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**Management Plan Subcommittee Meeting
June 25, 2010
1:00pm – 4:00pm
Southwest Florida Water Management District
6750 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34240**

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The meeting began at 1:05pm with Dianne Davies (SWFWMD), Mike Chouinard (homeowner), Marlene Guffey (homeowner), Bill Byle (Charlotte County), Mary Jelks (Friends of Myakka), Jono Miller (Sierra Club), Brett Harrington (City of North Port), Ed Flowers (DOF), Allain Hale (ECOSWF), Terry Hingtgen (DEP), and Vice Chair Belinda Perry (Sarasota County) in attendance. Additionally, Jim Beever (SWFRPC) and Jill DeBuono (DEP Park Planner) participated in the meeting via teleconference. This meeting was advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly on 5/27/10 and the Sarasota Herald Tribune on 6/11/10.

Natalie Balcer, DEP Staff, handed out packets which included the Objectives and Actions from the adopted Management Plan, the updated Objectives and Actions, Resource Values (Section 4.0), and Specific Management Considerations (Section 6.3) from the online Draft Management Plan. It was suggested that the subcommittee begin by working on the Objectives and Actions for the plan to decide what was still relevant and then move into other sections of the plan if time allowed.

Jono Miller, the subcommittee Chair, led the discussion regarding the Objectives and Actions section. The subcommittee decided that several of Objectives and Actions from the adopted management plan needed to be revised to address new concerns, while others were no longer needed. It was decided that the current draft should be revised to reflect the changes discussed by the subcommittee. The revised draft shall then be uploaded to the website and an email should be sent to the entire Council so that others may provide their suggestions regarding the Objectives and Actions within the Draft Management Plan.

After the subcommittee finished reviewing and revising the Objectives and Actions, a projector was set up and the subcommittee quickly browsed through the draft plan. There was discussion regarding what the proposed changes were, and how appendices and text referencing specific legislation and ordinances were not proposed to be changed with the adoption of the updated plan. It was mentioned that several County Comprehensive Plans are currently under review by the DCA and the exact wording referenced in the management plan may change depending on the adoption date. Other suggestions given while reviewing the draft plan included clarifying the introduction regarding the management plan history, making the natural community descriptions and land use map consistent with FNAI definitions, and removing apostrophes from numerical dates referenced throughout the plan.

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Some Council members participating in the meeting agreed to provide comments regarding their areas of expertise directly to Natalie so she could include them in the updated version of the draft that will be posted online. Dianne also mentioned that it would be great to get the computer software that Charlotte County recently used so the public could comment on their Comprehensive Plan online. Natalie agreed that the software would be helpful and that she would look into getting it.

The subcommittee agreed to meet again before the full Council meeting in September to go over the suggestions Natalie received regarding the Objectives and Actions section and discuss other components of the plan. Natalie said she would work on following up on some of the Objectives and Actions to see if additional work had been completed since 1993. Natalie also agreed to send out a list of potential meeting dates for the end of July. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.