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**Nominating Subcommittee Meeting  
June 10, 2010  
2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority  
6311 Atrium Drive, Suite 100  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202**

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The meeting began at 2:05pm with Greg Blanchard (Manatee County), Susan Hochuli (Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority), and Vice Chair Belinda Perry (Sarasota County) in attendance. This meeting was advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly on 5/14/10 and the Sarasota Herald Tribune on 5/27/10.

Natalie Balcer, DEP Staff, handed out copies of the updated response sheet, which indicated the members who were willing to serve as either Chair or Vice Chair. Although members were asked to respond yes or no several times, some responses were never received. Natalie stated that she had spoken to Valinda Subic, District 4 Bureau Chief, regarding the practicality of revising the MRMCC Bylaws. Valinda agreed that the Bylaws could be revised again if the Council felt that substantial changes were needed.

The subcommittee reviewed ideas that were brought up at the first meeting to attract more interest in the Officer positions since amending the Bylaws was a possible option. The subcommittee decided that the ideas of having a rotating facilitator at meetings and having others sign position letters instead of the Chair were not favorable since these are the Chair's main responsibilities. The question was posed "Why have a Chair if they don't facilitate meetings or act as the spokesperson of the Council?" Bylaw changes regarding revising the Chair responsibilities were not deemed appropriate at this time by the subcommittee.

The subcommittee continued to look through the Bylaws to see if there were other changes that could be made to increase interest to serve as a Council Officer. Suggestions included revising the Bylaws to include a term limit of 3 years or have all members rotate into the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Instead of making these suggestions at the September meeting, it was decided that the best way to proceed was to determine the reasons why so many members were not interested in serving as an Officer. Perhaps afterward the subcommittee would be able to pinpoint what the real issues are and move forward with amending the Bylaws if necessary.

At the September Council meeting, the subcommittee will:

1. Present the slate of officers to the Council.
2. Ask uninterested members why they were not willing to serve as Chair or Vice Chair to help determine what barriers exist.
3. Remind the Council that everyone (even the Chair) has a right to abstain from voting so that conflicts of interest do not occur.

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4. Answer questions from the first subcommittee meeting regarding revising the Bylaws.
5. Remind the members of the powers and duties of the Council if time allowed.

Natalie agreed to contact the members who were willing to serve as future Officers and see what position they were most interested in. Afterwards the slate of nominees could be completed. Greg agreed to give the Nominating Subcommittee update at the September Council meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.