



SWFRPC
MEDIA SUMMARY
September 18, 2008
9:00 A.M.

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of September 18, 2008.

2. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2008, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the August 21, 2008, 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 actions of August 2008.

B. Financial Statements (August 31, 2008)

Financial statements of August 2008 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval.

C. Glades County Comprehensive Plan Amendment

A proposed amendment to the *Glades County Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

D. Sandhill Development of Regional Impact – Noticed of Proposed Change

The Charlotte County Board of Commissioners originally approved the Sandhill Development Order, February 17, 1981. The project is located on all four quadrants of the I-75/Kings Highway Interchange in northern Charlotte County. There have been twenty-eight (28) previous changes to the project's development order.

On March 14, 2008, a proposed change was submitted to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The request is for the following:

- ▶ To allow certain types of commercial and light manufacturing development.
- ▶ Eliminate the prohibition of direct access from Loveland Boulevard.
- ▶ Eliminate the requirement for an affordable housing study after total developed retail commercial square footage exceeds 946,000 square feet.

Regional staff has noted that the proposed development order is not sufficient and has requested language change and related project monitoring reports. Regional staff recommendation is to notify Charlotte County, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and the applicant that the proposed changes do not appear to create a reasonable likelihood of additional regional impacts. Further, staff recommends that Charlotte County provide copies of the final Notice of Proposed Change to the SWFRPC for review at the same time the information is provided to the Florida Department of Community Affairs to ensure consistency with the noted conditions.

E. Bella Terra (fka Habitat) Development of Regional Impact – Noticed of Proposed Change

On June 19, 1986, the SWFRPC recommended conditional Approval of the Habitat Development of Regional Impact project. There have been six (6) previous changes to the project's application. On May 1, 2008, an NOPC was submitted by Infra-tech Engineering requesting numerous changes to the project's application.

Regional staff notes that the proposed changes will reduce the total number of dwelling units and increase trip generation. The increase in estimated external trips as a result of the proposed change is less than 15% of the currently approved trips and thus rebuts the presumption that the increase in net external trips constitutes a substantial deviation. The request is to notify Lee County, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and the applicant of the need to correct the development order language in the revised development order. Further, staff recommends that Lee County provide copies of any development approvals and related materials to the SWFRPC for review to ensure consistency with the recommended NOPC change.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee Report – Mayor Mick Denham

Mayor Mick Denham will provide a digest of the activities and accomplishments of the Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee.

B. Proposed Amendments to SWFRPC Chapter 29I Rules – Attorney Liz Donley, SWFRPC

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's rules are promulgated in Chapter 29I of the Florida Administrative Code. The rules were last revised and updated in 1995. Proposed revisions have been made and the rules are to be addressed by the SWFRPC according to the laws of Florida.

C. Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Proclamation for the CHNEP National Estuaries Days – Attorney Liz Donley

A proclamation will be considered which designate September 27, 2008, as "National Estuary Day" and urges the public to recognize the importance of this vital resource. Moreover, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program will celebrate "National Estuaries Days" with its program partners by offering wading trips, guided walks, paddling events, boat tours, marine exhibits and much more during the months of September and November 2008.

5. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Going "Green" the benefits of Green Technology and LEED Certification – Dr. Jennifer Languell, President/CEO of Trifecta Solutions, Inc, and Mr. Jack Williams, Director of Harvard Jolly Architecture, Inc.

Dr. Jennifer Languell of Trifecta Construction Solutions will articulate solutions to meet the growing demands for green products and services. Also, Mr. Jack Williams of Harvard Jolly Architecture will elaborate on the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification process as it relates to the Green concept.

B. U.S. Sugar Buyout Resolution – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

On June 24, 2008, a deal was announced by the Governor's Office to acquire all assets of the U.S. Sugar Corporation by the State of Florida. Property would be purchased by the South Florida Water Management District, and it would include over 187,000 acres (292 square miles) of land. The purchase would also include a sugar refinery, juice plant, railroad and associated machinery, buildings, and fixtures. The total purchase is valued at \$1.75 billion (minus the financing carryings costs) and is subject to further independent appraisal and review prior to closing. The SWFRPC will consider Resolution 2008-10 regarding the procurement of assets of the United States Sugar Corporation.

C. Water Consumption Recommendations for environmental, agricultural, and public consumption purposes - Mr. Jim Beaver

The Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida will convene the 2008 Florida Water Congress, September 25-26 in Orlando. The SWFRPC has been invited to participate. Regional staff will offer recommendations to promote during the event.

D. Other Emerging Regional Issues

This agenda item provides an avenue for other emerging regional issues to be explored and debated by the SWFRPC.

6. 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.

7. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- Executive Director Ken Heatherington of the SWFRPC will provide a digest of the following:
 - Other pertinent agendas

8. 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

9. COUNSEL'S COMMENTS

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

10. 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Adjournment signals the close of all proceedings of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.