



Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program
Policy Committee
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Members Present:

Herb Acken	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Jim Blucher	City of North Port
Don Caillouette	City of Venice
Adam Cummings	Charlotte County BOCC
Wayne Daltry	Lee County Smart Growth (alt. for Ray Judah, Lee County BOCC)
Mick Denham	City of Sanibel
Jon Iglehart	FDEP – South District
Rufus Lazzell	SWFWMD
Kayton Nedza	Hardee County Outdoor Classroom/CHNEP CAC
Joe Ortolona	City of Fort Myers Public Works Dept.
Judy Ott	FDEP/Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves/CHNEP TAC
Philip Stevens	FWRI Charlotte Harbor
Charles Wallace	City of Punta Gorda
Tom Welborn	USEPA, Region 4

Also Present:

Lisa Beever	CHNEP
Catherine Corbett	CHNEP
Liz Donley	CHNEP
Maran Hilgendorf	CHNEP
Nichole Gwinnett	SWFRPC

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Welborn called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Commissioner Blucher welcomed everyone to the City of North Port.

Chairman Welborn stated that he will be passing around the sign-in sheet and Dr. Beever asked that the members' record the hours that they have contributed to the CHNEP program and then introductions were made.



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Agenda Item #2 – Agenda Additions or Deletions – Tom Welborn, Co-Chair

Mr. Daltry suggested moving Agenda Item #8 – Marine Fishes in the Tidal Caloosahatchee River to follow Agenda Item #11 – Committee Appointments in order to have all of the action items together.

WITH A CONSENSUS VOTE THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO MR. DALTRY RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM #8 TO FOLLOW AGENDA ITEM #11.

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comments on Agenda Items – Tom Welborn, Co-Chair

No public comments were made at this time.

Agenda Item #4 – Policy Committee Minutes – Tom Welborn, Co-Chair

MR. IGLEHART MOVED AND COMMISSIONER BLUCHER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2007 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5 – CCMP Update – Lisa Beaver

On March 15, 2004, the CHNEP adopted its CCMP Major Update Process. This process has been followed to date. Major accomplishments included:

1. Accepting a technical report entitled “Plan Gaps and Priority Analysis” which recommended changing Volume 2 to an on-line database, a new priority problem (Stewardship Gaps), simplifying the priority action pages, and considering scores of new issues;
2. Canvassing management conference committees and the public for recommendations for the plan;
3. Administering a survey to prioritize draft objectives and actions;
4. Drafting a new vision section, objectives and actions;
5. Completing a layout with new maps and graphics within In-design desktop publishing software; and
6. Completing a draft on 8/1/07, with initial comments from Science Forum, CAC members, and copy editor.



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The following schedule is recommended by the Management Committee:

1. Request member agencies and interested parties to send comments on the 8/1/07 draft by 10/10/07.
2. Issue revised draft by 10/12/07 for conference review.
3. Policy Committee first reading and conceptual approval 11/19/07.
4. Policy Committee second reading and formal adoption 3/17/08.
5. Signing Ceremony 3/25/08 or 3/26/08 (during Watershed Summit).

During their meeting on August 3, the Management Committee offered several suggestions for the Vision section in the interest of clarification. In addition, they asked for Map 24: Areas of Insufficient Water Quality Data to be elevated to the Vision section and a fuller discussion provided. They also requested that an official comments and response document be maintained, as of the August 1, 2007 draft.

In addition, the 13 meg CCMP update (color edition) is on our FTP site at:

<ftp://ftp.swfrpc.org>

Enter user name: chnep

Password for account is: chnepaccess

The PDF document is under CCMP Update.

Note: for IE7, the user should click Page, and then click Open FTP Site in Windows Explorer.

Mr. Daltry stated that he would like to make a request of the TAC and CAC to take a look at the outcome because he feels that there are a couple of points that may need some "polishing." The first one is EPA's report on the environment where there are a number of indicators there and he believes that most of the indicators are covered within the CCMP but probably a positive statement needs to be established of where they are (i.e. mercury testing for fish, freshwater areas are not good and saltwater fish areas are not much better, the dead zones, red tide, etc.); report card on the NEPs from EPA; and EPA's report on smart growth.

Councilman Wallace stated that he would like to have red tide be a higher priority in the top problem area section.

MR. LAZZELL MOVED AND MR. DALTRY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CCMP ADOPTION SCHEDULE AS RECOMMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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Agenda Item #6 – Research and Restoration Partners Request for Proposals – Catherine Corbett

Staff drafted the Fiscal Year 2008 Research and Restoration Partners Grants Request for Proposals (RFP). There are minor changes to last year's RFP; these include provisions to meet SWFWMD requirements for those projects funded via our cooperative agreement with SWFWMD. Changes to text are as follows:

1. Page 4 and 13—additional text: “Please note that the NEP intends to use funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to implement selected projects within the SWFWMD geographic area. Applicants who have also received or are applying for funds from the SWFWMD for a proposed project may not use SWFWMD funds as a match.”
2. Page 16—additional text: “Reports will be required to acknowledge funding entities and include an Executive Summary and title page if research findings are included.”
3. A requirement to describe potential impacts to wetlands within the application. This language was added to existing language requiring applicants to describe impacts to threatened and endangered species on page 11.
4. Additional text on page 11: “Note also that SWFWMD has data reporting, collection and analysis requirements that the applicant will need to meet if project is funded through us by SWFWMD.” This was added to language describing the federal requirement of a Quality Assurance Project Plan for projects gathering data.

The Management Committee recommended approval of the Request for Proposals

MR. DALTRY MOVED AND MR. LAZZELL SECONDED TO APPROVE AND ADVERTISE THE FY 08 RESEARCH AND RESTORATION PARTNERS GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – South Fort Meade Mine Permit Application – Lisa Beaver

At their July 18 meeting, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that a letter be sent requesting the Army Corps of Engineers review permit application SAJ-1997-4099-IP-MGH (South Fort Meade Mine) to be consistent with the CCMP. Staff drafted the attached letter in concert with the CAC recommendation.

The Management Committee reviewed the draft letter and recommended its approval. They added the request for a Determination of Consistency with the CCMP and that it is



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to be included in the Statement of Finding. They further added the request that the program receive the Statement of Finding.

**MR. DALTRY MOVED AND COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS
SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF LETTER
REQUESTING ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REVIEW THE PERMIT
FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE CCMP. THE MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item #9 – Legislative Subcommittee – Lisa Beever

In 2003, a Legislative Subcommittee was created with representatives for the entire Management Conference to:

- (1) Refine the Legislation Agenda for consideration by the Policy Committee,
- (2) Increase communication and discussion on proposed legislation that may affect the program's ability to implement the CCMP,
- (3) Provide members an opportunity to learn about and consider proposed legislation for action by their member organizations,
- (4) Establish a quick response for the CHNEP to have a voice in proposed legislation, following the Advocacy and Review Procedures adopted February 21, 2003, and
- (5) Provide an informal subcommittee structure for direct communication among conference members of different roles — citizen, scientist, manager, agency official and elected official.

Interested members of the Policy Committee are asked to volunteer to participate on this subcommittee. This subcommittee will function in the Sunshine, all meetings will be properly noticed, open to the public, and meeting minutes will be kept.

Dr. Beever noted the following Policy Committee members had previously participated on the subcommittee:

- Commissioner Adam Cummings
- Commissioner Jon Thaxton
- Mr. Wayne Daltry
- Mr. David Burr (no longer a member of the Policy Committee)

Commissioner Blucher volunteered to participate on the subcommittee.



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Agenda Item #10 – CAC Bylaw Amendments – Maran Hilgendorf

At its July 18, 2007 meeting, the CAC approved a third revision of its bylaws to:

1. Make a quorum easier to achieve.
2. As directed by the Policy Committee, redefine membership categories and voting privileges of members in the CAC and its subcommittees.
3. Ensure that the CAC continues to conduct its business in compliance with Government in the Sunshine Laws and the Florida Code of Ethics.

Ms. Hilgendorf gave an overview of the amendments to the CAC's bylaws. She explained that most of the changes were made under Article III: Membership.

Ms. Hilgendorf noted that since the CAC members are now appointed by the Policy Committee, those members have voting rights; however, if they do not attend the meetings for a year then they lose their voting rights. She also noted that honorary members no longer have voting rights.

Dr. Beever noted that the quorum requirements were changed.

Mr. Lazzell referred to Article VII: Parliamentary Authority of the bylaws and recommended that the following statement be added at the end of the sentence "except where there is a conflict with the bylaws, in such cases the bylaws shall prevail."

Mr. Lazzell then referred to Article VIII: Amendment of the Bylaws and recommended that the following phrase be added "These Bylaws, and any amendments thereto, present and voting, shall be adopted upon an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds. . . .

Mr. Daltry recommended changing the title of Article II from "Object" to "Purpose."

MR. DALTRY MOVED AND COMMISSIONER BLUCHER SECONDED TO APPROVE CAC BYLAW AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #11 – Committee Appointments

At its last meeting, the Policy Committee approved a motion to revisit the previous motion that approved a CHNEP Management Conference structure that supported the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to function within the fact-finding committee



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exemption of the Sunshine Law. The Policy Committee action voided the prior motion, *de facto* establishing the TAC as an advisory committee that makes recommendations directly to the Management and Policy Committees. Concurrently, the Policy Committee requested NEP staff review the structures of the other Florida NEP for consistency and request an opinion by the Florida Attorney General.

The TAC currently exists but appointments have not yet been made. Staff recommends that appointments be made by agency with each agency having one vote but the ability to have alternates available when the member cannot attend. This is similar to the structure of the Management Committee. Staff reviewed the past two years of TAC attendance, preparing a list of candidate members and their alternates. Anybody may attend a TAC meeting and participate in the discussions allowing a free flow of information.

Since the last Policy Committee meeting, the Citizens Advisory Committee nominated three additional candidates for the Policy Committee to appoint to the CAC.

CAC Appointments

Dr. Beever announced that there is an additional appointment to the CAC, Mr. Robert DeGruler, Charlotte Sea Grant.

MR. DALTRY MOVED AND MR. LAZZELL SECONDED TO APPOINT CAC MEMBERS AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TAC Appointments

Ms. Donley reviewed the list of potential candidates for the TAC.

Mr. Daltry stated that usually the agencies recommend their own representatives, so that would be the first step. Secondly, the candidate proposals should come from the entities rather than a selective list from staff.

Dr. Beever asked Mr. Daltry if he is referring to the process on how the Management Committee operates. She explained that this is primarily for voting rights, but everyone is encouraged to participate in the discussions.

Mr. Lazzell stated that the way he looks at it is there should be a principal and an alternate.



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Ms. Corbett explained that is essentially what was done except for agencies such as FDEP where there were there are so many different aspects of DEP that there has been one key person that has attended regularly in the past and an alternate. She then noted that there are also non-profit organizations and consulting entities so they are not basically agencies but they are regularly attending members.

Dr. Beever stated that it all depends on how you define an “agency” because a non-profit organization can be an agency.

Mr. Daltry stated that the original discussion on the Management Committee is that since DEP has two different districts they would receive two seats on the TAC.

Dr. Beever recommended that the Policy Committee vote in favor of a spot for each affiliation that is shown with the exception of having the South and Southwest District for DEP so a set of draft bylaws can be compiled based on that information and staff can proceed with holding TAC meetings to give recommendations to both Management and Policy members.

Mr. Iglehart explained that DEP is in the process of combining Rookery Bay District covers from Tampa all the way down to Thousand Islands so there would only be one representative instead of two.

Mr. Lazzell announced that the SWFWMD representatives would be as follows:

- Principal: Kristen Kaufman – SWIM Program
- Alternate: Stephanie Powers – SWIM Program

Mr. Daltry suggested adding the Lee County Hyacinth Control because they have been very good on the water quality side and bio-mass and they are also a public agency. He also recommended adding representatives from Florida Sea Grant, Audubon, and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. He then announced that the following individuals would be Lee County’s representatives:

- Principal: Keith Kibbey
- Alternate: Steve Boutelle, Karen Bickford, Roger Clark, and Wayne Daltry

Mr. Iglehart asked Mr. Daltry if East County Water Control District should be a member. Mr. Daltry replied that he would have to research that a little bit more because they are strong administrative and most of their technical help is contract.



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Ms. Corbett explained that the list is just an initial list and a starting point and it can be built upon just like the CAC has done. Dr. Beever stated that a mechanism will be built in.

Councilman Wallace recommended adding the City of Punta Gorda to the TAC membership and he will work on appointing a representative from the city.

MR. DALTRY MOVED AND MR. LAZZELL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ONE PRIMARY/PRINCIPAL AND ALTERNATE(S) AS SUGGESTED WITH CANDIDATE AGENCIES FOR THE TAC. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attorney General Letter

Dr. Beever explained that the Policy Committee had requested that a letter be drafted addressed to the Attorney General's Office addressing the above issue and she is recommending that the letter not be sent.

Ms. Donley explained that staff was also directed to contact the other NEP's legal counsel to try to come up with a solution that would comply with the Sunshine Law for all NEPs. She spoke with the legal counsels from Sarasota Bay and Tampa Bay and Sarasota has indicated that they do not wish to discuss the matter any further and they have no intention of contacting legal counsel to discuss the issue any further. They believe that they are operating correctly under the Sunshine Law. Tampa Bay NEP has a very different approach than what we have had in the past and that the CHNEP is looking to take in the future and that they would contemplate contacting legal counsel, but they are also comfortable in the manner in which they are functioning.

Chairman Welborn stated that the responses from the other NEPs don't surprise him.

Mr. Iglehart stated that he had contacted DEP's legal counsel and was told that the CHNEP was moving in the right direction to operate under the Sunshine Law.

MR. DALTRY MOVED AND COUNCILMAN ACKEN SECONDED TO RECOMMEND NOT SENDING THE LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Ott asked if there will be some kind of clarification and/or documentation on the Sunshine Law for the TAC members to go by.

Councilman Acken stated that at the last Policy Committee meeting there was discussion on whether or not the TAC would operate under the exception of the Sunshine Law, is the TAC



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going to operate under that exception. Dr. Beever replied no, they will need to follow the guidelines of the Sunshine Law.

**COUNCILMAN ACKEN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER BLUCHER
SECONDED TO HAVE THE TAC OPERATE UNDER THE EXCEPTION OF
THE SUNSHINE LAW.**

Dr. Beever explained that if the TAC operates under the exception of the Sunshine Law then they would only operate as a fact finding committee and would not be able to make recommendations or scientific opinions to the Policy Committee.

Discussion ensued on the difference between operating under the exception of the Sunshine Law and operating under the full requirements of the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Iglehart recommended members of the TAC taking the online course for the Sunshine Law.

**COUNCILMAN ACKEN AND COMMISSIONER BLUCHER WITHDREW
THEIR MOTION.**

Agenda Item #8 – Marine Fishes in the Tidal Caloosahatchee River – Philip Stevens

Philip Stevens of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Charlotte Harbor Marine Lab will present an overview of the Fisheries Independent Monitoring Program within the Charlotte Harbor NEP study area and research findings resulting from the program. Philip made this same presentation to the TAC in April 2007.

Councilman Wallace asked what the shrimp count look likes. Mr. Stevens replied that it is almost back to normal.

Mr. Daltry asked if Mr. Steven's presentation will be available on the NEP's website. Dr. Beever replied that it will be available on the FTP site because of its size.

Mr. Iglehart stated that Mr. Stevens had mentioned during his presentation that right after the hurricanes there was an increase in exotic species of fish, was there a long term increase of exotic species of fish after Hurricane Charley. Mr. Stevens explained that they are currently monitoring exotic species and will continue the monitoring.

Ms. Donley asked about the Mangrove Restoration Program. Mr. Stevens explained that they are getting ready for a couple of planning events. Ms. Donley noted that after Hurricane Charley there were many volunteers which gave their support.



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Commissioner Cummings expressed his concerns about the freshwater in-flow needs for the Peace River and Myakka River. Mr. Stevens explained that there is a Peace River Study from 1998 to 2000 which is scheduled to be released soon and it gives a handle on what to expect. There is also the current three year freshwater study being conducted on the Peace River and they will be researching more closely the freshwater interchange at Harbor Heights and Navigator.

Commissioner Cummings asked if the study is covering estuarine needs because he was told by the SWFWMD that nothing is being done for estuarine needs on the Peace River. Mr. Stevens replied that there is information available for estuarine needs on the Peace River. Commissioner Cummings asked if the information is still preliminary. Mr. Stevens replied yes.

Mr. Nedza asked how far up stream does the study go. Mr. Stevens replied the following sections for standard sampling:

- Caloosahatchee River to the Franklin Locks
- Peace River to Navigator
- Myakka River to slow speed zone starts

Mayor Denham stated that Mr. Stevens referenced the impacts of Hurricane Charley on the Caloosahatchee River but what should have been stated were the impacts of Hurricane Charley had on the releases from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River. Mr. Stevens stated that the impacts of Hurricane Charley were on the Peace River and not on the Caloosahatchee River, but he agrees with Mayor Denham's statement about the discharges from the lake.

Agenda Item #12 – Science Forum Report – Judy Ott

Ms. Ott gave the Science Forum report of the July 11th meeting and announced that the next meeting is scheduled for September 12th.

Agenda Item #13 – CAC Report – Kayton Nedza

Mr. Nedza gave the CAC report. He announced that the CAC approved a change in the term of the public outreach grant contracts so that all projects must be completed within two years of when the contract is signed. If anyone is interested in submitting a public outreach grant, the deadline is September 5.

Mr. Nedza announced that several members of the CAC are working to revive the Charlotte Harbor Estuary Friends Foundation and are currently looking for funding.



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Agenda Item #14 – ABM Report – Lisa Beever

Dr. Beever reported that the committee had taken a boat trip on Estero Bay on August 13th and toured the Spring and Hendry Creek systems.

Agenda Item #15 – NEP Program Report – NEP Staff

Dr. Beever noted that at the last Management Committee meeting the committee recommended adding representatives from the Florida Sea Grant program to the membership. Ms. Betty Staugler has volunteered to be the primary representative out of Polk County and Ms. Joy Hazel has volunteered to be her alternate out of Lee County.

Dr. Beever announced that she has been asked by the National Association of National Estuary Programs to host an annual conference and she is requesting approval from the Policy Committee to host the annual NEP 2008 Conference.

**THE CONSENSUS AMONG THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WAS
“YES” TO ALLOW CHNEP STAFF TO HOST THE 2008 NATIONAL NEP
CONFERENCE.**

Ms. Donley announced that the CHNEP has been awarded three grants in which they had applied for:

- ❖ Coastal Partnership Initiative Grant for Florida Friendly Yards
- ❖ Fish America Foundation has awarded funds for Mangrove Restoration
- ❖ USEPA, Region 4 – Wetlands Program Development Grant dealing with wetlands permitting impacts

Ms. Donley also noted that EPA representatives toured the Hendry Creek watershed impairments with Ms. Boswell of CHNEP staff in July and noted where additional work can be done in the area to address the impairments.

Ms. Donley explained that there are a couple of other grants that she is reviewing that would help with the implementation of the fertilizer ordinances that have been being passed throughout the region and the Council’s Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee and this grant may be a way that the subcommittee to access additional resources to help in the implementation of the outreach process.



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Ms. Hilgendorf announced the following events:

- The National NEP Association was initiated in 1987 and is celebrating their 20th Anniversary.
- The Charlotte Sun published an insert “Disturbing The Peace”
- National Estuary Days from mid-September to mid-November and she thanked everyone who submitted proclamations supporting National Estuary Days
- 8th Annual Nature Festival in Charlotte County on November 3rd
- Florida Friendly Yards Workshops:
 - Hardee County on September 8th
 - DeSoto County on October 13th
- Professional Development Series Workshop – Coastal Community and Development Training by NOAA in December 4 & 5 at the SWFRPC Offices
- Watershed Summit at Edison Community College in Punta Gorda
- CHNEP 2008 Calendar will be coming out in October this year and will be a 14 month calendar
- FGCU Neighbor-to-Neighbor Video for Florida Friendly Yards
- EPA Grant to fund the Strategic Communication Plan
- Story of the Greater Charlotte Harbor Watershed 1998 Publication is being updated.
- A children’s book is being published for third graders to have a better understanding of the natural environment of southwest Florida. The goal is to have the book distributed to every third grade student in the watershed

Agenda Item #16 – Member Comments

Mr. Lazzell suggested holding a future meeting at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County and the contact is Mr. Hageman, Executive Director at (941) 625-4175 ext. #214. He also suggested that since the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled to be held in Bartow to contact Ms. Lizanne Garcia or Mr. Mark Hammond at SWFWMD and try to arrange for an airboat tour of Lake Hancock following the meeting.

Commissioner Cummings noted that there will be a discussion on MFLs for the lower Peace River at the SWFWMD’s Governing Board meeting on August 28th and he would like some assistance and input from CHNEP staff on addressing the estuarine needs. Ms. Corbett stated that she is surprised that the SWFWMD is proposing one already because they had stated that they would contact her beforehand. Commissioner Cummings stated that he had received an email from the water authority stating the SWFWMD had informed them that it would be on their agenda for August 28th and then they will address the water authority board at its meeting on September 5th.



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Mr. Daltry stated that it is questionable in stating that the Caloosahatchee River MFLs is three times higher than the Peace River MFLs and he would like to see the abstracts that prove that thesis. He then said that approximately a year ago the committee was discussing sea grant policies, but he doesn't believe that we ever took one, because two independent assessments stated that the eastern regions of the Caloosahatchee River have basically become "grassless" and there is a lot concern that there is any seed banks or root banks left for recolonization so hopefully in the future he sees proposals for replantings in some areas and be assured and there is a program to propose for planting seagrasses while he continues to make the best approach possible.

Mr. Daltry stated that the third issue is have local, regional, and CHNEP staffs work hard on the SWF Feasibility Study because it is at that stage where the work is about done and it is at its down slope so when we hear that the Corps may have a funding cut on the program then we get excited and we need to take action since this year's legislature Northern Everglades and Estuaries Bill which passed the Florida Legislature has a deadline of 2009 for a water quality plan for two separate basins which we hope doesn't take a mass out of the Feasibility Study.

MR. DALTRY MOVED AND MAYOR DENHAM SECONDED TO HAVE THE CHNEP CONTACT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS BY CORRESPONDENCE REQUESTING THAT THE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FEASIBILITY STUDY DOES NOT GET CUT AND IT CONTINUES ON THE CURRENT TIMELINE AS APPROVED FOR 2009. ALSO, SEND A COPY TO THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Daltry stated that it would also be helpful if EPA would be able to include a few words in the letter to the Corps also.

Mayor Denham gave an update on the efforts of the SWFRPC's Lower West Watersheds Subcommittee on the package treatment facilities and stormwater control.

Commissioner Blucher requested copies of the letters and attachments which were sent from the subcommittee. Mayor Denham stated that the letters were sent to the Mayors and Chairmen throughout the region.

Dr. Beever stated that she will also send copies of the letters and attachments to the Policy members.

Councilman Acken thanked CHNEP staff for their presentation at the Town of Fort Myers Beach on water quality it was well received and presented.



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Agenda Item #17 – Public Comments

No public comments were made at this time.

Agenda Item #18 – Next Meeting’s Topics, Location and Date

The next Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2007 at the Bob Crawford Agricultural Center in the City of Bartow. Topics for discussion include: CCMP Update.

Agenda Item #19 – Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.