



# Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

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## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA



MEETING NOTICE

**Mission Statement:**

*To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.*

**NOVEMBER 29, 2011**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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- 1. Call To Order – Commissioner Karson Turner (Chair)**

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  - 2. 2012 SWFRPC's Legislative Priorities - Discussion**

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  - 3. Other Business**

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  - 4. Adjournment**

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Two or more members of the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee and Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program may be in attendance and may discuss matters that could come before the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee and Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, respectively, for consideration.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact Ms. Deborah Kooi at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council 48 hours prior to the meeting by calling (239) 338-2550 #210; if you are hearing or speech impaired call (800) 955-8770 Voice/(800) 955-8771 TDD. Or email [dkooi@swfrpc.org](mailto:dkooi@swfrpc.org).

## **2011 Legislative Priorities**

**November 18, 2010**

***The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) is a multi-purpose regional entity representing Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Counties in 1973. The SWFRPC consists of 34 elected officials from local jurisdictions, gubernatorial appointees, and representatives of state agencies, school and water districts.***

The SWFRPC supports legislative actions consistent with the agency mission to *plan, protect and improve the physical, economic and social environments for the benefit of future generations, and opposes actions which could weaken the ability to effectively implement the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.*

### **Key policy priorities for 2011:**

- 1. Support implementing a state comprehensive renewable energy action plan**
  - that promotes long-term economic security through conservation, energy efficiency including land use and transportation, and renewable energy production;
  - that includes a renewable energy portfolio standard, feed-in tariffs and net metering;
  - that encourages market incentives for sustainable energy sources such as solar and bio-fuels, and electric vehicles for transportation services;
  - that facilitates distributed residential and commercial renewable power generation; and
  - retains current State and Federal bans on offshore drilling for oil and gas.
- 2. Support natural resource conservation programs, to include Everglades restoration and Florida Forever, as vital to sustainable economic development including agriculture, fisheries and tourism, and to provide resiliency to natural disasters.**
- 3. Oppose unfunded mandates and pre-emption of local authority generally, and specifically regarding fertilizer and stormwater rules.**
- 4. Support sufficient funding for DCA and Regional Planning Councils.**