

"WRAC"
History and Overview
Water Resources Analysis Coalition
Water Resources Advisory Commission

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WRAC History

Pre-WRAC

- Stakeholder engagement through multiple independent groups
- Individual, self-directed stakeholder committees, including:
 - Environmental
 - Water Supply Utilities
 - Agriculture
- Limited collaboration between stakeholder groups

WRACs

- Water Resources Advisory Commission (2001-2017) and the subsequent Water Resources Analysis Coalition (2017-present) were created by the Governing Board to facilitate receiving varied stakeholder perspective on water resource issues. Charters contained in District Policy Code.
- Each having a WRAC-Rec component focused on recreational topics.

Water Resources Advisory Commission

March 15, 2001:

November 9, 2017:

Created by Governing Board resolution

Dissolved by Governing Board resolution

Purpose & Tasks established by Governing Board:

- Serve as *advisory body* to Governing Board
- Serve as forum for improving public participation and consensus building
- Identify opportunities for enhancing coordination among federal, state & regional agencies, local governments, task forces, private and non-private organizations
- Identify and evaluate critical water resource issues and prepare recommendations
- Provide monthly report to Governing Board



Water Resources Analysis Coalition

November 9, 2017: Created by Governing Board resolution

Purpose & Tasks established by Governing Board:

- Serve as a *fact-finding body* supporting the Governing Board
- Serve as a forum for improving public participation and consensus building
- Gather information for Governing Board consideration for enhancing coordination among federal, state, and regional agencies, local governments, task forces, private and non-private organizations
- Gather information for Governing Board consideration on water resource issues
- Provide monthly report to Governing Board



Comparison of Advisory Commission to Analysis Coalition

	Water Resources Advisory Commission	Water Resources Analysis Coalition
Publicly Noticed	✓	✓
Public Comment	✓	✓
Agenda / Topics of Discussion	✓	✓
Minutes	✓	✓
Webcast / Posted Video	✓	✓
Monthly Report to Governing Board	✓	✓
GB Member as Chairman / Facilitator	✓	✓
GB Members Select Participants	✓	✓
Advisory Role	✓	
Fact-finding Role		✓

Participants

Water Resource Analysis Coalition

Charter contained in Ch. 151 of the District Policy Code

Invited Attendees:

Balanced and appropriate representation from the following six classifications:

- South Florida business community;
- Water supply utilities;
- Agriculture;
- Public interest groups;
- Local government;
- Environmental organizations.

Water Resource Advisory Commission

Charter contained in Ch. 150 of the District Policy Code, repealed in 2017

Members:

Balanced and appropriate representation from the following six classifications:

- South Florida business community;
- Water supply utilities;
- Agriculture;
- Public interest groups;
- Local government;
- Environmental organizations.

Participant Selection

Water Resource Analysis Coalition

Charter: Ch. 151 of the District Policy Code

- Each Governing Board member, including the Governing Board Chairperson, selects two invited attendees.
- Governing Board Chairperson also selects an appropriate number of additional invited attendees to ensure balanced representation among the six classifications which shall be subject to ratification by the Governing Board.
- Governing Board Chairperson designates a member of the Governing Board to serve as facilitator of the WRAC to ensure proper decorum.

Water Resource Advisory Commission

Charter: Ch. 150 of the District Policy Code

- Each Governing Board member, including the Governing Board Chairperson, selects two members of the WRAC.
- Governing Board Chairperson also selects an appropriate number of additional members of the WRAC to ensure balanced representation among the six classifications which shall be subject to ratification by the Governing Board.
- Governing Board Chairperson designates a member of the Governing Board to serve as chairperson of the WRAC to ensure proper decorum.

Additional Participants

Water Resource Advisory Commission and Water Resource Analysis Coalition

Charters contained in Ch. 150 and Ch. 151 of the District Policy Code

Agencies and entities requested to identify and provide a representative included:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Florida Department of Community Affairs
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
- Seminole Tribe of Florida



Discussion



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