



## **SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL (SWFRPC)**

# **MEDIA SUMMARY**

### **December 16, 2010**

#### **1. AGENDA ADOPTION**

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of December 16, 2010.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2010, SWFRPC MEETING**

Draft minutes of the November 18, 2010, meeting of the SWFRPC will be reviewed and considered for approval.

#### **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. SWFRPC's Financial Statements (November 2010)**

Financial statements of November 2010 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval. Additionally, the Council's grant activity status update is provided in the agenda package.

##### **C. Fountains Development of Regional Impact – Request for Sufficiency Response Extension**

The applicant for the Fountains Development of Regional Impact project is seeking a 121-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 April 15, 2010. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

##### A. Lower West Coast Watersheds Implementation Committee Report – Staff Planner Jim Beaver, SWFRPC

Regional staff will facilitate discussions surrounding the plan implementation initiatives of the Lower West Coast Watershed Subcommittee.

##### B. Election of 2011 Officers – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

During the November official meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, a nominating committee was appointed to nominate the Council's 2011 slate of officers. The following individuals were recommended by the committee to lead the SWFRPC in 2011.

- ✓ Chairman: Councilman Charles “Chuck” Kiester, City of Marco Island
- ✓ Vice Chairman: Commissioner Karson Turner, Hendry Board of County Commission
- ✓ Secretary: Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, City of Naples
- ✓ Treasurer: Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Sarasota Board of County Commission

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

##### C. Lee County MPO Staff Services Agreement – Counsel Liz Donley, SWFRPC

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider an interlocal agreement for administrative services associated with the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO reviewed the agreement, December 8, 2010, and it is to be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation for final review to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements.

#### 5. REGIONAL ISSUES

##### A. Amendment 4 Presentation – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

Florida's Amendment 4 was soundly defeated by voters of the State during the national election of November 2, 2010. The amendment was proposed as a growth management tool to allow citizens to join local government officials and planners of Florida in a “Hometown Democracy” approach to comprehensive land use planning. This agenda item is

included as a follow-up to the proposed Amendment 4 Florida Constitution Amendment.

**B. SWFRPC Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) EAR – Staff Planner David Crawford, SWFRPC**

Subsection 27E-5.008 of the Florida Administrative Code requires regional planning councils to prepare an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of their Strategic Regional Policy Plans (SRPPs) at least once every five years. The purpose of the EAR is to identify necessary amendments, revisions, or updates to the plan. Regional staff will present a schedule of events surrounding the Southwest Florida EAR update. The following are recommended components for inclusion in the revised Southwest Florida’s SRPP:

- Community Sustainability
- Energy Production/Conservation
- Climate Change
- Food System Planning
- Agriculture Land Preservation
- Broadband

**C. Community Collaborative Initiative – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC**

This agenda item is included to afford the SWFRPC an opportunity to examine and discuss public-private cooperative collaborations to improve future growth and development across the region.

**D. Florida Legislative Summary Report - Planning Director David Hutchinson, SWFRPC**

A summary of some key legislative initiatives and activities is provided for the SWFRPC’s consideration.

**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**

- Glades County Board of Commissioners’ Resolution 2010-25 is being proposed to create a Regional Transportation Authority in the Heartland of Florida.

**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

**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 official monthly meeting.