

WORKSHOP MEETING: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** March 26, 2001, at 8:33 a.m., in the Palm Beach County Governmental Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.

1.A. **ROLL CALL** - None

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Chair Warren H. Newell
Vice-Chair Carol A. Roberts
Commissioner Burt Aaronson
Commissioner Addie L. Greene
Commissioner Mary McCarty
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus
Commissioner Tony Masilotti
County Administrator Robert Weisman
Deputy County Attorney Gordon P. Selfridge
Assistant County Attorney Barbara Alterman
Deputy Clerk Joan Haverly

(CLERK'S NOTE: This workshop was listed as item 1.C. on the Comprehensive Plan hearing agenda of this date.)

1.B. **WORKSHOP ON WATER ISSUES**

Introductory remarks were made by Ken Todd, water resources manager of the Water Utilities Department.

Presentations were made by: Dean Powell, deputy director of the Water Supply Division, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD); Gary D. Dernlan, director of the Water Utilities Department (WUD); Patricia M. Walker, director of the Palm Beach Service Center, SFWMD; Terry Verner, director of the Code Enforcement Division, Planning, Zoning and Building Department; and Lieutenant Pat Lynch, head of Emergency Services, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office.

Following an extended discussion, Commissioner Newell detailed the board's staff direction and district recommendations:

- 9 Look into options that could be included in a countywide ordinance, including higher violations.
- 9 Defer landscaping/conditional certificates of occupancy (COs).
- 9 Update the Unified Land Development Code and the point system to include water use and water conservation measures.
- 9 Bring back the proposed water "guzzler" conservation rate. (Commissioner Masilotti was not supportive of the fee.)
- 9 Work with SFWMD about back pumping into water conservation and other areas, especially with future rains.
- 9 Allow Wakodahatchee Canal flows. SFWMD was asked to expedite WUD's permitting problem with the permitting agency.
- 9 Inform the municipalities, by letter, of conservation measures undertaken by the county, such as utility notices for conservation.

1.B. - CONTINUED

- 9 SFWMD was asked to report in two weeks about municipalities' assistance in getting violations under control.

Staff was asked to report on its direction earlier than two weeks.

- 9 Explore the possibility of revising golf course design from all green to all natural with green tees and greens, as is used in Baja, California.

- 9 Look at proposed xeriscape systems more closely in the new building codes. Report on the advantages and disadvantages of gray water usage and whether it has been implemented anywhere in this area.

1.B.1.

RESOLUTION R-2001-0446

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF PHASE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS. ADOPTED 3-26-2001

MOTION to request the South Florida Water Management District to reevaluate in 30 days whether the county needs to go to Phase 3 water restrictions. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson and seconded by Commissioner Masilotti.

Commissioner Newell clarified that the motion was to send a resolution to the SFWMD governing board.

Commissioner Marcus requested that a letter, not a resolution, be sent, asking that the district consider deferring the Phase 3 restrictions and that it be sensitive to the nursery industries and businesses that would be affected before implementing any restrictions.

Commissioner Aaronson said he wanted a resolution sent with an accompanying letter from the chair about the county's water conservation efforts.

UPON CALL FOR A VOTE, the motion carried 6-1. Commissioner Marcus opposed.

Commissioner Roberts asked that the letter reflect the county's concern that the municipalities are perhaps not doing their fair share. Commissioner Aaronson agreed. Commissioner Newell said he would do that only after staff re-reviews municipal participation in water conservation. He said he would work with staff on the matter during lunch today.

1.C. ADJOURNMENT

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Clerk

Chair