

Minutes from SWFRPC Watershed Committee  
10/20/2011

Attendees:

Councilmember Denham  
Councilmember McKeon  
Rae Ann Wessel  
Jennifer Nelson  
Whitney Gray

Councilmember Denham led the meeting. He stated that he felt it would be more expedient, given the current political climate against additional regulation, for the committee to focus on a smaller, achievable agenda for the new fiscal year. In order to encourage implementation of the existing stormwater improvement resolutions, he would like the committee to emphasize what positive actions have resulted from the previous efforts, recognize what parts of the resolutions have communities already implemented, and work on providing communities with cost-effective options for onsite stormwater BMPs. He gave three assignments to staff and the committee for the next meeting:

1. Make a list from the DRI checklist of questions that resulted from the resolutions.
2. Determine what parts of the resolutions have been implemented by various communities.
3. Address a continuing criticism from property owners that the ponds used to keep stormwater onsite use up valuable land area, and that more options are needed. An example Mr. Denham gave was a property on which the stormwater pond was located under a building or parking deck. More low impact development ideas are needed – a menu of choices needs to be developed for property owners.

With this information developed, Mr. Denham would like to pursue an award program that recognizes property owners that use good stormwater design.

Input/cooperation from SFWMD should be sought.

Ms. Wessel suggested contacting a Dr. Marty Wanielista from UCF (Director & Professor Emeritus Stormwater Management Academy [Martin.Wanielista@ucf.edu](mailto:Martin.Wanielista@ucf.edu) Phone: 407-823-4144) for input on various stormwater management options.

Ms. Nelson, on behalf of Mr. Iglehart, voiced conceptual support from FDEP, but emphasized that the agency's involvement would be restricted to technical assistance.

Councilmember McKeon was supportive and enthusiastic. This was his first meeting with the committee. Councilmember Denham asked that staff reach out to other councilmembers to join the committee.

The next meeting will be held following the November 16, 2011 council board meeting, regardless of there being a quorum at the board meeting.