Recovery/Prevention Projects
  - Other (Stormwater, etc.)
- b. Drew Bartlett asked when the work of the sub teams would begin. Robert explained the Team leaders are beginning to be identified expected some of their work would begin by the end of the year.
- c. The Steering Committee approved the scope as presented.

## 6. Regulatory Team

- a. Len Lindahl discussed the need for a new team to address Guiding Principle #3- Establish consistent rules and regulations for the three water management districts that meet the Collaborative Process Goals and implement the results of the Central Florida Water Initiative.

- b. The Steering Committee discussed the membership of the team and approved the following members. The legal counsel would not be formal members of the Regulatory Team but would serve as legal staff to assist with the deliberations of the Team's efforts.

Team Leader	Len Lindahl, SFWMD
Water Management Districts	Mike Register, SJRWMD Alba Mas, SWFWMD Sharon Trost, SFWMD
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Janet Llewellyn, Office of Water Policy
Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services	Steve Lamb, Fredrico Lamb & Associates
Environmental	Jane Graham, Audubon Florida
Public Water Supply Utilities	Krystal Azzarella, Polk County Debbie Bradshaw, Orlando Utilities Commission
Legal Counsel (as needed)	Beth Ross, SFWMD Mary Ellen Winkler, SJRWMD Laura Donaldson, SWFWMD Ed de la Parte, Public Water Suppliers

- c. The next steps for the Team will be to develop scope of work and prioritize the specific tasks. The Team is planning on meeting next week to begin their work and have a draft scope for review and discussion by the Steering Committee on December 15.
- d. Drew Bartlett requested the Team give highest priority to address the immediate steps that would need to be considered to handle near term permitting decisions.

## 7. Myregion.org

- a. David Rathke, SWFWMD, has been assigned the responsibility to work with the Central Florida Partnership to develop the work scope needed to engage the myregion.org staff.
- b. Role of myregion.org will continue to be discussed with the Management Oversight Committee (MOC) and the approach to the expanded community outreach will be presented to the SC on December 13.

**8. Open Discussion-** none

**9. Public Comments**

- a. Mr. David Gore of Haines City spoke of his concerns with protecting the water resources in the area. He presented a graphic depicting the entire hydrologic cycle and stressed that good data is needed for good models to determine the impacts to the surficial aquifer

**10. Next SC meetings**

- December 13, 2013 (confirmed) @ TOHO Water Authority, Kissimmee, FL
- February 28, 2014 (tentative)

**11. Adjourn**