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## South Florida Water Management District

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# WATER RESOURCES ACCOUNTABILITY AND COLLABORATION PUBLIC FORUM MINUTES

February 27, 2020, 10:00 AM  
District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium  
3301 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
Final

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Call to Order - Drew Bartlett, Executive Director

Mr. Bartlett welcomed participants.

Mr. Bartlett introduced Mr. Newton Cook, Chair of the SFWMD Recreational Forum and informed participants that Mr. Cook was invited as a resource to help incorporate recreation into WRAC conversations. Mr. Cook reported on the Recreational Forum held on December 16, 2019.

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### 2. Overview of Aquifer, Storage & Recovery (ASR) Wells and Implementation of ASR Wells in Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project

Jennifer Leeds presented an overview of Aquifer, Storage, and Recovery (ASR) wells which are included within projects in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). Ms. Leeds detailed how ASR wells operated, South Florida's hydrogeology, and considerations from National Academies of Science on ASR well implementation. Ms. Meeds and asked for participant feedback on the intended approach for the ASR wells as part of the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project.

#### WRAC Comments Provided by:

James Evans, City of Sanibel

Gene Duncan Jr., Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

Lee Hefty, Miami-Dade County

Dr. Tom Van Lent, The Everglades Foundation  
Mark Perry for Cara Capp, National Parks Conservation Association  
Grant Lanham, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida  
Dr. Albrey Arrington, Loxahatchee River District  
Susan Gosselin, Osceola County  
Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, Governing Board Member  
Dr. Ryan Orgera, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation  
Benita Whalen, Dispersed Water, LLC  
Doug Gaston, Audubon Florida  
Rebecca Elliott for Angela Chelette, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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**3. WRAC Public Forum Discussion**

This item was taken out of order – taken after Public Comment.

**WRAC Comments Provided by:**

Inger Hansen, Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
James Erskine, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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**4. Public Comment:**

James Peters, Shower Pot  
Newton Cook, United Water Fowlers of Florida, Inc.  
Ramon Iglesia, Anglers for Lake O  
Reinaldo Diaz, Lake Worth Water Keeper  
Tom Walker, Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority  
Barbara Miedema, Terra-Rio Consulting  
Kelly Napoli, Florida Power & Light  
Mike Collins, Self  
Scott Martin, Roland Martin Marina

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**5. Adjourn**

Mr. Bartlett informed the WRAC participants that an additional WRAC Public Forum might occur prior to the regularly scheduled meeting in May.

The Forum adjourned at 12:02 PM.