

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** May 18, 2021  
**Department:** Environmental Resources Management  
**Advisory Board:** Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**


**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** Appointment of one at-large member to the Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board (GNRPB) for Seat No. 4 to complete a three-year term due to a resignation beginning May 18, 2021 through August 19, 2022.

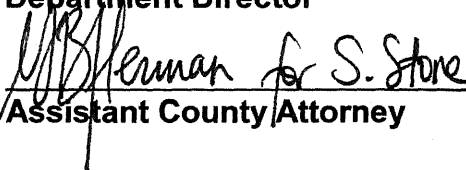
<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Appoint</u>	<u>Seat Requirement</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
4	Donald Medellin	Biologist or Chemist	8/19/2022	Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals

**Summary:** The GNRPB is comprised of seven members as specified in Article 2.G.3.F.3 of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). The membership consists of one professional engineer, one attorney, one hydrologist or hydrogeologist, one citizen possessing expertise and experience in managing a business, one biologist or chemist, one concerned citizen, and one member of an environmental organization. Ordinance 92-20 and Article 2.G.3.F.3 of the ULDC requires that Seat No. 4 be filled by a biologist or chemist. The GNRPB has six seats currently filled and diversity count of Caucasian: 4 (66.7%), African-American: 2 (33.3%), and Hispanic-American: 0 (0.0%). The gender ratio (female:male) is 3:3. Seat No. 4 nominee is a Hispanic-American male. Staff continues to address the need for increased diversity within our boards and will encourage expansion of this Board's diversity. Countywide (SS)

**Background and Justification:** The GNRPB has the powers and duties to hold hearings as necessary to enforce ULDC Article 14, Environmental Standards, to enforce alleged violations of other specified Code provisions when referred by the Department of Environmental Resources Management, and to issue any orders necessary to achieve compliance. Seat No. 4 was vacated by Kirt Rusenko upon his resignation on January 28, 2021. Mr. Medellin meets the criteria to fill Seat No. 4. The appointment is to complete a three-year term and will expire on August 19, 2022.

- Attachments:**
- Boards/Committees Applications with Resume
  - Nomination Letter from the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals
  - Current Membership and Diversity/Gender Report
  - Attendance Record
  - Article 2.G.3.F.3 of the ULDC

**Recommended by:**  4-12-21 SAS 3/22/21  
**Department Director** **Date**

**Legal Sufficiency:**  4.15.2021  
**Assistant County Attorney** **Date**

**II. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. Other Department Review:**

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**Department Director**

ATTACHMENT 1

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION

The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination. Please **COMPLETE SECTION II IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. Please attach a biography or résumé to this form.

**Section I (Department):** (Please Print)

Board Name: Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board Advisory  Not Advisory

At Large Appointment or  District Appointment /District #: \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_ Years. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Seat Requirement: Biologist or Chemist Seat #: 4

\*Reappointment or  New Appointment

or  to complete the term of Kirt Rusenko Due to:  resignation  other

Completion of term to expire on: August 19, 2022

\*When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts during the previous term shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section II (Applicant):** (Please Print)

**APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT**

Name: Medellin Donald (Don) Lee  
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Principal Scientist / South Florida Water Management District

Owner  Employee  Officer

Business Name: South Florida Water Management District

Business Address: 3301 Gun Club Road

City & State West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33406

Residence Address: 12372 76<sup>th</sup> Road North

City & State West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33412

Home Phone: ( ) NA Business Phone: (561) 682-6340 Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (561) 358-8819 Fax: ( )

Email Address: dmedelli@sfwmd.gov

Mailing Address Preference:  Business  Residence

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If Yes, state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minority Identification Code:  Male  Female  
 Native-American  Hispanic-American  Asian-American  African-American  Caucasian



PROFESSIONAL PROFILE  
OF  
DONALD L. MEDELLIN

12372 76th Road North  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33412

CELL: (561) 358-8819  
BUS: (561) 682-6340

**EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology, Minor in Chemistry, May 1985, University of Central Florida.

Master of Science in Management, April 1999, Florida Institute of Technology.

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Principal Scientist, Coastal Ecosystems Section, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, Florida, October 2011-Present.**

Responsible for managing the District's Water Reservations and Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) program within the District's 16 county area. Responsible for leading project management activities for water resource protection initiatives (rules) for water reservations and MFLs. Lead multiple interdisciplinary teams through the rulemaking process while addressing numerous water policy issues. Involves extensive coordination with internal and external stakeholder groups to seek public input and address concerns through the rulemaking process. Involves coordination with federal and state governments to protect water for the natural system and ensure that federal/state statutory guidelines for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) are met. Participate in wetland protection policies and rulemaking efforts associated with the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI).

**Section Leader, Federal and State Policy Section, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, Florida, December 2010-October 2011.**

Promoted to Section Leader to manage the District's water resource protection program including, water reservations, MFLs and Restricted Allocation Areas to protect regionally significant natural areas. Responsible for supervising 7 professional positions involved in different areas of water resource protection. Responsible for tracking compliance of the MFL program. Participated in wetland protection policies and rulemaking efforts for the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) to determine the sustainability of wetlands and ensure sufficient water supply for future demands.

**Lead Environmental Analyst, Water Use Regulation Division, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, Florida, February 2006 – December 2010.**

Responsible for managing wetland protection criteria associated with the water use permitting program covering 16 counties. Manage compliance activities and permitting criteria for wetland protection, water reservations, MFLs, and other criteria for different use classes. Provided management oversight to 2 other professional staff within the division. Developed a water use training program for professional staff within regional offices to ensure District-wide programmatic consistency. Participated in wetland protection policies and rulemaking efforts within the Central Florida Coordination Area (CFCA) to determine the sustainability of wetlands within a 5 county region.

**Senior Supervising Environmental Analyst - Natural Resource Management, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, Florida, July 1998 – February 2006.**

Promoted to a supervisory position responsible for managing the environmental components of the Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) program including project management, employee training, and professional development. Responsible for managing 4-5 professional staff including work assignments, workloads, progress, etc. to ensure completion of work within internal and legally mandated deadlines to ensure programmatic consistency. Participated and organized public outreach initiatives with external stakeholders to identify problems and find mutual solutions to increase customer service while improving efficiency. Assisted in the development of Unified Mitigation Assessment Methodology (UMAM) rule and provided training for agency staff and external stakeholders.

**Senior Environmental Analyst - South Florida Water Management District-Orlando Service Center, Orlando, Florida, April 1996 - July 1998.**

Promoted to senior level position responsible for processing Environmental Resource, Water-Use and Surface Water Management permit applications. Responsible for project management of 45-50 complex and high-profile development permit applications on a regular basis. Project management activities required strong oral/written communication and negotiation skills with various internal departments and public to solve problems. Duties included review of projects and mitigation banks to provide assurances that all aspects of the project are in compliance state regulatory permitting criteria.

**Staff Environmental Analyst - South Florida Water Management District-Orlando Service Center, Orlando, Florida, October 1992 - April 1996**

Responsible for project management of multiple Surface Water Management, Wetland Resource, and Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) applications, and recommending final agency action. Position required project management skills, in-depth knowledge of permitting criteria, delineating wetland boundaries in the field using the statewide delineation methodology. Responsibilities also included reviewing complex permit applications involving wetland impact assessment and wetland mitigation proposals. Personally processed several hundred permits for commercial, residential, and mixed-use development which involved a high level of communication with the regulated public.

**Environmental Supervisor II - Department of Environmental Protection (a.k.a. Department of Environmental Regulation), Orlando, Florida, March 1990 - October 1992.**

Promoted to a professional, technical, and supervisory position responsible for the direct supervision of 4 professional positions responsible for implementing the state environmental regulations. Directly responsible for project management of applications, evaluating environmental impacts, and recommending final agency action. Served as the Section Manager in the absence of the Program Manager. Processed over 850 applications involving complex projects such as the Orlando International Airport.

**Environmental Specialist I - Department of Environmental Protection (a.k.a. Department of Environmental Regulation), Orlando, Florida, March 1988 - March 1990.**

Responsible for review Wetland Resource permit applications and recommending final agency action. Responsibilities included a biological and ecological review of the project, assessing wetland impacts and water quality issues, preparing a biological report, and recommending final agency action.

## PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS:

Served as Project Manager and contributor to multiple technical documents at SFWMD for various technical documents for rulemaking initiatives associated with water reservations and minimum flows and levels:

- Lukasiewicz, Rectenwald, Medellin, and Petrey. 2006. Crook's and Golden Ox Ranches Hydrogeologic Assessment (Final Draft Report).
- SFWMD. 2013. Technical Document to Support a Water Reservation Rule for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Phase 1 Project, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.
- SFWMD. 2014. A Review and Evaluation of the Minimum Flow and Level Criteria for Northeastern Florida Bay. South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.
- SFWMD. 2014. Document to Support a Water Reservation Rule for the CERP Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir Project. South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.
- SFWMD. 2015. L-8 Reservoir Pilot Test – Technical Document. South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.
- SFWMD. 2015. Draft -Technical Document to Support Water Reservations for the Kissimmee River and Chain of Lakes. South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.
- Buzzelli, C., P. Doering, Y. Wan, T. Coley, D. Sun, Z. Chen, C. Armstrong, D. Medellin, and T. Edwards. 2017. Assessment of the Responses of the Caloosahatchee River Estuary to Low Freshwater Inflow in the Dry Season.
- SFWMD. Revised 2018. L-8 Reservoir Pilot Test – Technical Document. South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.
- SFWMD. 2020. Technical Document to Support Reevaluation of the Minimum Flow Criteria for the Caloosahatchee River Estuary. South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.
- SFWMD. 2020. Technical Document to Support Water Reservations for the Kissimmee River and Chain of Lakes. South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.
- SFWMD. 2020. Technical Document to Support the Central Everglades Planning Project Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir Water Reservation. South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.

## **CERTIFICATIONS:**

*Certified Environmental Professional* (No. 99050368) by the National Association of Environmental Professionals, 1999.

*Certified Professional Wetland Scientist* (No. 0001080) by the Society of Wetland Scientists, June 1996.

*Certified Diver, PADI, 2005*

*Certified Advanced Nitrox Diver, Scuba Diving International, 2008*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:**

Society of Wetland Scientists

Florida Association of Environmental Professionals, Florida and Treasure Coast Chapter

## **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS/RECOGNITION:**

Received South Florida Water Management District's "Team of the Month Award" six different times on August 2009, June 2011, March 2016, December 2016, November 2019, and February 2021.

Received "2019 Team of the Year Award". South Florida Water Management District, March 2020.

Received "Employee of the Month Award," South Florida Water Management District, May 1997.

Nominated for "Employee of the Year Award" and "Distinguished Special Achievement Award," Department of Environmental Protection, October 1992.

## **VOLUNTEER WORK:**

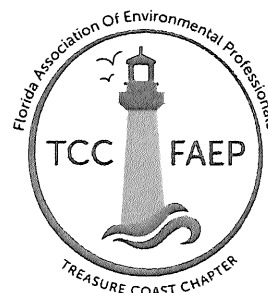
Served as a Science Fair Judge, Berean Christian High School (1996-2019)

Served in various capacities as Community Leader, Journey Group Leader, training existing and new leaders in small groups, Christ Fellowship Church, (1998-Present)

Serve as Leader for Preparation for Marriage Class for engaged couples seeking to strengthen their relationships before marriage, Christ Fellowship Church (2018-Present).



ATTACHMENT 2



Bonnie Finneran  
Division Director, Resources Protection  
Department of Environmental Resources Management  
2300 North Jog Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

March 15, 2021

Dear Ms. Finneran:

The Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals is pleased to recommend Mr. Donald Medellin to fill the Biologist/Chemist position on the Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board. Please find Mr. Medellin's complete application attached to this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (772) 334-3729.

Best regards,

Niki Desjardin  
TCC-FAEP President

c:  
Marissa Hodapp/TCC Vice President  
Gina Chiello/TCC Treasurer  
Becca Dougherty/TCC Secretary



**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
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SPECIFIC BOARD MEMBERS  
GROUNDWATER & NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION BOARD**

SEAT ID	CURRENT MEMBER	ROLE TYPE	RACE COD	GENDER	BUSINESS / HOME	SEAT REQUIREMENT	APPOINTE D DATE	REAPPOINTED DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
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Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

1	Terrence N. Bailey tbailey@rivierabch.com  2111 Little Torch St Riviera Beach FL 33407 1111	Member	AA	M	561-301-3215	Professional Engineer	05/05/2020		05/05/2023
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NOMINATED BY : Florida Engineering Society - PBC Chapter

2	Julia Lomonico julia.lomonico@gmail.com  2390 NW 30th Rd Boca Raton FL 33431	Member	CA	F	--	Attorney	03/12/2019		03/11/2022
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NOMINATED BY : PBC Bar Association

3	Winifred P Said winsail@bellsouth.net  308 Clark Ln Jupiter FL 33477	Member	CA	F	561-575-5194	Environmental Organization Representative	05/05/2020		05/05/2023
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NOMINATED BY : Arthur R. Marshall Foundation & FL Environmental Institute, Inc.

ATTACHMENT 3

\* indicates a member having an action pending



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<b>Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners</b>									
4	Vacant	Member				Chemist			08/19/2022

**NOMINATED BY :**

5	Beth Rappaport beth773@hotmail.com  12110 Colony Preserve Dr Boynton Beach FL 33436	Member	CA	F	561-703-5910	Resident of Palm Beach County	10/03/2017	03/12/2019	03/11/2022
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**NOMINATED BY :**

6	David J. Levy DavidLevy@SERT.comcastbiz.net NFA Solutions Group, Inc. 4788 Holly Dr Palm Beach Gardens FL 33418	Member	CA	M	--	Hydrogeologist	10/03/2017	10/03/2020	10/02/2023
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**NOMINATED BY :** Treasure Coast Chapter of the FL Association of Environmental Prof

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<b>Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners</b>									
7	* E. Ann McNeill president@mcoconstruction.net	Member	AA	F	786-546-0184	Business Owner	03/13/2018		03/14/2021
	1450 N Mangonia Dr West Palm Beach FL 33401								

**NOMINATED BY :**

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ATTACHMENT 4

**GROUNDWATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION BOARD  
Attendance List – 2019 to 2021**

Attendance: January 2019 to November 2019					
Seat No.	Name	01/17/2019	05/23/2019	07/18/2019	11/21/2019
1	William Snow	C	C	C	C
2	Julia G. Lomonico	C	C	C	C
3	Winifred P. Said	C	C	C	C
4	Kirt W. Rusenko	C	C	C	C
5	Beth A. Rappaport	C	C	C	C
6	David J. Levy	C	C	C	C
7	E. Ann McNeill	C	C	C	C

Attendance: January 2020 to November 2020					
Seat No.	Name	01/16/2020	05/21/2020	07/16/2020	11/19/2020
4	William Snow	C			
1	Terrence N. Bailey		C	C	C
2	Julia G. Lomonico	C	C	C	C
3	Winifred P. Said	C	C	C	C
4	Kirt W. Rusenko	C	C	C	C
5	Beth A. Rappaport	C	C	C	C
6	David J. Levy	C	C	C	C
7	E. Ann McNeill	C	C	C	C

Attendance: January 2021 to November 2021					
Seat No.	Name	01/21/2021	02/18/2021	05/20/2021	07/15/2021
1	Terrence N. Bailey	C	P		
2	Julia G. Lomonico	C	P		
3	Winifred P. Said	C	P		
4	Kirt W. Rusenko	C	VACANT		
5	Beth A. Rappaport	C	P		
6	David J. Levy	C	P		
7	E. Ann McNeill	C	P		

Legend: A = Absent C = Canceled Meeting P = Present Q = No Quorum

NOTE: Palm Beach County Resolution R-2002-1606 states, in part, "Members of boards shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as a failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or failure to attend at least two-thirds of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall be the same as a failure to attend a meeting. Members removed pursuant to this paragraph shall not continue to serve on the board and such removal shall create a vacancy."

ATTACHMENT 5

ARTICLE 2.G.3.F.3, UDLC

- a. **Secretary**  
The Environmental Control Officer shall serve as Secretary of the ECHB.
- b. **Staff**  
The PBCHD shall be the professional staff of the ECHB.
- 5. **General or Special Meetings**  
General meetings of the ECHB shall be held no less frequently than every 45 days. The ECHB may set the date of future meetings during any meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Chair of the ECHB, or in writing by a majority of the members of the Board. Staff shall provide 24-hour written notice to each ECHB member for a special meeting.
- 6. **Term Limits**  
Beginning on or after March 2, 2013, no person shall be appointed or reappointed to this Board for more than three consecutive terms. [Ord. 2014-001]
- F. **Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board**
  - 1. **Establishment**  
There is hereby established a Groundwater and Natural Resource Protection Board (GNRPB).
  - 2. **Powers and Duties**  
The GNRPB shall have the following powers and duties:
    - a. to hold hearings as necessary to enforce Art. 14, Environmental Standards. ERM may refer alleged violations of Art. 14 Environmental Standards, and applicable Art. 4.B.10, Excavation Uses, Ord. 2003-020, Petroleum Storage Systems, Ord. 2003-021, Petroleum Contamination Clean-up criteria, Ord. 2004-050, Stormwater Pollution and Prevention, Natural Areas, Ord. 1994-014 and Ord. 1993-003, Water and Irrigation Conservation as amended to the GNRPB, if there has been a failure to correct a violation within the time specified by the Code Inspector, if the violation has been repeated, or is of such a nature that it cannot be corrected; [Ord. 2006-004] [Ord. 2010-022] [Ord. 2017-007]
    - b. to adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of hearings;
    - c. to issue subpoenas compelling the presence of persons at Board hearings. Subpoenas may be served by the PBC Sheriff's Department, or other authorized persons consistent with Florida Law;
    - d. to issue subpoenas compelling the provision of evidence at GNRPB hearings;
    - e. to take testimony under oath;
    - f. to issue orders having the force of law commanding whatever steps are necessary to achieve compliance with the violation of Art. 14, Environmental Standards;
    - g. to lien property; and
    - h. to assess administrative fines and costs pursuant to Art. 14, Environmental Standards.
  - 3. **Board Membership**
    - a. **Qualifications**  
The GNRPB shall be composed of seven members appointed by the BCC upon a recommendation by the organization listed in Table 2.G.3.F, GNRPB Membership. The membership of the Board shall consist of a professional engineer registered by the State of Florida, an attorney licensed to practice in Florida, a hydrologist or a hydrogeologist, a citizen possessing expertise and experience in managing a business, a biologist or a chemist, concerned citizen and a member of an environmental organization. [Ord. 2011-001]

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