



SFWMD RECREATIONAL FORUM MINUTES

September 14, 2020, 5:00 PM
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1. Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions and Purpose

Mr. Cook called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM.

Executive Director Drew Bartlett thanked everyone for attending and thanked Mr. Cook for facilitating the meeting. Mr. Bartlett provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget and detailed several of the projects listed in the plan including funds for Land Stewardship. Mr. Bartlett also introduced Mr. Stephen Collins, Executive Director of the Real Estate and the Land Stewardship Section.

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2. Everglades Complex of Wildlife Management Areas; High Water Closure Process - Marsha Ward, Assistant Regional Biologist, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Ms. Ward provided an overview of the Everglades Complex of Wildlife Management Areas and the High-Water Closure Process. Areas discussed were the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Water Management Area (WMA), Rotenberger WMA, and Holey Land WMA.

Public Comment

Daniel Watson
Mike Eifenbein
James Erskine, FWC
Brandon James
Shawn Scanlon
Matt Garske
Betty Osceola
Dewey Mixon

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Don Carlson
John Rosier
Mike Melton
Paul Gray, Audubon Florida
Kyle Archacki

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3. Update on the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Services Plan Initiatives - Veronica Kelly, Park Ranger, Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

Ms. Kelly provided an update of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Services Plan Initiatives.

Public Comment

Mike Melton
Richard Martinez
Mike Elfenbein

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4. Overview of the Fort Basinger Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site - Brian Garrett, Scientist 4, Land Stewardship Section

Mr. Garrett provided an overview of the Fort Basinger Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site.

Public Comments

Mike Elfenbein
Paul Gray, Audubon Florida

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

Mr. Krenz provided updates on the following projects; STA Hunting Season modifications due to construction, Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) South L-67C Access and Closures, and A-1 FEB Recreational Access.

Public Comments

David Rodriguez
Barron Moody
Mike Elfenbein
John Monti
Justin Bingham

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6. Public Use Facility Updates - Dan Cotter, Land Stewardship Section Leader

Mr. Cotter provided updates on Lakeside Ranch Stormwater Treatment Area and highlighted the newly granted public access, facilities, schedule and new features on the site.

Mr. Cotter informed participants of Mr. Kattel's upcoming retirement; Mr. Cotter recognized and thanked Mr. Kattel for the numerous efforts and accomplishments throughout his 18-year career at the District. Mr. Kattel thanked all for their well wishes.

Public Comments

Andrew Bernet
Mike Elfenbein on behalf of Bishop Wright
Danny James
Thomas Reinert
John Monti

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7. Recreation Discussion, Updates and Future Topics

John Rosier inquired on the possibility of a mid-week duck hunt at STA's, Mr. Krenz stated that the Friday hunting was added and that a mid-week hunting would not be possible. Mr. Rosier inquired on hog issues at the STAs, Mr. Krenz responded that there were none.

Paul Gray thanked Mr. Kattel for his tenure at the District.

Mr. Cook thanked Mr. Bishop for his efforts. Mr. Bartlett thanked meeting coordinators, presenters and District staff for their efforts. Mr. Bartlett also thanked Mr. Kattel for his years of service at the District and provided well wishes on his retirement.

8. Adjourn

The forum adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM