

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

c. Water Quality Issues

4. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- a. Meeting of Municipal Mayors Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 8:30 a. m. regarding meeting with Governor Bush March 30, 2006 -location TBD
- b. Commissioner Hall's Friday, March 17, 2006 meeting with municipal Mayors and Attorneys
- c. March 30, 2006 meeting between Municipal Mayors and Governor Bush
- d. Water Resources Advisory Committee Final letter regarding Local Representation

February 27, 2006

Mr. Kevin McCarty, Chairman
South Florida Water Management District
225 NE Mizner Boulevard, Suite 500
Boca Raton, FL 33432

Dear Chairman McCarty:

Thank you for convening your February 2006, South Florida Water Management District Board Meeting in Lee County. The strong public interest by the citizens who live and work in this portion of the District in the decisions you make was clearly demonstrated by the hundreds of persons who attended.

We strongly urge you to equally rotate the locations of your Board meetings geographically to provide opportunities for residents from all areas of the District to attend.

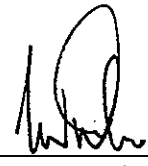
We are also writing you to strongly recommend that equitable representation from our area be expeditiously appointed to the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC). Inasmuch as it is your intent that the WRAC be made up of a "diverse cross-section of representatives from the private and public sectors," then each of the categories; Business, Water Supply Utility, Environmental/Conservation, Agriculture, Public Interest, Local Government and Federal, State & Tribal Government include a representative from Lee County. A review of the enclosed WRAC membership roster illustrates this is clearly not the case.




We have enclosed a list of extremely qualified persons we recommend for consideration, specifically for appointment to the Lake Okeechobee Subcommittee of WRAC. Appointment that provides geographical balance is essential for the WRAC to be consistent with your stated purpose of the WRAC.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our City Manager, Judith Zimomra, at (239) 472-3700, or via email at j.zimomra@mysanibel.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,
SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL


Carla Brooks Johnston, Mayor


Mick Denham, Vice-Mayor

 Steve Brown, Councilman
 Jim Jennings, Councilman
 Tom Rothman, Councilman

Xc: Sanibel City Council
Dr. Robert K. Loflin, Natural Resources Director
Ray Judah, Dist. 3, Lee BoCC
John Albion, Dist. 5, Lee BoCC
Andrew Schroder
Ralph Woodring
Barbara J. Cooley
Michael Valiquette

Kenneth Cuyler, City Attorney
Tammy Hall, Dist. 4, Lee BoCC
Robert Janes, Dist. 1, Lee BoCC
Douglas St. Cerny, Dist. 2, Lee BoCC



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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS – April 2005 – March 2007

BUSINESS	WATER SUPPLY UTILITY	ENVIRONMENT/ CONSERVATION	AGRICULTURE	PUBLIC INTEREST	LOCAL GOVT	FEDERAL STATE & TRIBAL GOVT	FEDERAL STATE & TRIBAL GOVT
BENYON, SCOTT Rinker Corp	BAKER, KELVIN City of No Miami Beach Utilities	BARTON, ROB Everglades Coordinating Council	BOURNIQUE, DOUGLAS Indian River Citrus League	BROOKMAN, SUSAN, SW Florida Watershed Council	BAUER, MIKE City of Naples	BARNETT, ERNIE Fla. Dept of Env Protection	LEHTINEN, DEXTER Micosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
CARSON, WALTER Custom Living Space-Builders	BEAUDET, BEVIN Palm Beach County/Water Utilities	GROMNICKI, APRIL Audubon Society	COLLINS, JOE Lykes Brothers, Inc.	CALLOWAY, AL Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC)	GASTESI, ROMAN Miami-Dade County Commissioners	DEKLE, CAROLYN So. Florida Regional Planning Council	SALT, TERENCE "ROCK" U.S. Department of the Interior
DELGADO, WILLIAM Latin Builders Association	BRANT, BILL Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Dept.	HAYES, PATRICK Loxahatchee River Coalition	HUMBLE, JAMES	CASADO-ACORN, CHRISTINA Miami-Dade County	JACOBS, KRISTIN Broward County Board of City Commissioners	DUKE, DENNIS U. S. Army Corps of Engineers	SCOTT, RAY Florida Dept. of Ag & Consumer Services
GRADY, BEVERLY Roetzel & Andress, Inc.	GARG, BRIJ City of Miramar Public Works/Utilities Dept.	MUNSON, MARY National Parks Conservation Assn.	JONES, TOM Barron-Coller Company	DAVIS, JOAN League of Women Voters	SMITH, RAYMOND Collier County	HARVEY, RICHARD U. S. Environmental Protection Agency	SMITH, JACK, JR. Seminole Tribe of Indians of Florida
THOMAS, KENNY Seabranh Management	REYNOLDS, JIM Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority	PATTISON, CHARLES 1000 Friends of Florida	MEDEMA, BARBARA Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative	HARVEY, JAMES Florida Government Strategies, Inc.		LAMKIN, JOHN National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration	WALSH, JOSEPH Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
MARSOCCHI, FRANK Lake Okeechobee Business Owners	WEGIS, HOWARD Lee County Utilities	THOMAS, JODY The Nature Conservancy	SANCHEZ, JUDY U. S. Sugar Corp.	MURLEY, JAMES FAU/IFU Joint Center			
WEBB, LIBBEY Lawson, Noble & Webb, Inc.							

CITY OF SANIBEL

RECOMMENDED APPOINTEES TO THE LAKE OKEECHOBEE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LOWRAC)

- **Michael Valiquette** **Category: Business -or-
Environment/Conservation**
- **James Evans** **Category: Local Government**
- **Andrew Schroder** **Category: Water Supply Utility**
- **Barbara Joy Cooley** **Category: Public Interest -or-
Environment/Conservation**

Michael Valiquette

Michael Valiquette is co-founder and Vice-Chairman of the Board of "People United to Restore our Rivers & Estuaries" (PURRE). The mission statement of PURRE is to promote the protection and restoration of the Calooshatchee, its estuary, the Southwest Florida environment, and the broader South Florida ecosystem.

Mr. Valiquette has operated a successful general contracting business on Sanibel for 14 years and has a combined 34 years of general contracting experience.

Mr. Valiquette currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Sanibel Planning Commission and is a former member of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club. Michael and his wife Maureen have been full-time residents of Sanibel for 15 years. They have a 28-year old daughter and a 25-year old son.

James T. Evans III

Mr. Evans earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University and is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Environmental Science.

Mr. Evans was employed by the City of Sanibel as a Conservation Officer on January 31, 2000. He was promoted to Environmental Planner on October 13, 2003 and then promoted to Environmental Health & Water Quality Specialist on February 7, 2006.

ANDREW J. SCHRODER

Andy Schroder joined the Board of Directors at IWA in 2000 and is completing the second year of his third and final two-year term. He was elected by the Board to serve as President in 2005 and is a Trustee of the Pension Fund. Mr. Schroder is ineligible for re-election.

Mr. Schroder, a retired attorney, received his undergraduate degree and graduate law degree at Cornell University in New York and his masters degree in labor law at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. He practiced law in Pennsylvania, New York and Washington, D.C. Later, in Connecticut, Andy worked for General Foods Corporation, initially in the law, personnel and public relations areas, prior to completing his career with them as the company's Administrative Vice President.

Andy is a Board Member of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club, the Sanibel Community Association and his neighborhood property owners' association. He and his wife Charlotte became full-time residents of Sanibel in 1994.

Barbara Joy Cooley is a communications professional with over 25 years of experience. For more than a decade, she was an editor and then a public affairs specialist for Battelle, an international technology organization that is based in Columbus, Ohio. Currently, resides in Sanibel, Florida. She specializes in writing, editing, community relations, and public information programs. She has a background in scientific, medical, and technical communications, as well as a history of being actively involved in local communities. Her skills include:

- Medical, science, technical, and general writing and editing
- Publication planning and production
- Planning and managing public affairs programs
- Public information program planning and implementation
- Risk communications
- Community relations activities such as planning, conducting and moderating public meetings, as well as interacting with local and state government officials
- News media relations and speechwriting
- Preparing presentations on technical topics for a variety of audiences
- Designing and developing education and training materials
- Using the Internet as a communications and research tool
- Supervising writers, editors, and publication and video production staffs
- Managing budgets for communications activities
- Creating, building and maintaining web sites with a large volume of text-based content.

Experience

Public Involvement. Assisted in planning and conducting comprehensive public involvement programs. Wrote, edited, and coordinated production of information products for the public involvement aspects of environmental projects. Products included newsletters, brochures, fact sheets, web pages, video productions, and exhibits. Has planned and helped conduct public information activities such as public hearings and information fairs in several states. Assisted in planning and implementing many public information programs.

Communications Project Management. Managed communications for an engineering college, including the publications department and a video production group. Developed and maintained databases. Turned a negative cash flow in publications department into a positive cash flow. Directed the work of writers, editors, graphic artists, video specialists, and exhibit specialists. Served as publications manager for a large, technical, and controversial project involving siting studies for a nuclear waste facility. Produced several hundred publications and other communications materials on very tight schedules, meeting all deadlines. Planned and produced communications for specific audiences, including the general public, children, patients, physicians, scientists, engineers, business owners, employees, and federal, state, and local officials.

Risk Communication. Supported efforts to communicate about risk. Projects have included communicating about the risk of privatizing government environmental clean-up efforts and about risks posed by facilities that handle or store hazardous materials and by the transportation of those materials. Assisted in preparing for and conducting information fairs and other interactive meetings designed to hear and address people's fears and concerns. Prepared communication materials about risk, particularly health risks.

Strategic Planning. Wrote and edited a strategic plan for a large engineering college. Communicated strategic plan information to

hospital and research institute employees. Assisted with strategic planning for the University District in Columbus, Ohio.

Editor and Author. Editor and author of over a thousand publications including brochures, articles, fact sheets, briefing books, audio-visual scripts, newsletters (internal and external), web pages, annual reports, comment-response documents, book chapters, an award-winning cookbook, and other documents. Developed the ability to research and convey highly complex information in very understandable terms. Served as executive editor of an engineering magazine. Edited the handbook for *The Norton Guide to Writing*, published by the W. W. Norton Company, New York, 1992. To accompany *The Norton Guide*, developed an online handbook (an interactive reference on Standard American English grammar and usage) that worked with any Macintosh word processor. Served as editor for a cancer research institute. Researched, wrote, and edited many publications about health topics including prevention, treatment, risk, and incidence. Wrote, edited, and produced educational materials for technical training programs based in Columbus, Ohio, and Anchorage, Alaska. Established and edited a community newspaper with a circulation of 50,000. Edited *Cornerstone* magazine for the Columbus Landmarks Foundation. Editor of *Gulf Pines Breeze* newsletter.

Summary of Community Accomplishments

Barbara has been recognized for her many years of community leadership activities. She served on the task force that initiated the revitalization of the Short North section of Columbus, Ohio. While chairing an architectural review commission in Columbus in the 1980s, she wrote and coordinated approval of legislation to improve the quality of the built environment in historic districts. She also served on committees that dealt with downtown development issues and promoted the development of the Columbus Convention Center.

Barbara led the effort to initiate a public information program for Franklin County's local emergency planning committee and she completed the historic district nomination process for a section of Columbus. She edited *Goals for a Better Built Environment*, a document that is used to help guide development downtown Columbus, and she has worked on several initiatives for revitalization of the area surrounding the Ohio State University.

Barbara received the National Association of Community Leadership Organization's Distinguished Leadership Award in 1988, and the Columbus Area Leadership Award in 1987. The Columbus City Council and the Ohio House of Representatives issued her commendations for community leadership in 1986 and 1987, respectively. She was a recipient of the Ohio Historical Society's Public Education and Awareness Award in 1985. The community newspaper she established was nominated for the 1998 Apollo Award granted by the City of Columbus's Planning Office. She completed terms as communications vice president for the Columbus Landmarks Foundation, web content developer/computer volunteer for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and Battelle representative on the board of the University District Organization. She also assisted the Committee of the Islands (COTI) in establishing a web site which she now maintains at www.coti.org. She is also serving on the COTI board of directors. In recent years, she has been the president of the Gulf Pines Property Owners Association on Sanibel and chairperson of the Sanibel Shared Vision public information committee. Currently, she serves on the local advisory committee for Planned Parenthood. She is a member of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, the Democratic Women's Club of Lee County, and the Democratic Executive Committee of Lee County. She co-chairs the Democratic Club of the Islands, and edits a neighborhood newsletter, *The Gulf Pines Breeze*.

Education

B.S., Allied Medical Professions, Medical Communications, The Ohio State University