PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	March	16,	2010
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Department: Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Title: Water Resources Task Force (Task Force) Update

Summary: In February 2009, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) established the Water Resources Task Force (WRTF). The WRTF has just completed its first year and staff has prepared a presentation to update the BCC on their accomplishments. Countywide MJ

Background and Policy Issues: The WRTF purpose is to identify and evaluate opportunities and impediments to providing water supply, conservation, wastewater treatment, and reuse opportunities in the most efficient and cost effective manner practicable. The WRTF is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders representing the League of Cities, utilities, farming interests, environmental interests, local drainage districts, and state Agencies.

Attachments:

Power Point Presentation

Recommended by: Bruneth S. Food Jr. 3/8/10

Department Director Date

Approved By: County Administration Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Fi	ve Year Summary of Fiscal Impact: N/A	·		
	Fiscal Years 20 20	20	20	20_
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ls Iter Budg Object	m Included In Current Budget? Yes get Account No.: Fund Dep ct Reporting Category	No artment l 	Jnit	
В.	Recommended Sources of Funds/Sum	ımary of Fiscal Im _l	pact: N/A	
C.	Departmental Fiscal Review:			
	III. REVIEW CO	MMENTS		
A.	OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and	Control Commen	ts:	
В.	OFMB 3/8/10 Legal Sufficiency:	Contract Dev. a	nd Control	<u>10</u>
	Assistant County Attorney			
C.	Other Department Review:			
	Department Director			

REVISED 9/03 ADM FORM 01 (THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

WATER RESOURCES TASK FORCE PALM BEACH COUNTY



ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED TO:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 16, 2010



Water Resource Task Force

3 Members

- * 6- League of Cities
- * 2- Local Water Control District
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 1-Utility
- ❖ 1- Farming
- ❖ 1- Environmental
- ❖ 1-SFWMD Governing Boa
- ❖ 1-PBC BCC



WRTF Purpose

Identify and evaluate opportunities and impediments to providing water supply, conservation, wastewater treatment, and reuse water opportunities in the most efficient and cost effective manner practicable for the residents of

Palm Beach County

Technical/Professional Working Group

15 Staff Members

- Municipalities
- Drainage Districts
 - **Utilities**
 - State Agencies
- County Agencies
- Trade Associations



Working Group Purpose

Advise The Task Force on
Technical, Environmental &
Other Professional Matters as
Requested by the Task Force



Pilot Study





WRTF Supports Three Pilot Study Sites

- Loxahatchee Groves Water
 - **Control District**
- Town of Jupiter Recharge
 - System
- Pond Cypress Natural Area



C-51 Basin Reservoir Project





- Existing C-51 (WPB) Canal Basin cannot store major runoff events
- Concept makes more water available for multiple uses
- Results in less water to LWL with less environmental damage



Confronting Climate Change

- Two Pronged Approach
 - Investigate The Science (Global & Regional)
 - Coordination with local/state/federal agencies
- Potential Impacts To Existing Facilities
- Develop A Practical Strategy



Proposed EPA Criteria

(Rivers, Streams, & Canals)

Panhandle

North Central

Nutrient Watershed Region	TN (mg/L)	TP (mg/L)	Chlorophyll-a (ug/L)
Panhandle	0.824	0.043	
Bone Valley	1.798	0.739	
Peninsula	1.205	0.107	
North Central	1.479	0.359	
South	1.6	0.042	4.0

Peninsula

Bone Valley

South



Current Water Quality Data Palm Beach County

Summary of Geometric Mean January 1999 - December 2008

Watershed	Site	Total Nitrogen mg/L	Total Phosphorus mg/L	Chlorophyll-a ug/L
	31E	1.8	0.259	19.6
C-15	31C	1.6	0.143	17.8
	C15S40	1.1	0.131	9.2
	22	1.1	0.063	6.6
	24	1.0	0.062	10.4
C-16	27B	1.6	0.177	13.2
	27A	1.4	0.163	13.7
	C16S41	1.1	0.083	6.5
6 47	12A	1.3	0.063	12.6
C-17	C17S44	1.0	0.036	9.2
C-18	16	1.0	0.045	3.8
	15	1.0	0.030	2.8
	C18G92	0.9	0.019	3.3
	C18S46	0.8	0.022	3.6
	38B	1.9	0.097	5.8
C-51	37B	1.4	0.068	4.4
	C51S155	1.3	0.069	4.6

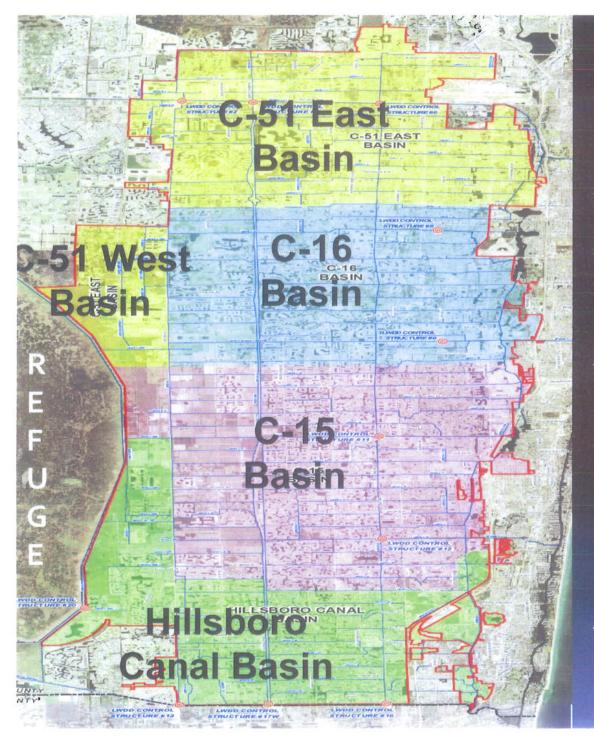
Values exceeding proposed EPA water quality standards TN 1600 PPB, TP 42 PPB, Chl-a 4 PPB



Potential Impacts of EPA Criteria to PBC

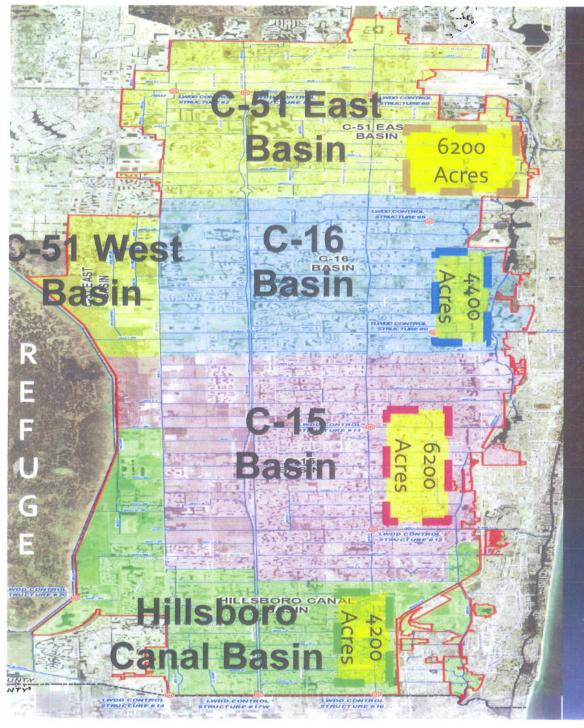
- Enormous Costs for Stormwater Retrofits
- Short Implementation Schedule (20-Yrs)
- Significant Upgrades to Wastewater Facilities
- Curtailing of Reclaimed Water Program
- Limited Inter-Basin Transfers
- Significant Increases in NPDES Permitting

Effort & Fees



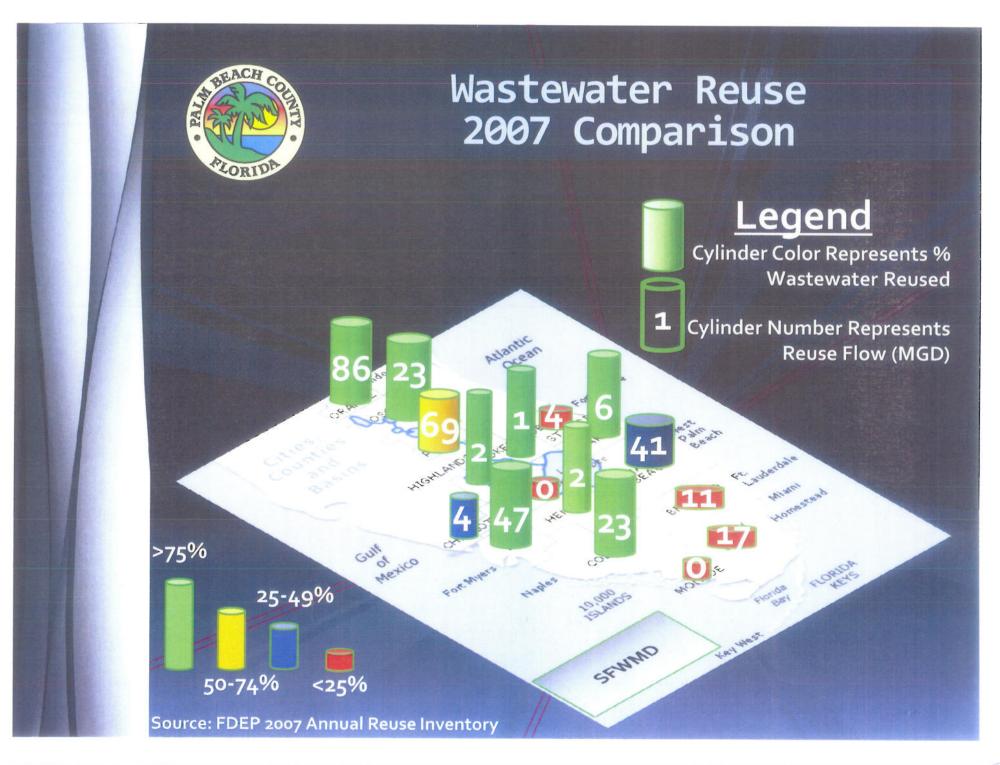
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- Where Should We Place About 21,000 STA Acres Needed for Water Treatment?
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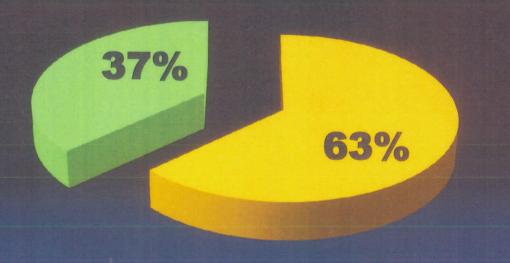
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Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department Reclaimed Water Production





- Current Production (\$220 Million)
- Planned Production



Mater Resource Task Force

other Presentations

- Loxahatchee River Issues
- Arthur R. Marshall Refuge Issues
- G-160 Issues
- * Wellington CERP Compliance
- LWDD Issues
- NPBC CERP, Part 1 Update
- Ocean Outfalls
- * Water Supply Plans
- WEAP Model



Accomplishments

- Endorsed C-51 Reservoir Feasibility Study
- **Endorsed Inter-Basin Transfer Pilot Studies**
- Joint Meeting with Broward County WRTF
- Two Working Group Reports
- Opened Dialogue with Government Entities

to Discuss Relevant Water Resources Issues



WRTF Chair Observed "Truisms"

- * Water Knows No Political Boundary
- * Many Water Resource Entities
- ❖ Other Than PBC-WRTF, No Other

Systemic Water Resource Coordination

Entity Exists



Conclusion

Due to the successes of this past year, the Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force can represent a critical link for future County-Wide water resource coordination!

Questions?

