



South Florida Water Management District

GOVERNING BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2016

9:00 AM

District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Daniel O'Keefe	Chair	Present	
Kevin Powers	Vice Chair	Present	
Sam Accursio		Present	
Rick Barber		Present	
Sandy Batchelor		Present	
Clarke Harlow		Present	
Mitch Hutchcraft		Present	
James J. Moran		Present	
Melanie Peterson		Present	

1. Call to Order - Dan O'Keefe, Chairman, Governing Board

Chairman O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Dan O'Keefe, Chairman, Governing Board

Ms. Batchelor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Employee Recognitions - Presented by Peter Antonacci, Executive Director

Mr. Antonacci presented the employee recognitions, including: August Employee of the Month, Jesus Zamora; 35 Year Service Award, Judy Longarzo; and the Good Samaritan Award to Robert Prescott, Travis McElroy, Robert Hancock, Homero Torres and Greg Hoyle of the Okeechobee Field Station.

Mr. Hutchcraft announced this year staff has selected Water for Small Villages as its charity benefiting from the Employee Committee's silent auction and other fund raising activities.

Chairman O'Keefe announced the poster session exhibit. The posters highlight some of the cutting edge applied science and modeling work done by the District's scientists and engineers.

4. Agenda Revisions - Tia Barnett, Director, Board & Executive Services

Ms. Barnett provided revisions to the Agenda, stating Agenda items 17, 20 and 34 have been deleted.

5. Abstentions by Board Members from items on the Agenda

Mr. Hutchcraft read a disclosure into the record; his employer, King Ranch, is an agricultural landowner in the Lake Okeechobee region in which land could be acquired for future water storage projects.

Mr. O'Keefe abstained from Consent Agenda items 12 and 22. Mr. O'Keefe's firm, Shutts & Bowen, LLP, represents Northbrook Holdings, LLC and Lykes Brothers, Inc. on unrelated matters.

Chairman O'Keefe announced Mr. Hutchcraft's appointment as the Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee and Ms. Peterson's appointment as the Chairman of the Project & Lands Committee with Mr. Harlow serving as Vice Chairman. The next Project and Lands Committee meeting is scheduled for September 7th at District headquarters.

6. Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC) Report - Jim Moran, Chair

Mr. Moran provided the report from the WRAC meeting held on August 4, 2016 in West Palm Beach. Items discussed included a presentation on Florida Bay including an update on ecological conditions, and a presentation on the C-111 South Dade Post Authorization Change Report - Pump Stations 332B and 332C.

Upon mention, Mr. Antonacci commented on USACE Assistant Secretary Darcy's response to U.S. Representative Patrick Murphy regarding water storage, explaining Chairman O'Keefe's response letter was sent to the Assistant Secretary. Copies were made available.

The next WRAC meeting is scheduled for September 1st at District headquarters.

Board Comment

Mr. Barber commended Newton Cook for his comments provided at the WRAC meetings.

7. Approval of the Minutes from the July 14, 2016 Governing Board meeting, held in West Palm Beach

RESULT:	ADOPTED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kevin Powers, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	James J. Moran
AYES:	O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Moran, Peterson
AWAY:	Hutchcraft

Consent Agenda

8. Public Comment on Consent Agenda

Newton Cook, United Water Fowlers, commented on the misinformation in social media, supports Agenda item 18A, 18B, Resolution 2016-0805 and 2016-0806 and supports prescribed burns.

Mark Perry, Florida Oceanographic Society, commented on Agenda item 19, Resolution 2016-0807, and the importance of conveying water through the system slowly.

9. Move Consent Agenda Items to Discussion Agenda

No items were moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda.

10. Board Comment on Consent Agenda

There was no Board Comment on the Consent Agenda.

11. Waivers for Water Resource Advisory Commission (WRAC) members pursuant to Section 112.313, Florida Statutes

12. Regulatory Consent Items

Mr. O'Keefe abstained from Consent Agenda item 12 for Northbrook Holdings, LLC.

13. Right of Way - Regulatory Consent

14. Resolution No. 2016 - 0827 Approve release of canal, mineral and road reservations. (Real Estate, staff contact, Kathy Massey, ext. 6835)

15. Resolution No. 2016 - 0828 Approve a 1-year parking lease with South Florida Stadium, LLC, on 3.32 acres, more or less, in Miami-Dade County. (Contract No. 4600003460) (Real Estate, staff contact, Ray Palmer, ext. 2246)

16. Resolution No. 2016 - 0829 Approve declaring surplus land interests in St. Lucie County containing 5.81 acres, more or less, without reservation of interests under Section 270.11, Florida Statutes, together with any structures and improvements and personal property appurtenant thereto, and approving offering said property to

the public for bid to be sold for the highest price obtainable but not less than the appraised value. (Real Estate, staff contact, Ray Palmer, ext. 2246)

17. Resolution No. 2016 - 0830 Item Deleted - *ITEM DELETED*

18. **Authorize amendments to cooperative agreements with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (Field Operations & Land Management, staff contact, Steve Coughlin, ext. 2603)**

Resolution No. 2016 - 0831 Authorize an amendment to agreement 4600000961 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to continue providing public use and land and wildlife management services on District lands, to extend the term by three years from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2019, and provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$657,000 of which \$219,000 in ad valorem and non-ad valorem funds are subject to Governing Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budgets.

Resolution No. 2016 - 0832 Authorize an amendment to cooperative agreement 3600000000 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for law enforcement services on District lands to provide funding for the next three years of the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1,421,492 of which \$416,192 in ad valorem and Federal Grant Program Income funds will be budgeted, subject to Governing Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budgets.

19. Resolution No. 2016 - 0833 Authorize entering into a 330-day contract with Murray Logan Construction, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the S-351 and S-354 Lifting Mechanisms for the Manatee Protection Barriers Project, in the amount of \$946,800, for which \$70,000 is budgeted in Fiscal Year 2015-2016, and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval for the Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 budget. (Contract No. 4600003465) (Operations, Engineering and Construction, staff contact, John P. Mitnik, ext. 2679)

20. Resolution No. 2016 - 0834 Item Deleted - *ITEM DELETED*

21. Resolution No. 2016 - 0835 Authorize entering into an Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Krome Avenue Relocation and Reconstruction of Control Structure (S-194) at the C-102 Project, at no cost to the District. (Contract No. 4600003253) (Operations, Engineering and Construction, staff contact, John P. Mitnik, ext. 2679)

22. Resolution No. 2016 - 0836 Authorize an amendment to Contract No. OT061107/3600001161 with Lykes Brothers, Inc. for the West Waterhole Pasture

Florida Ranchlands Environmental Services Pilot Project to extend the term of the agreement by one year at a cost of \$470,238.10, for which funds are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Everglades Policy & Coordination, staff contact, Eva Velez, ext. 6672)

Mr. O'Keefe abstained from Consent Agenda item 12 for Lykes Brothers, Inc.

23. Resolution No. 2016 - 0837 Authorize administrative denial of Application No. 140307-8 and authorizing District staff to file a law suit in the 11th Circuit of Miami-Dade County against Dixie Garden, Nursery Inc. for illegal filling of wetlands and illegal construction of a surface water management system. Further authorizing District staff to take all appropriate action it deems necessary in this matter for the purpose of successfully enforcing the District's rules, subject to approval of the Executive Director. (Office of Counsel, staff contact, Julia Lomonico, ext. 6210)
24. Resolution No. 2016 - 0838 Approve an amendment to Contract No. 4600003251 with Ford & Harrison LLP, to extend the term by two years through May 20, 2019, to continue providing legal services in connection with employee labor relations matters and training and to increase the contract amount by \$150,000 of which \$75,000 funds are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016, and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the Fiscal 2017 through Fiscal Year 2018 budgets. (Office of Counsel, staff contact, Eileen Coates, ext. 6208)

25. **Board Vote on Consent Agenda Items 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24**

Mr. O'Keefe abstained from Consent Agenda items 12 and 22.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Powers, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Mitch Hutchcraft
AYES:	O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

26. **Board Comment**

Mr. Powers commented on the good work done by District scientists on the display, as part of the Bi-Annual Science Poster Session.

Mr. Moran thanked District staff for the plan to move water to Florida Bay.

Mr. Moran discussed the lygodium in the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) and the license agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The license agreement includes performance measures that FWS has not met.

Mr. Moran made a motion seconded by Ms. Peterson to authorize District staff to send a First Notice of Default to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Board discussed the performance measures and is making an effort to encourage FWS to ask for funding.

Public Comment

Martha Musgrove, Florida Wildlife Federation, requested a delay in any action as there is an organized effort to obtain additional federal funding for the Refuge dedicated to exotic control.

Newton Cook supports the motion brought forward.

Mr. Antonacci reminded the Board that the State currently provides \$2.3M to FWS to fund lygodium control in the Refuge.

Eric Draper, Audubon Florida, commented on the FWS' budget. Mr. Draper does not support the motion brought forward, as it may not effectively provide funds from congress to FWS' budget and suggested the District provide the funds.

Board Comment

The Board further discussed the license agreement, performance measures, the lack of appropriate funding levels in the Refuge's budget, and Mr. Accardo explained the legal steps which will follow an approved motion.

Mr. Harlow commented on the degradation of the Refuge and the path to reverse the damaging effects of lygodium.

Authorize District staff to send a First Notice of Default; under the ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge License Agreement to the to US Fish and Wildlife Service

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James J. Moran
SECONDER:	Melanie Peterson
AYES:	O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

Discussion Agenda

27. Technical Reports

A) WATER CONDITIONS REPORT - JOHN P. MITNIK, DIVISION DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS, ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Mitnik presented the Water Conditions Report for the last thirty days. Rainfall has been below average with a majority concentrated in the lower east coast. Lake Okeechobee water levels have flat lined over the past several weeks.

The District continues to hold water in the Upper Chain of Lakes, delivering the minimum amount of water needed for the Kissimmee River.

Water Conservation Area 1 (WCA) is below regulation schedule and WCA-3 is fluctuating above and below regulation schedules.

Mr. Mitnik explained that the District continues to deliver water into Everglades National Park through both the S-12 and S-333 structures with a portion of that water going through the S-334 structure and sending down the South Dade Conveyance System. All of the pump stations along the C-111 canal are currently operating.

Board Comment

In response to a question from Mr. Accursio, Mr. Mitnik provided an update on the operations of the S12A and S12B.

**(I) FLORIDA BAY PROJECT UPDATE - JOHN P. MITNIK, DIVISION DIRECTOR,
OPERATIONS, ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION**

Mr. Mitnik gave a presentation on the Florida Bay Project Update. Mr. Mitnik discussed the proposed features, supplemental features, estimated costs and schedule, and progress required to move water south to Florida Bay.

Board Comment

In response to a question from Mr. Moran, Mr. Mitnik provided an update on the available options for the L31 Levee and discussed the Contract 9 Weir.

Ms. Peterson clarified the details on the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project and the Florida Bay Plan.

Mr. Accursio commented on the evolution of new issues that arise as the District tries to move forward.

Ms. Batchelor thanked staff for their work on this project.

**B) ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS REPORT - TERRIE BATES, DIVISION DIRECTOR,
WATER RESOURCES**

Ms. Bates provided the ecological conditions for the last thirty days.

Lake Okeechobee water depths have been above elevation 14 feet NGVD and are likely to continue at that level through the wet season, which may pose issues for the submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV).

Ms. Bates provided the nutrient levels in Lake Okeechobee, elaborated on the algal bloom, and presented the MODIS Satellite Bloom Monitoring results for the past six months.

Snail kite nesting has surpassed the normal nesting season in Lake Okeechobee, including areas where there has been significant restoration efforts. Late season nesting has also been identified in Ten Mile Creek and the Kissimmee River Phase 1 Restoration Area. Ms. Bates provided the regional snail kite nesting totals from 2010-2016.

In the St. Lucie Estuary, conditions have benefited from the reduction in local basin runoff combined with the USACE reducing discharges coming out at S-80 and drier conditions have allowed salinity levels to rebound. Declining trends in the chlorophyll levels means blue-green algae blooms have dissipated across the estuary.

Ms. Bates explained the Caloosahatchee Estuary continues to receive local basin inflows and salinity conditions remain the same. Oyster spat recruitment has been low due to high levels of flow and SAV coverage has increased.

Ms. Bates discussed the Caloosahatchee Science Symposium being held September 14-15th at the District's Lower West Coast Service Center.

The Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) are all above target depths and continue to provide good performance.

In Biscayne Bay, salinity levels are below the maximum preferred range. The Everglades water depth conditions in WCA-3 are above schedule and WCA-2 has much wetter conditions than this time last year.

In Florida Bay, inflows are at higher levels than expected for this time of year and salinity levels are below the minimum flow and level target of 30 psu. Ms. Bates discussed the Florida Bay salinity observations in the northeastern area of the Bay.

Board Comment

In response to a question from Mr. Hutchcraft, Ms. Bates discussed snail kite nests in Ten Mile Creek, water elevations, and explained that with the project progressing to the next phase in November and nestlings having fledged, the project should be able to move forward without delay.

In response to a question from Mr. Accursio, Ms. Bates explained snail kite monitoring is done through a USACE contract with the University of Florida.

In response to a question from Mr. Powers, Ms. Bates discussed the location of the snail kite population by Lehigh Acres.

In response to a question from Ms. Peterson, Ms. Bates discussed the USACE's pulse releases and the release patterns.

28. Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Tentative Budget Update - Peter Antonacci, Executive Director

Mr. Antonacci presented the tentative fiscal year 2016-2017 (FY2016-2017) proposed budget. Mr. Antonacci pointed out that the message within the presentation was a positive budget and that the rolled-back millage rate continues to allow staff within the agency to do the mission critical functions for the citizens of South Florida without raising taxes.

Mr. Antonacci's presentation included an update on:

- Revenues Summary

- Expenditure Summary
- Budget Predicates
- Reserves 5-Year Spend Down Plan
- Budget Highlights
- Next Steps

Mr. reviewed the FY2015-2016 \$749.6 million budget to the FY2016-2017 \$726.2 million budget. The percentages were very similar in how the budget was being funded, although the adopted FY2015-2016 to Tentative FY2016-2017 is a decrease of \$23.4 million. Ad valorem revenue shows a modest increase due to new construction. Mr. Antonacci explained that the reserves are slightly deceiving at 19%, as it includes the \$60 million emergency reserves that is reallocated each year and that the reserves were closer to 10% of the revenues. Mr. Antonacci highlighted that the major revenue changes occurred in State sources and usage of reserves.

- State sources increased by \$71.7 million due to the 2016 Legislative session receiving more funds for Everglades Restoration (C-44, C-43, CERP Planning, Lakeside Ranch, Dispersed Water Management Public Private Partnership) and Land Acquisition (Lake Hicpochee, Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands, Picayune)
- The need for usage of reserves decrease by \$90.9 million:
 - Reserves without restriction decrease of \$ 62.4 million due to major projects that are under contract such as Restoration Strategies, Ten Mile Creek, C-43/44, Lakeside STA Phase II and Southern Crew.
 - Performance merit bonus is proposed to be funded out of recurring funds.
 - Operations of new works that is now in the recurring budget.
- Reserves with Restriction decrease of \$28.5 million:
 - Lake Belt mitigation funds for Dade-Broward levee repair and an additional three miles of the L-31 East Flow way and the C-139 Annex Restoration project.
 - Wetlands Mitigation mainly for Rolling Meadows

Mr. Antonacci presented the expenditure comparisons highlighting Operations and Maintenance of Lands and Works with \$273.1 million and Acquisition, Restoration and Public works with \$338.2 million proposed budgets continue to be the largest budgeted programs within the Districts proposed 2016-2017 budget. The main expenditure decrease occurred within Lake Belt Mitigation, completion of the Big Cypress Basin Field Station in the 2016 budget and Land Acquisition refunding bonds funded by state appropriations were retired.

Mr. Antonacci presented the cost avoidance and initiatives estimates highlight the savings of:

- \$6.7 million in current year personnel savings
- \$1.1 million in current year new works due to projects planned not fully operational as planned
- \$7.1 million in personnel savings for FY2016-2017 proposed budget

- due to reduction of staff
- \$4.1 million in debt service interest payment reduction
- \$1.3 million in FY2016-2017 new works operating cost of the new facilities
- \$800,000 eliminating 298 Districts tax payments
- \$170,000 managers contributing to health insurance premiums
- \$270,000 and \$676,000 estimated savings for nine months of the 2016-2017 fiscal year eliminating the 2% subsidy and the additional subsidy to retirees.
- \$27,000 eliminating the retiree life insurance subsidy and retirees paying for the premium.
- \$1.6 million in fleet and airboat reductions.

Mr. Antonacci presented income initiatives estimates:

- \$1 million of additional investments by amending the investment strategy that Mr. Hutchcraft helped with by meeting with District's Treasurer and reviewing our current cash accounts.
- \$170,000 in environmental resource permits
- \$150,000 leasing office space
- \$101,000 new Day care lease
- \$200,000 in future revenues for radio towers sub-lease rental

Mr. Antonacci presented the Districts 5-year \$306.3 million reserves and highlighted:

- Reserves without restrictions are currently \$153.7 million with the proposed 2016-2017 budget of \$56.5 million. Funds have been allocated to continue progress and finishing projects currently underway such as restoration strategies and allocating additional funding towards projects such as Lakeside Ranch STA phase II at \$7.5 million, \$2 million for S-199/S-200 pump capacity.
- Reserves with restrictions are currently \$152.6 million with a proposed 2016-2017 budget of \$78.9 million. This includes \$60 million emergency reserves which will be reallocated each fiscal year if not used.

Mr. Antonacci presented Fiscal Year 2016-2017 proposed budget highlights:

- \$16 million in recurring budget pertaining to supporting budget stability:
 - \$2.3 million ad valorem increase from new construction to Restoration Strategies
 - \$6 million recurring ad valorem to cover Operations & Maintenance and monitoring of new works. (funded out of reserves in the 2015-16 budget).
 - \$1 million recurring ad valorem for Operations & Maintenance heavy equipment replacement. There is also \$1 million from reserves.
 - \$2 million recurring ad valorem for merit base pay increase
 - \$2 million recurring ad valorem for staff performance merit based bonuses
 - \$2 million recurring ad valorem funding salary budgets at 100%

- \$900,000 recurring ad valorem for land management, leasing and surplus land activities that was funded out of reserves in the past.

Mr. Antonacci continued the highlights with funding that was allocated from reserves pointing out that \$12 million has been allocated over the next four years for future Operations and Maintenance of new works.

Mr. Antonacci provided the budget timeline:

- August 17th Legislative briefing presentation
- August 25th Big Cypress Basin millage rate and final budget
- September 5th comments are due on tentative budget submission
- September 8th and 20th public hearings are scheduled to take place in West Palm Beach at District headquarters.

Board Comment

Mr. Moran commented on the proposed tentative budget; employee, management and retiree health care, as well as current salaries comparing them to the consumer price index.

Mr. Moran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Batchelor to retool the proposed tentative fiscal year 2016-2017 budget to include a 2% cost of living raise for all full time employee in addition to the \$2M currently include for full time employee bonuses.

The Board and staff discussed options to provide increases, the retiree health care subsidy including long term budget implications, and requested additional information.

Mr. Harlow continued the Board's discussion on the proposed tentative budget and requested additional information on revenue received from the District's land lease program.

The Board discussed cost of living raise and the need to further review the budget so as to make a final determination on the allocation of these funds.

Retool the proposed tentative fiscal year 2016-2017 budget to include a 2% cost of living raise for all full time employees in addition to the \$2M currently included for the full time employee bonuses

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 7]
MOVER:	James J. Moran
SECONDER:	Sandy Batchelor
AYES:	Batchelor, Moran
NAYS:	O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Peterson

29. **Best Management Practices (BMP) Program for the Everglades Agricultural Area and C-139 Basins Annual Update - Pamela Wade, Bureau Chief, Everglades Regulation Bureau (ext. 6901)**

Ms. Wade presented the Annual Best Management Practices Program Update. Ms. Wade discussed elements of a successful program, water year phosphorus loads, base period phosphorus loads and annual comparison, compliance determination. Ms. Wade further discussed unprecedented rainfall in the EAA during Water Year 2016 and EAA and C-139 basin performance.

Board Comment

Ms. Peterson highlighted the importance of the District's BMP program; the program is one of a kind across the nation.

30. Authorize entering into two separate Project Partnership Agreements, with the U.S. Department of the Army (Everglades Policy & Coordination, staff contact, Matt Morrison, ext. 6844)

Mr. Morrison provided a presentation on the Broward County Water Preserve Areas and Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Phase 1 Project Partnership Agreement. Mr. Morrison discussed the background, the District cost share credits, and the synchronizing of priorities within the integrated delivery schedule.

Public Comment

Seven members of the public expressed their support for Resolution 2016-0813 and 2016-0814 and the corresponding projects. Additionally Laura Reynolds, Southern Alliance, provided a handout to the Board regarding Florida Power & Light's cooling canal system. The Alliance is putting forth a proposal for the system to be replaced with cooling towers.

Joan Lawrence, Department of the Interior, announced the new superintendent Margaret Goodrow will be installed in Biscayne Bay National Park in November 2016.

Resolution No. 2016 - 0813 Authorize entering into a Project Partnership Agreement, with the U.S. Department of the Army for construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation of the Broward County Water Preserve Areas Project, a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and affirming South Florida Water Management District's financial capability to satisfy the obligations of the Non-Federal Sponsor described in the Project Partnership Agreement, for which the South Florida Water Management District will be responsible for providing a 50 percent cost-share subject to Governing Board approval of future fiscal year budgets. (Contract No. 4600003446)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandy Batchelor
SECONDER:	Melanie Peterson
AYES:	O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

Resolution No. 2016 - 0814 Authorize entering into a Project Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Army for construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Phase I Project, a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and affirming South Florida Water Management District's financial capability to satisfy the obligations of the Non-Federal Sponsor described in the Project Partnership Agreement, for which the South Florida Water Management District will be responsible for providing a 50 percent cost-share subject to Governing Board approval of future fiscal year budgets. (Contract No. 4600003445)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandy Batchelor
SECONDER:	Rick Barber
AYES:	O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

31. Vegetation Management Contract for Ground Application Services - (Field Operations & Land Management, staff contact, Francois Laroche, ext. 6193)

Mr. Laroche presented the Ground Application Services contracts for vegetation management. Mr. Laroche discussed the contracts, area of responsibility, multi-year contract justification, contractual services expenditures, and the past 5 years source of funding.

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| Resolution 2016-0815 | Applied Aquatic Management, Inc. |
| Resolution 2016-0816 | Aquatic Plant Management, Inc |
| Resolution 2016-0817 | Aquatic Vegetation Control, Inc |
| Resolution 2016-0818 | EarthBalance Corporation |
| Resolution 2016-0819 | Environmental Quality, Inc |
| Resolution 2016-0820 | Environmental Restoration Consultants, Inc |
| Resolution 2016-0821 | Florida Best Inc. of Haines City |
| Resolution 2016-0822 | Lake & Wetland Management, Inc |
| Resolution 2016-0823 | Native Creations, Inc |

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James J. Moran
SECONDER: Sam Accursio
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

32. **Resolution No. 2016 - 0824 Authorize entering into a 578-day contract with LM Heavy Civil Construction, LLC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the S-140 Pump Station Improvements Project, in the amount of \$11,267,000, for which \$169,000 is budgeted, and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of future years' budgets. (Contract No. 4600003468) (Operations, Engineering and Construction, staff contact, John P. Mitnik, ext. 2679)**

Ms. Dadrian gave a presentation on the S-140 Pump Station Improvements Project and provided staff's recommendation.

Board Comment

Chairman O'Keefe commented on the difference between the engineers estimate and the bids received.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kevin Powers, Vice Chair
SECONDER: Rick Barber
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

33. **Resolution No. 2016 - 0825 Authorize entering into a 790-day contract with D.H. Higgins, the only responsive and responsible bidder, for the S-331 Pump Refurbishment Project, in the amount of \$1,674,000, of which \$100,000 is budgeted, and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of future years' budgets. (Contract No. 4600003463) (Operations, Engineering and Construction, staff contact, John P. Mitnik, ext. 2679)**

Mr. Virgil gave a presentation on the S-331 Pump Refurbishment. Mr. Virgil discussed the project location, scope for each pump, bid summary, and staff's recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mitch Hutchcraft
SECONDER: Rick Barber
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

34. **Resolution No. 2016 - 0826 Item Deleted - *ITEM DELETED***

35. **General Public Comment**

Caroline McLaughlin, National Parks Conservation Commission, commented on Senator Negron's recent announcement for major water storage expansion,

requested the District become the official local sponsor and commented on the importance of completing projects for Florida and Biscayne Bay.

Laura Reynolds, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, supports Senator Negron's proposal for additional water storage and requested the Board support it as well.

Christopher McVoy, City Commissioner, City of Lake Worth, commented on the importance of a steady flow of water in varying conditions, water storage, and peat.

Drew Martin supports Senator Negron's proposal.

Mark Perry commented on the importance of water storage, treatment, and the flow of clean water moving south through the system.

Gary Ritter, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, commended staff on the BMP program and commented on the importance of agriculture for the state.

Staff Reports

36. Monthly Financial Report - Dorothy Bradshaw

Ms. Bradshaw provided the financial report through June 2016.

37. General Counsel's Report - Brian Accardo

Mr. Accardo had no report this month.

38. Public Affairs Report - Jerry Eisenband

Mr. Eisenband introduced the District's new website interface.

39. Real Estate Report - Richard Bassell

Mr. Bassell had no report this month.

40. Executive Director's Report - Peter Antonacci

Mr. Antonacci discussed projects that are to be funded pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order; building a reservoir along C-23 in St. Lucie County to hold water. The project is in the permitting process. Mr. Antonacci discussed the obstacles encountered with FWS on the project, the application, and the next steps.

41. Board Comment

There was no Board Comment.

42. Attorney Client Session

In the matter of Lake Point Phase 1, LLC, et al. v. South Florida Water Management District, authorize the General Counsel to contract with outside counsel as reasonably necessary in excess of the delegated limit in the District's policy section 155-8.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mitch Hutchcraft
SECONDER: Rick Barber
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

43. Adjourn

Chairman O'Keefe adjourned the meeting at 1:52 PM.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sandy Batchelor
SECONDER: Clarke Harlow
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Batchelor, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson



Dan O'Keefe, Chairman
Governing Board
South Florida Water Management District

Haley Koptak
Deputy District Clerk
South Florida Water Management District