



SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL

MEDIA SUMMARY

January 28, 2010

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of January 28, 2010.

2. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2009, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting of the SWFRPC will be considered.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will finalize administrative and intergovernmental applications submitted under the Florida Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process.

B. Financial Statements (December 2009)

Financial statements of December 2009 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval.

C. Babcock Ranch Increment I Development of Regional Impact – Development Order Review

On November 19, 2009, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recommended conditional approval of the Babcock Ranch Increment I Application for Incremental Development Approval. The project was subsequently approved by the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, December 15, 2009. The approval was subject to regional conditions relating to affordable housing, floodplain, storm water

management, transportation, vegetation and wildlife, water, water supply/wastewater management, and wetlands. A copy of the development order was rendered to the SWFRPC, January 8, 2010. Regional review finds that it is consistent with all regional issues and recommendation identified within the SWFRPC's Official Recommendations. The SWFRPC will consider the development order as rendered.

D. Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

E. Hendry County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *Hendry County Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

F. North Port Gardens Development of Regional Impact – Request for Extension

The applicant for the North Port Gardens Development of Regional Impact project is seeking a thirty (30) day extension to its deadline for responding to the Application for Development Approval's sufficiency questions. The new proposed deadline for sufficiency responses would be March 27, 2010. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider the request.

4. LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW – STATE REPRESENTATIVE GARY AUBUCHON

State Representative Gary Aubuchon has agreed to provide an update before the SWFRPC regarding the activities and legislation of the Florida Legislature.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. 2010 Nominations Committee Report/Election of Officers – Commissioner Jim Coletta

During the last official meeting of 2009, a Nominating Committee was appointed to nominate the Council's 2010 slate of officers. The following individuals were recommended by the committee to lead the SWFRPC in 2010.

√ Chairman – Mayor Mick Denham, City of Sanibel

√ Vice Chairman – Councilman Charles “Chuck” Kiester, City of Marco Island

- √ Secretary - Commissioner Karson Turner, Hendry County Board of Commissioners
- √ Treasure – Councilwoman, Teresa Heitmann, City of Naples

The Committee's recommendations or nominations from the floor will be entertained during the meeting.

B. Annual FY 08/09 Audit – Mr. Jeffrey Tuscan, Tuscan & Company, PA

Mr. Jeffrey Tuscan of Tuscan & Company will present the results of the recent audit of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The Fiscal Year 2008/2009 audit of accounts concluded that there were no material weaknesses. The SWFRPC will review and consider the conclusions provided in the independent audit report.

C. Lower West Coast Watersheds Implementation Committee – Principal Planner David Crawford

The Lower West Coast Watershed Subcommittee recently met to discuss the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) proposals for changing the Statewide Storm Water Quality Rule and the Designated Uses and the Surface Water Classification System. The committee agreed to submit written concerns to FDEP officials. Additionally, the committee agreed to support the Statewide Storm water Quality Rule with suggested revisions and oppose the FDEP Designated Uses and Surface Water Classification System because the changes are premature since the state does not have numeric nutrient criteria to support the proposed uses. Principal Planner David Crawford will provide a digest of the committee's concerns. The SWFRPC will consider the changes and avenues for addressing the noted issues.

6. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Energy & Offshore Drilling Discussion

The following experts in the fields of energy and offshore drilling have been invited to address the SWFRPC:

- √ Dr. Frank Alcock, New College of Florida, Division of Social Sciences
- √ Ms. Charlotte Miller, FPL
- √ Mr. Buck Martinez, FPL

B. SWFRPC Resolution 2010-01 In Support of Feed-In Tariff and Renewable Portfolio Standards – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider resolution 2010-01 in support of Feed-in Tariff and Renewable Portfolio Standards. The Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards and Feed-In Tariffs will provide a framework for enhanced opportunities and job creation in the field of renewable energy production.

C. Other Regional Issues

This agenda item affords time for other regional issues to be deliberated by the body. Additionally, Planning Director David Hutchinson will provide updates surrounding the recent FRCA Policy Board Meeting held in Tallahassee, and the Tactical Interoperability Communications Grant under development by the SWFRPC.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This agenda item affords an opportunity for members of the public to openly discuss and bring issues to the attention of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the SWFRPC. Prior registration and approval by the SWFRPC to speak before the assembly are required.

8. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Executive Director Ken Heatherington of the SWFRPC will provide a digest of pertinent issues facing the region and state.

9. STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Transportation
- South Florida Water Management District
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Southwest Florida's Economic Development Programs
- Southwest Florida School Boards
- Southwest Florida Stewardship Alliance

10. COUNSEL'S COMMENTS

Counsel of the SWFRPC is afforded time to advise the body of pertinent legal issues confronting the jurisdiction.

11. COUNCIL'S MEMBERS COMMENTS

Officials of the SWFRPC are allowed a brief opportunity to share information regarding unique activities in their respective communities, or projects for future consideration.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment signals the close of all proceedings of the official monthly meeting.