

Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force (WRTF)

August 15, 2024 1:30 PM

Vista Center, Room VC-1W-47 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

Meeting Minutes

| <b>Water Resources Task Force Members</b> |                            |   |                  |  |
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| <u>Seat ID</u>                            | <u>Member</u>              | <u>Organization</u>                     | <u>Alternate</u> | <u>Organization</u>                              |
| 1   | Malise Sundstrom           | Town of Jupiter                         | Vacant           | City elected official                            |
| 2   | Joaquin Almazan            | City of Belle Glade                     | Vacant           | City elected official                            |
| 3   | Reinaldo Diaz              | City of Lake Worth Beach                | Vacant           | City elected official                            |
| 4   | DD Halpern                 | Town of Juno Beach                      | Vacant           | City elected official                            |
| 5   | Karen Lythgoe              | Town of Lantana                         | Vacant           | City elected official                            |
| 6   | Greg Langowski             | City of West Lake                       | Vacant           | City elected official                            |
| 7   | Gregg Weiss (Chair)        | Palm Beach County Mayor                 | Vacant           | Palm Beach County Commissioner                   |
| 8   | Poonam Kalkat              | City of Boynton Beach                   | Vacant           | Water/Wastewater Provider Official               |
| 9   | Tommy Strowd               | Lake Worth Drainage District            | Vacant           | Lake Worth Drainage District                     |
| 10  | Vacant                     |   | Vacant           | Drainage/Water Control District elected official |
| 11  | Jay Steinle                | South Florida Water Management District | Mark Elsner      | South Florida Water Management District          |
| 12  | Rachelle Litt (Vice Chair) | Former Council Member City of PBG       | Vacant           | Environmental Representative                     |
| 13  | Robert Shorr               | Town of Loxahatchee Groves              | Vacant           | Agricultural Representative                      |
| 14  | Michael Johnson            | Indian Trail Improvement District       | Greg Shafer      | Indian Trail Improvement District                |

Roll call was taken with insufficient attendance for quorum.

The following notes are a summary of the information provide at the discussions of the WRTF. This summary is not a transcript of the meeting.

Without quorum the approval of the February 15, 2024 and May 16, 2024 meeting minutes was postponed. While no official business could be conducted without quorum the following presentations were provided by Paul Linton, Palm Beach County's Water Resources Manager

Status of Lake Okeechobee. In the last week the rate rose quicker than average but is slowing down. The Lake stage is about 13.9 feet NGVD which is near the historical median. Presentation includes the historical location of hurricane origination for the months of August, September, October, and November.

Presentation on L-8 Background and Potential. Connection to West Leg of C-18 Canal. Identified the need for acceleration of the 0.6 mile levee (L-101W) and canal (C-101W) due to insufficient canal capacity in Indian Trail Improvement District's (ITID's) northern canal and insufficient land ownership to deepen these canals.

Presentations on how to access Palm Beach County's current Flood Insurance Rate Maps.