



## **SFWMD RECREATIONAL FORUM MINUTES**

September 16, 2019, 5:00 PM  
District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

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

Mr. Cook called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 PM.

Executive Director Drew Bartlett thanked everyone for attending and also thanked Mr. Cook for facilitating the meeting.

General discussion ensued.

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2. Overview of the Everglades Headwater National Wildlife Refuge - Bill Miller, Project Leader, USFWS

Mr. Miller provided an overview of the Everglades Headwater National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area including the history, management approach, and future goals.

Comments were provided by:

Pete Quasius  
Steve Coughlin  
Bishop Wright  
Newton Cook

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3. Overview of the Land & Water Conservation Fund - Pete Quasius, President SW FL Chapter, Izaak Walton League

Mr. Quasius provided an overview of the United States' Land and Water

Conservation Fund (LWCF) which is a Federal program, funded through royalties and leases related to offshore publicly owned oil and gas, that was established by Act of Congress in 1965 to provide funds and matching grants to federal, state and local governments for the acquisition of land and easements for the benefit of all. Florida's program is administered by DEP which provides grants to local governments for acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation.

Comments were provided by:  
Newton Cook  
Barron Moody  
Steve Coughlin

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4. Update on Palm Beach County Shooting Range - Lynne Hawk, Regional Hunter Safety Coordinator, FWC

Mr. Cook provided a brief overview relating to the status of the Range and informed the attendees that a handout was available, however, due to unforeseen circumstance, the presentation would be postponed.

Comments were provided by:  
Bishop Wright

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5. Kissimmee River Region Land Management Update - Justin Nolte, Sr. Land Manager, Land Stewardship Section, SFWMD

Mr. Nolte provided an update on the Kissimmee River Regional Land Management including prescribed burning plans, exotic plant control, and public use in the region. The 56,214-acre region includes Okeechobee, Highlands, Glades, Polk, and Osceola Counties.

Comments were provided by:  
Bishop Wright

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6. Public Use Project Updates - Jerry Krenz, Sr. Planner, Land Stewardship Section, SFWMD

Mr. Krenz provided updates on STA 1W Expansion #1 & #2 Projects, A-2 STA design and the recent python youth hunt.

Comments were provided by:  
Bishop Wright  
Newton Cook

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7. Recreational Facility Updates - Dan Cotter, Section Leader, Land Stewardship Section, SFWMD

Mr. Cotter provided Recreational updates on the following facilities: parking area improvements for the S-46 Fishing Piers, CREW Flint Pen Strand parking areas, and Kissimmee River additional access.

Comments were provided by:  
Justin Nolte, Sr.  
Bishop Wright  
William Smith

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8. Recreational Discussion, Updates and Future Meeting Topics

Barron Moody from FWC responded to questions about the WCA-3 public access closure.

Mr. Cook informed attendees of the LOSOM meeting scheduled for September 17, 2019 in Stuart.

Mr. Quasius inquired about adding the Angler Action Foundation to the December agenda and a presentation on the Charlotte flatwood restoration project.

Participants also requested a project update on Lake Hicpochee and the Broward County /FDOT ramps off Hwy. US 27.

A participant requested a presentation on the District's python program.

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9. Adjourn

The forum was at 7:15 PM