



Minutes
WATER RESOURCES ANALYSIS COALITION
Recreation Issues Forum
December 17, 2018, 5:00 PM
District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions and Purpose - Newton Cook

Mr. Cook opened the meeting at 5:01 PM. An around-the-table introduction took place.

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2. Overview of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Center and Coordinating Council

Jocelyn O'Neill, Environmental Education Manager from the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District provided an update on the Loxahatchee River. Ms. O'Neill stated that the River Center offers many educational programs including a program to reuse reclaimed wastewater. Ms. O'Neill further commented that the Center conducts research and shares this data with other agencies.

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3. Overview of Recreation at Picayune Strand

Michael Weston, Forestry Resource Administrator from Florida Forest Service provided a comprehensive overview including the history, restoration and state forest management at Picayune Strand. In addition, Mr. Weston touched on the current development of a 10-year management plan and spoke about future recreational opportunities at Picayune Strand.

Comments were provided by
Bob Mooney

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4. Fort Basinger Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site

Brian Garrett, Operations and Maintenance Wildlife Coordinator, provided an overview of Fort Basinger Tortoise Recipient Site located on the Kissimmee River (C-38) in Highlands County. Mr. Garrett discussed the cost savings to both the District and taxpayers, the number of tortoises allowed to be relocated under the permit and explained that the site is only available to tortoises found on District projects. Tortoises from non-District projects would not be accepted.

Comments were provided by
Bob Mooney
Fred Davis

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5. Public Use Project Update

Jerry Krenz from the Land Stewardship Section provided an update on Lake Hicpochee and stated that new recreational activities have been offered. The new use proposed would have to go before the full Governing Board for their approval at their next meeting.

Mr. Krenz also provided updates on Stormwater Treatment Area 1 West Expansion, Stormwater Treatment Area 5, and A1 Flow Equalization Basin projects.

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6. Recreation Facility Updates

Dan Cotter, Land Stewardship Section Leader, provided an update on the CREW's Flint Pen Strand Unit. Mr. Cotter also provided recreational facility updates on Nubbin Slough Stormwater Treatment Area located in Okeechobee County and on the S-46 Fishing Piers located in Jupiter, Palm Beach County.

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7. Recreational Discussion, Updates and Future Meeting Topics

Mr. Cook thanked Michael Beck, Wounded Warriors Outdoor Freedom Coordinator, for his efforts in organizing a Wounded Warrior hunt that will take place on January 26, 2019 at STA 1-West for the day.

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8. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.